



Mercator Dialogue on  
Asylum and Migration

## MEDAM Seminar

# Whiteshift: Populism, Immigration and the Future of White Majorities

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 10 July 2019, 16:00 - 18:00

**Venue:** CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

At the next MEDAM Seminar, Eric Kaufmann will present his most recent book *Whiteshift: Populism, Immigration and the Future of White Majorities*. [Eric Kaufmann](#) is Professor of Politics at Birkbeck College, University of London. A Canadian citizen, Eric holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics. Prior to *Whiteshift*, he has published acclaimed books on the history of Northern Ireland and on demography and politics in the twenty-first century.

*Whiteshift* argues that the current upsurge of right-wing populism in the West stems from the existential plight of white majorities in an age of large-scale North-South migration. Based on extensive survey, demographic and electoral data, it sets out four main white responses to ethnic change: fight, flee, repress and join. It projects the rise of mixed-race majorities in the West, but viewing this less as a futuristic end of identity than evidence for *Whiteshift*, the absorption of a great deal of ethno-racial difference into historic white majorities. The book makes the case for an open form of white identity, urging de-stigmatising whiteness and addressing the 'who are we?' and 'where are we going?' questions.

The presentation will be followed by a discussion of the results and possible implications. A live stream will be available during the event.

### Agenda

15:30 – 16:00	Registration and coffee
16:00 – 16:30	Whiteshift: Populism, Immigration and the Future of White Majorities Presentation by Professor Eric Kaufmann
16:30 – 16:45	Discussion by Andreas Backhaus (CEPS)
16:45 – 18:00	Questions and answers with the audience

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This MEDAM Seminar is organised by CEPS.

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## About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research project aimed at producing informed economic perspectives on migration. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act in this field, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels. More information can be found at <http://www.medam-migration.eu/>.

## Latest publications produced under MEDAM

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Lananti, M. and R. Thiele. "Foreign Aid Can Dampen Migration If It Improves Public Services", MEDAM Policy Brief, December 2018

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