International Conference of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)

A New Wave of Populism in Europe and the Arab World: Implications and Consequences for Civic Institutions

3-5 October 2016
Leipzig, Germany

The conference is organized by the AGYA Working Group Transformation.
Monday, 3rd October 2016

15:30  Meeting Working Group Transformation (only for AGYA WG members)
afternoon  Arrival of Participants
19:00  WELCOME DINNER (at the hotel)
20:00  Opening Keynote Speech
Venue: Pentahotel Leipzig, Room P1
  Reinhard Heinisch  University of Salzburg
  “From Fringes into the Mainstream: The Surge of Populism in Europe and Beyond”

Tuesday, 4th October 2016
Venue: Pentahotel Leipzig, Room P1

09:00-10:30  Panel I
Conceptualizing Populism in Europe and the Arab Countries
Chair: Reinhard Heinisch  (University of Salzburg)

Brecht De Smet  (Ghent University)
State, Class, and Crisis: ‘Bonapartism’ and ‘Caesarism’ as Concepts of Political Analysis
Rafał Riedel  (University of Opole)
Populism Is the Only Game in Town in Central & Eastern Europe
Ali Fathollah-Nejad  (German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP))
Europe and Her Neighbouring Region in Crisis: Identifying Common Patterns in the Politics of Populism
Juris Pupčenoks  (Marist College)
Right Wing Populists and Islamists in the United Kingdom: Impact on Politics and Civic Institutions
Aamena A. Zayed  (Cairo University)
Virtual Reality as Counter Strategy of Populism
10:30-11:00 REFRESHMENTS

11:00-12:30 Panel II
Political Parties as Barriers to Populism, or as Its Promoters?
Chair: Florian Kohstall
(Freie Universität Berlin)

Lalla Amina Dhimeur (Université Hassan II Mohammedia Casablanca)
The Rise of Populism? Comparing Incumbent Islamic Parties in Turkey and Morocco

Marina Lourenço-Yilmaz (University of Coimbra)
AKP Populism Then and Now: What Room for Human Rights Activism in Post-Coup Turkey?

Ragnar Weilandt (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
A Tale of Two Parties: UKIP, AfD and the Highjacking of Centrist Euroscepticism

Liina Mustonen (European University Institute)
Anti-Immigration Populism in the Nordic Countries

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 Panel III
In Search of Proper Leadership: Populism at the Ballot Box
Chair: Jan Claudius Völkel (Cairo University)

Paul Esber (University of Sydney)
Populism without Populists? Securitization and Civic Retreat in Jordan since 2012

Ahmed Abd Rabou (University of Colorado)
Institutionalization of Populism: The Case of Egypt (2011-2016)

Sally Rabei (Cairo University)
President El Sisi’s Challenge: Passing Neo-Liberal Reforms through Populist and Authoritarian Discourse
Steffen Eikenbusch, Marlene Herbig, Prisca Jöst (University of Tübingen)
Between Streets and Parliament: New Right Wing Populist Movements and the Dilemma of Political Participation – A (Three-Level) Case Study of PEGIDA

15:30-16:00  REFRESHMENTS

16:00-18:00  Guided City Walk “Leipzig ‘89”

18:00-19:00  DINNER

Free Evening

Wednesday, 5th October 2016
Venue: Pentahotel Leipzig, Room P1

09:00-10:30  Panel IV
Identity and National Revival: Cultural Expressions of Populist Politics
Chair: Carola Richter (Freie Universität Berlin)

Reham Debian (University of Alexandria)
Boshret Kheir (Good Tidings): Egypt’s Transient Patriotic Hit and the Cultural Politics of Populist Authoritarianism

Gillian Kennedy (King’s College London)
Antonio Gramsci and Lessons for Liberal Activism in Egypt: Contesting Politics after the Arab Spring

Liina Mustonen (European University Institute)
Preserving ‘the Egyptian Identity’ – High Culture in the Aftermath of the Egyptian Revolution in 2011

Belhassen Ennouri (Université de Carthage)
The Dawla Madaniyya (Civil State) Notion and Populist Strategies

MennatuAllah Hendawy (Ain Shams University)
How Far the University Is Affected by a Populist Context? Case of Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt
10:30-11:00  REFRESHMENTS

11:00-12:30  Panel V  
Civil Society vs. “We Are the People”: Good Democrats Here, Bad Populists There?  
Chair: Hanan Badr (Freie Universität Berlin)

Sophie Chamas (University of Oxford)  
We Want to Live: In Search of a Dignified Politics in Postwar Lebanon

Bassant Hassib (Cairo University)  
Still Crippled: Impediments to Civil Society Institutions after the Resurgence of Populist Power in Egypt

Philip Proudfoot (The London School of Economics and Political Science)  
“Do You Know the Smell of Blood?” Populist Revolutionary Subjectivity, Rupture and Syrian Rebel-Workers in Beirut

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