

RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUND**TABLES

A Liberal Response to the Populist Challenge

“Quo Vadis Populism? An Assessment”

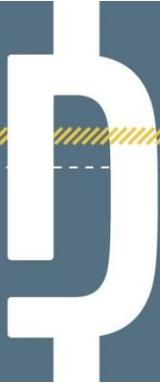
In a sense, populism is almost as old as politics. However, a new kind of a regenerated populist trend is sweeping Europe. Populist movements are gaining momentum all around the continent, posing a significant threat to freedom and the rule of law. Hence, it is the primary task for defenders of liberty, peace, and prosperity to face the challenge and offer resistance. Therefore, this event will bring together prominent liberal opinion leaders and communicators from major European hubs. Together, they will particularly evaluate the rising populist sentiment in Europe with its narratives and common roots and share their best practices and know-how on how to become able to better equip themselves with a more coordinated and consolidated liberal strategy to address populist narratives. Thereby, the discussion will also delineate and compare the framing and communication strategies of different populist movements and their appeal to the masses. Participants will work on questions like “What concerns does the populist message respond to?”, “Does populism represent a response to globalisation?” or “What are the implications of rising populism for the rule-based liberal international order?” This discussion is aimed to be the starting point for further teamwork in the fight against the populist challenge.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

14.06.2019 | 09.30 – 13.30

HISTORIC BOMONTI BREWERY - ATÖLYE, ISTANBUL

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 Welcoming speech
Olle Schmidt, Vice President, European Liberal Forum
Hans-Georg Fleck, Head of Office, Friedrich Naumann Foundation Turkey
Bican Şahin, Director, Freedom Research Association
- 10.00 What is populism? Why is it rising now?
Tom G. Palmer, Vice-President, ATLAS Network, USA
Adam Bartha, Director, EPICENTER, Brussels
Emma Galli, Scientific Director of the Foundation Luigi Einaudi, Italy
Berk Esen, Professor of IR, Bilkent University
- Moderated by **Barçın Yinanç**, Journalist – Hurriyet Daily News
- 11.20 Coffee break



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11.40 Populist Authoritarianism and the Erosion of Rule of Law
Zoltan Kezs, Former MP of Hungarian Parliament, Hungary
Marek Tatała, Vice-President, Civil Development Forum, Poland
Diana Topčić-Rosenberg, Vice-President, Civil Liberal Alliance (GLAS), Croatia
Burak B. Özpek, Professor of IR, TOBB University, Turkey

Moderated by **Nevşin Mengü**, Journalist – Deutsche Welle Turkey

13.00 End of the roundtable

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ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.