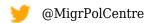




The swinging of the pendulum? Centre-right parties in a post-migration crisis Europe



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Introduction

This workshop will explore how the European centre-right is handling immigration in the wake of the migration crisis: are we witnessing a radicalisation of claims, and a shift from more 'moderate', mainstream positions to more radical, 'hardline' positions on immigration? Papers presented in this workshop will analyse recent positional shifts on, and reconfigurations related to, immigration of the centre-right in Europe. Contributions will explore the assumption that the crisis has pulled the centre-right irrevocably towards a more restrictive position. The focus on immigration serves as a magnifying glass, for wider trends related to the challenges of liberal democracy, and the reaction of a key political actor to the inherent dilemma between democratic accountability and the protection of liberal rights. The workshop focuses on centre-right parties of countries in which immigration has been highly tangible in numbers and in political debate (Austria, Germany, Sweden, Italy, the United Kingdom and Hungary), and also provides a broader (contextual) debate on political conflicts and the impact of the migration crisis across Europe.



Programme

7 October	
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome
	Andrew Geddes MPC, RSCAS, EUI
09.15 - 10.00	Centre right parties in a post-migration crisis Europe
	Andrew Geddes MPC, RSCAS, EUI
	Tim Bale Queen Mary University of London
	Leila Hadj Abdou MPC, RSCAS, EUI
10.00 - 10.45	Politicising immigration in times of crisis
	Hanspeter Kriesi Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 11.45	Between Business and Nativism: How centre-right party strategies affect their electorate in post-industrial societies
	Tarik Abu-Chadi University Zurich
	Markus Wagner University of Vienna, via skype
11.45 - 12.30	"For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The British Conservative Party and immigration, pre- and post-Brexit
	Tim Bale Queen Mary University of London
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.15	Anti-migration campaigning: a new winning formula and a plan for action for the Austrian Conservative Party
	Leila Hadj Abdou MPC, RSCAS, EUI
14.15 - 15.00	The centre no longer holds: Salvini, the Lega and the remaking of the politics of immigration in Italy
	Andrew Geddes MPC, RSCAS, EUI
	James Dennison MPC, RSCAS, EUI, via skype

15.15 - 16.00 Orbán's political jackpot: immigration and the Hungarian electorate

András Bíró-Nagy | Hungarian Academy of Sciences

16.00 - 16.45 The end of the Willkommenskultur? Germany's centre right and the politics of

migration in turbulent times

Isabelle Hertner | King's College London, via skype

16.45 - 17.30 Is the Swedish centre-right alliance falling apart on migration?

Marie Demker | University of Gothenburg, via skype

17.30 - 18.00 **Concluding discussion**

Speakers

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