

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

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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

- 15.00 - 15.15 *Coffee break*
- 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

Tarik Abu-Chadi	Assistant Professor, University Zurich
András Bíró-Nagy	Research Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Tim Bale	Professor of Politics, Queen Mary University of London
Marie Demker	Professor, University of Gothenburg
James Dennison	Part-time Professor, Migration Policy Centre, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
Andrew Geddes	Director & Chair in Migration Studies, Migration Policy Centre, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
Leila Hadj Abdou	Research Fellow, Migration Policy Centre, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
Isabelle Hertner	Senior Lecturer, King's College London
Swen Hutter	Professor, FU Berlin
Hanspeter Kriesi	Stein Rokkan Chair of Comparative Politics, Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI
Markus Wagner	Professor, University of Vienna