RISE OF EXTREME RIGHT POLITICAL PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS IN EUROPE AND ITS IMPLICATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Almost all countries in Europe are facing the rise of extreme right parties and movements, and if some of them face these phenomena for decades, each national context is specific. Some countries only know radical, Neo-Nazi, and violent movements at the margins, some face well organized political parties at the gateway of the power, and others have known them at local or national government for years.
In some countries, political parties are clearly labeled at the extreme right with discourses blending nationalism, racism and social Darwinism. In others, political parties mobilize a populist rhetoric opposing a glorious people against corrupted elite with, sometimes, a rejection of others. Often, the fear of Islam, Afrophobia, and the rejection of the consolidated Europe are central topics.

Within this galaxy, concepts are multiple and any of them fit with all the national contexts in a comparative perspective. At the same time, these groups and political parties change their rhetoric, their programme or their behavior to access power or to influence public opinion.
The International Experts Workshop seeks to offer a country-by-country tour of Europe of extreme right parties and movements, and negative effects on human rights and fundamental freedoms, and explore responses to these phenomenons. It is organised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the « Centre d'Etudes Démocratie » (Faculté de Droit de Science politique et de Criminologie de l'Université de Liège). The working languages are French and English.

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9:00 • Registration

9:30 • Welcome

9:45 • Introduction – **Jérôme Jamin**, Professor (Université de Liège)

10:00 • Panel 1 :
- **Joel Gombin**, PhD Student (Université de Picardie Jules Verne) : **France**
- **Benjamin de Cleen**, Assistant Professor (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) : **Belgium**
- **Jérémy Mandin**, PhD Student (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven - Université de Liège) and **Alessandro Mazzola**, researcher (Université de Liège) : **Italy**
- **Sébastien Chazaud**, PhD Student (Université de Liège) : **Switzerland**

11:00 • Discussion

11:30 • Panel 2 :
- **Paul Jackson**, Professor (University of Northampton) : **United Kingdom**
- **Sofie Blomback**, Assistant Professor (Mittuniversitetet) : **Sweden**
- **Daphne Halikiopoulou**, Professor (University of Reading) : **Greece**
- **José Santana Pereira**, Assistant Professor (ISCTE- Lisbon University Institute) : **Portugal**

12:30 • Discussion

1:00 • Lunch

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2:00 • Panel 3 :
- **Tamas Boros**, Political Analyst (co-director and head of strategy of Policy Solutions) : **Hungary**
- **Franziska Schmidtke**, Professor (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena) : **Germany**
- **François Debras**, PhD Student (Université de Liège) : **Austria**
- **Vera Stojarova**, Assistant Professor (Masaryk University) : **Czech Republic** :
- **Valery Engel**, Political Analyst (Chairman of the Expert Board of the European International Tolerance Centre in Riga) : **Russia**

3:15 • Discussion

3:45 • Break

4:15 • Addressing hate speech :
- **Birgit Van Hout**, Regional Representative for Europe, UN Human Rights Office
- **Els Keytsman**, Directrice du Centre interfédéral pour l'égalité des chances (UNIA)
- **Michal Balcerzak**, UN Working Group of Experts on people of African descent
- **Dominique Dauby**, Past présidente, Territoires de la Mémoire asbl
- **Maria Freitas**, Policy Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

5:00 • Discussion

5:30 • Conclusion and closing

6:00 • Cocktail

8:00 • Dinner at the restaurant

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