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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 **I** 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 Pupčēnoks (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

11:00-12:30

REFRESHMENTS

Panel II

Political Parties as Barriers to Populism, or as Its Promoters?

Chair: **Florian Kohstall**

(Freie Universität Berlin)

Lalla Amina Drhimeur (Université Hassan II
Mohammed VI 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

Ahmed A. Saleh (American University in
Cairo)

Survival and Adaptation Strategies of
Egyptian Human Rights NGOs: Between Pre-
Revolution Dictatorship and Post-Revolution
Populism

12:30-13:00

Final Remarks

13:00-14:00

LUNCH

14:00

Departure of Participants

14:00-16:00

| Meeting Working Group *Transformation*
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