

## POPULISM: IS IT TRANSFORMING EUROPE'S POLITICS?

FEPS in cooperation with Policy Solutions and Fondazione Gramsci

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, 15:30 – 17:00

Zoom webinar

A constellation of so-called populist political parties – either right- or left-wing, sovereignist, extremist or radical left, but equally challenging for the so-called traditional parties – has filled in recent years the European political horizon. Taking advantage of the incapability of mainstream parties to build consensus in an era of recurring crises, these parties have filled political vacuums, offered simplistic and fragmented answers to wide and complex challenges, and successfully used new media, with the consequence of producing significant transformations in the way we “do and speak politics”.

The observation of these parties and of the political dynamics that they have introduced in the European political landscape have been for years at the centre of the investigation of FEPS and its partners. In particular the “[Populism Tracker](#)”, published by FEPS in cooperation with Policy Solutions and now at its 6<sup>th</sup> edition, yearly illustrates, country by country, the ups and downs of populist parties in Europe. While the book “[Changing political discourse in aftermath of the 2008 crisis. The case of Italy](#)”, produced by FEPS in cooperation with the Fondazione Gramsci, analyses the evolution of nationalist and populist discourses and the impact that their anti-establishment messages have had on Italian politics.

The publication of these two researches, offer the opportunity to better grasp these developments, which is, in fact, the first step towards effectively responding to them.

### Webinar co-chaired by

**Hedwig GIUSTO**, FEPS Senior Policy Advisor, Italy

**Maria FREITAS**, FEPS Senior Policy Advisor, Portugal

### 15:30 – 15:40 Keynote speech

**Daphne HALIKIOPOULOU**, Ass. Professor in Comparative Politics, University of Reading, Greece

### 15:40 – 15:50 Populism: Is it the new mainstream in politics?

Presentation of FEPS-Policy Solutions report ‘[State of Populism in Europe 2020](#)’

**Tamás BOROS**, Co-Director of Policy Solutions, Hungary

**15:50 – 16:00 Populism: Is it transforming the language of politics?**

*Presentation of FEPS - Fondazione Gramsci book 'Changing Political discourse in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis. The case of Italy'*

**Michele DI DONATO**, Assistant Professor of Contemporary History, University of Pisa, and Member of the Scientific Committee, Fondazione Gramsci

**16:00 – 16:30 Populism: How to make our democracies resilient?**

**László ANDOR**, FEPS Secretary General, Hungary

**Kaisa VATANEN**, Director Kalevi Sorsa Foundation, Finland

**Lorenzo CONSOLI**, Askanews EU Correspondent, Italy

**Evin INCIR**, MEP S&D Group, Sweden

**Raphaël GLUCKSMANN**, MEP S&D Group, France

**16:30 – 16:50 Zooming in for a progressive Q&A**

**16:50 – 17:00 Concluding remarks**

**Ania SKRZYPEK**, FEPS Director of Research and Training, Poland

