

# The Rise of Populism

## Case Studies, Determinants and Policy Implications

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New political parties and peoples' movements have been on the rise in Europe and worldwide for over a decade. This has gone hand in hand with the Great Recession, fiscal adjustments, an increase in migration, cultural backlash and the rise of nationalism and Euroscepticism. How are changes in the political landscape, particularly the rise of populist sentiment, playing out across Europe? Are there common economic determinants of the developments among individual European countries or regions? What are the economic consequences of the populist wave in Europe? Has this sentiment run its course? Will the centre and traditional parties be revived? What role, if any, has the EU played in the rise of populism and what does it mean for the future of the EU?

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**09.00 – 09.30** Registration and Coffee

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**09.30 – 09.45** **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Christian Breuer*, Editor-in-Chief, Intereconomics, ZBW  
*Karel Lannoo*, CEO, CEPS

**09.45 – 10.45** **Keynote Speech: On Healing Socio-Economic Divergence**  
*Sir Paul Collier*, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Oxford University, UK

**11.15 – 12.45** **Session I: Upheaval of Traditional Politics Across Europe**  
Moderator: *Jiffer Bourguignon*, Editor, Intereconomics, ZBW  
  
*Mario Pianta*, Professor of Economic Policy, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy  
*László Andor*, Secretary General, FEPS, Brussels  
*Daphne Halikiopoulou*, Associate Professor, University of Reading, UK

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**12.45 – 13.30** Lunch Break

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**13.30 – 14.30** **Keynote Speech**  
*Marcel Fratzscher*, Director, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany

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14.30 – 16.00

### Session II: The Economic Root Causes and Determinants of Populism

Moderator: *Ekaterina Sprenger*, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Intereconomics, ZBW

*Thiemo Fetzer*, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Warwick, UK

*Karl Aiginger*, Professor of Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

*Evgenia Passari*, Assistant Professor, Université Paris Dauphine, France

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16.00 – 16.15

Coffee Break

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16.15 – 17.30

### Roundtable Debate: What are the Policy Implications?

Moderator: *tba*

*Steven Blockmans*, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS

*Heather Grabbe*, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute, Brussels

*Marcel Fratzscher*, Director, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany

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