



INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE WORKSHOP
*Populism, Prejudice, Post-Truth –
Europe's Democratic Values in Crisis?*

11th-13th April 2019
Imshausen, Germany

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Europe has been grappling with a series of simultaneous crises - refugees, multi-culturalism, uneven economic development, and bailing out neighbours at a time of low economic growth. Alongside this has come the new politics with the rise of populism, nationalism, and prejudiced post truth. How should we respond? These are tests for each of us, which we will discuss and explore at this graduate workshop through panels, lectures, working groups and discussion.

THURSDAY, 11th APRIL

- 13.00 **Arrivals** – 13.30 Sandwich lunch and coffee
- 14.30 **Welcome and Introduction to the Programme**
Dr Paul Flather (Chair, Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee)
Sarah Reinke (Stiftung Adam von Trott, Imshausen)
Lars Jakob (University of Göttingen)
- 15.15 **Panel I: Populism, Parties and Prejudice**
Chair: Professor Martin Conway (Oxford)
Speaker: PD Dr Klaus Detterbeck (Göttingen)
Populism and the Change of European Party Systems
Discussants: Anna Clemente (Oxford) and Horst Boczkowski (Göttingen)
Speaker: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)
How Migration and Mobility turned into Europe's 'Crisis' of Prejudice ?
Discussants: Anna König (Göttingen), Lucas Tse (Oxford)
- 16.45 **Guided Tour / Tea + Coffee break**
- 17.20 **Keynote Lecture - Populism Then and Now: What is the difference?**
Chair: Lars Jakob (Göttingen)
Speaker: Professor Martin Conway (Oxford)
Discussants: Eva Húsková (Prague), Michael Zeller (CEU), Marie Ellersiek (Göttingen)

18.45 **Drinks**

19.00 **Dinner**

Film / After Dinner Conversation: Verena Onken von Trott, on her father, Adam

FRIDAY, 12th APRIL

09.30 **Graduate Presentations – Session I: Right and left wing politics and Populism**

Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)

Speaker: Horst Boczkowski (Göttingen)

The Rise of the Front National – and the Threats to Democratic Values

Discussants: Anna Clemente (Oxford), Mehmet Yavuz (CEU)

Speaker: Efpraxia Dermizaki (Göttingen)

Populism and Politics in the Greek Crisis

Discussants: Hayley Pring (Oxford) and Natalia Kovylieva (CEU)

Speaker: Albert van Wijngaarden (Leiden)

The Nature of Populism: Populist Discourse on Climate Change Politics

Discussants: Campbell MacGillivray (Göttingen), Hayley Pring (Oxford)

11.00 **Working Groups Session I** – convened by Paul Flather

Group A – *Why might Europeans be becoming less tolerant?*

Group B – *Why have European values been overstated across the world?*

Group C – *Are secularism and diversity threats to society and citizenship?*

Group D – *How is “post-truth” politics changing Europe and its values?*

Group E – *Can Europe continue to be hospitable in a growing, unequal and hostile world?*

With Tea / Coffee

12.00 **Graduate Presentations – Session II: Fake news, low trust, high populism**

Chair: Sarah Reinke (Stiftung Adam von Trott)

Speaker: Zea Szebani (Helsinki)

The Post-Truth Media and the Impact on Trust and Radicalisation

Discussants: Ilana Seelinger (Helsinki), Lucas Tse (Oxford)

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Celebrity, Media, and new Parties in the rise of Czech populism

Discussants: Jesus Herrera (Oxford), Natalia Novaes (Oxford)

13.00 **Lunch**

14.15 **Panel II: The Crisis in Values: democracy, identity and truth**

Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)

Speaker: Professor Frank Schorkopf (Göttingen)

Identity Politics from a Constitutional Perspective

Discussants: Eva Húsková (Prague), Campbell MacGillivray (Göttingen)

Speaker: Klaudia Hanisch (Göttingen)

How Populist are the People? The Demand Side of Populism

Discussants: Efpraxia Dermizaki (Göttingen), Albert van Wijngaarden (Leiden)

Speaker: Dr Hugo Drochon (Nottingham)
Post-Truth, Conspiracies, Populism and the "Great Replacement"
Discussants: Marie Ellersiek (Göttingen), Jesus Herrera (Oxford)

16.15 **Group Picture in front of the main building**
With Tea / Coffee

16.45 **Working Groups: A, B, C, D, E – Session II**

17.30 **Short break**

17.45 **Keynote Lecture: *Illiberal Democracy: Post-Truth Politics and Counter-revolution in Europe today?***

Chair: Lars Jakob (Göttingen)

Speaker: Professor Norman Davies (University of Oxford)

Discussants: Klaudia Hanisch (Göttingen), Jakub Duchovič (Göttingen)

19.00 **Drinks**

19.15 **Dinner**

After Dinner Conversation with Madeleine Henfling (State MP, Green Party) and Pascal Begrich (Managing Director of Miteinander e.V., Magdeburg):
Parliament and NGO: Two perspectives on right wing politics in Germany

SATURDAY, 13th APRIL

09.15 **Working Groups: A, B, C, D, E – Session III**

10.00 **Graduate Presentations – Session III**

Chair: Lars Jakob (University of Göttingen)

Speaker: Michael Zeller (CEU)

The Rise of Polarisation and Violence in Europe: Strategies of Resilience

Discussants: Natalia Novaes (Oxford), Christine Inhen (Göttingen)

Speaker: Natalia Kovylieva (CEU)

Russia and the Rise of Populism in Europe: What's the Story?

Discussants: Anna König (Göttingen), Jakub Duchovič (Göttingen)

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.45 **Working Group Reports** coordinated by Paul Flather

13.00 **Conclusion & Next Steps?**

Paul Flather, Lars Jakob, Sarah Reinke, and Hugo Drochon

13.30 **Informal Lunch**

14.15 **Optional Walk to the Memorial Cross to Adam von Trott**

Allow at least 90 minutes

Departures