

Vienna Debate on the European Union

The Role of Populism and Euroscepticism in Shaping the Future

(see abstract overleaf)

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This lecture will be held in English, questions can also be asked in German. The event will be followed by a small reception.

Registered and unregistered participants are welcome but we kindly ask for your registration at eif@univie.ac.at or +43 1 4277 22401.

Abstract

With Brexit on the horizon and the Eurozone's continuing vulnerability the European Union (EU) faces multiple crises. These have arguably accelerated politicization of EU issues and gave rise to right-wing populist movements all over Europe. Politicization, populism, and Euroscepticism developed to become dominant challenges in everyday politics as much as in intergovernmental bargains. Hence, as a result, the transnational cleavage between Europeanists and Eurosceptics puts European integration under heavy strain. We discuss dynamics of politicization, populism, and Euroscepticism, and how these are likely to change the future of Europe.