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A confirmation of registration will not be issued.

Persons belonging to right-wing extremist parties or organizations, or who identify with the right-wing extremist scene will be excluded from the event. They will be denied access to or be expelled from the event by organizers.



Venue:

**Conference room in House 1
of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung**

Hiroshimastraße 17

10785 Berlin-Tiergarten

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How to find us:

Bus M29 to Hiroshimasteg

Bus 100, 187, 106 to Lützowplatz

Bus line 200 to Tiergartenstraße

From the main train station:

Bus M41 to Potsdamer Platz

Bus 200 to Tiergartenstraße

Unfortunately, parking spaces are not provided.



Please contact us with any questions you might have regarding a handicapped access to the event.

Invitation

WE ARE THE OTHERS

A Europe of Diversity
against Racism

Monday, May 27, 2013, Berlin

Conference on the occasion of the
presentation of the FES Publication:

Right-Wing Extremism in Europe
Country analyses, counter-strategies and
labor-market oriented exit-strategies



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Right-wing extremist discourse and opinions are widespread in Europe. In a European comparative study published by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in 2011 on group focused enmities, it was found that around half of those questioned in eight European countries were of the opinion that there were too many immigrants. Around one third believed in a natural hierarchy of peoples on the basis of ethnicity. Secondary anti-Semitic statements met with up to 70 percent agreement in Poland. Far-right populist political parties and right-wing extremists are also experiencing success in political elections, not only in east middle Europe: The right-wing extremist party, "Golden Dawn", won nearly seven percent of the vote in the parliamentary elections in Greece in 2012, and the "Front National" achieved 14 percent in France during the same year under Marine Le Pen.

What are the current trends in right-wing extremist parties and right-wing populist movements in Europe? What is it that attracts people to them? How are European institutions responding to the challenges of right-wing extremism, or how should they respond? What instruments and networks already exist and what additional ones are needed? How does the interconnectedness at European, national and regional levels function and is there such a thing as a European community, a connected European civil society against the far-right? And last but not least: What political lessons have been learned from the serial killings committed by the so-called "National Socialist Underground" in Germany or the attacks in Oslo and Utøya in 2011 motivated by right-wing extremism?

This conference as well as the collective volume will contribute to the current assessment of the problem and to the debate on counter strategies and prospects for an effective positioning against the radical far-right in Europe, for which the European Union is a preferred enemy target. It is therefore even more crucial to maintain the image of Europe as a positive identification point for its citizens, and to vigorously oppose racist ideology by upholding the European model of a democratic society based on human rights, diversity and social justice.

Berlin, May 27, 2013

- 14:00** **Welcome**
Kurt Beck
Acting President, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- 14:15** **Keynote speeches**
Martin Schulz
President of the European Parliament
Cecilia Malmström
European Commissioner for Home Affairs
- 15:15** **Short intervention**
Prof. Dr. Barbara John
Ombudswoman for the relatives and victims of the so-called "National Socialist Underground"
- 15:30** Coffee break
- 15:45** **Panel discussion**
The Extreme Right in Europe: Trends, Patterns and Challenges
- Panelists:
- Prof. Dr. Vassiliki Georgiadou**
Panteion University, Athens
- Dr. Eva Högl, MdB**
SPD Arbitrator in the "NSU" Commission of Enquiry
- Dr. Harald Weirnböck**
Coordinator RAN-Derad (Radicalisation Awareness Network)
- Prof. Dr. Michael Minkenberg**
European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
- Chair:
Dr. Ralf Melzer
Coordinator, Project on "Combating Right-Wing Extremism", Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- 17:30** **Musical Finale**
Chagiga Acoustic: Variations on the main theme from Ludwig van Beethoven's, Ninth Symphony, Opus 125, final movement (European Anthem)
- 17:40** **Reception**
- 18:30** **End of Conference**



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Martin Schulz has been President of the European Parliament since 2012. Previously, he was Chairman of the Social Democratic delegation in the European Parliament. He is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the SPD.



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Cecilia Malmström has been the EU Commissioner for Home Affairs since 2010. Before 2006 until 2010, she was the Swedish Minister for European Affairs and from 1999 to 2006, member of the European Parliament.

The conference will be simultaneously translated into German and English and broadcast via live-streaming at www.fes-gegen-rechtsextremismus.de.



The collective volume is available free of charge in German or English at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

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“Right-Wing Extremism in Europe: Country analyses, counter-strategies and labor-market oriented exit-strategies”
on **May 27, 2013, 14:00**, at the **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, House 1**, Hiroshimastraße 17, 10785 Berlin

- I will attend.
- I will not attend.
- I prefer not to receive any invitations in the future.

The registration deadline is **May 27, 2013**.

Name

Address

Date

Signature

Registration of further participants

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