

The Rise of Populism

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New political parties and peoples' movements have been on the rise in Europe and worldwide for over a decade. This has gone hand in hand with the Great Recession, fiscal adjustments, an increase in migration, cultural backlash and the rise of nationalism and Euroscepticism. How are changes in the political landscape, particularly the rise of populist sentiment, playing out across Europe? Are there common economic determinants of the developments among individual European countries or regions? What are the economic consequences of the populist wave in Europe? Has this sentiment run its course? Will the centre and traditional parties be revived? What role, if any, has the EU played in the rise of populism and what does it mean for the future of the EU?

09.00 – 09.30

Registration and Coffee

09.30 – 09.45

Welcome and Introduction

Christian Breuer, Editor-in-Chief, Intereconomics, ZBW

Karel Lannoo, CEO, CEPS

09.45 – 10.45

Keynote Speech: On Healing Socio-Economic Divergence

Sir Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Oxford University, UK

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.45

Session I: Upheaval of Traditional Politics Across Europe

Moderator: *Jiffer Bourguignon*, Editor, Intereconomics, ZBW

Mario Pianta, Professor of Economic Policy, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy
Italy's Political Upheaval and the Role of Inequality and Economic Conditions

László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS, Brussels

Against a General Theory of Populism: The Case of Central Europe

Daphne Halikiopoulou, Associate Professor, University of Reading, UK

Economic Crisis, Poor Governance and the Rise of Populism: The Case of Greece

12.45 – 13.30

Lunch Break

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13.30 – 14.30

Keynote Speech: Populism, Inequality and Social Polarisation

Marcel Fratzscher, Director, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany

14.30 – 16.00

Session II: The Economic Root Causes and Determinants of Populism

Moderator: *Ekaterina Sprenger*, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Intereconomics, ZBW

Thiemo Fetzer, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Warwick, UK
Austerity, Brexit and the Challenges Ahead

Karl Aiginger, Professor of Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

Populism: Causes and Counter Strategies

Evgenia Passari, Assistant Professor, Université Paris Dauphine, France
The Great Recession and the Rise of Populism

16.00 – 16.15

Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.30

Round Table Debate: What Are the Policy Implications?

Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Foreign Policy and of Institutions Unit, CEPS

Heather Grabbe, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute, Brussels

Marcel Fratzscher, Director, DIW Berlin

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