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Keith is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Valdosta State University, currently in residence at Palacký University as a Fulbright Scholar. He trained as a historical institutionalist in Political Science at the University of Florida and has spent his career studying American political institutions and the politics of the American South. His current research asks a pointed question borrowed from one of his mentors: are there structural biases built into American congressional politics that increasingly pave the way toward authoritarianism? His book project, *Congress at the Crossroads*, examines how Congress has systematically surrendered authority over war, budgets, trade, and emergency powers, and what that hollowing-out means for the survival of democratic checks and balances. His published research spans electoral behavior, gun policy diffusion, political misinformation, and party switching, appearing in journals including *American Politics Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *Politics & Policy*.

### Keith's Topics for the 27th International Teaching Week:

- **Congress at the Crossroads: Democracy or Dictatorship?**
- **Gameday Meets Election Day: Sports, Mood, and the Irrational Voter**