



*Program of the Annual EU Meeting of the  
Israeli European Policy Network (IEPN)*

**Right-Wing Populism in Europe and Israel:  
Common Challenges and Policy Options**

**Barcelona, 16 October 2017**

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# AGENDA

**16 October 2017**

**08:30-08:45**            Gathering and registration

**09:00-09:15**            **Opening remarks**

- **Dr. Eckart Woertz**, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB – Barcelona Centre for International Affairs
- **Dr. Rem Korteweg**, Head of Europe in the World Unit, Clingendael – Netherlands Institute of International Relations; IEPN Coordinator

## **Session I**

### **Peak Populism?**

*Has the populist tide in Europe receded?*

*What are the risks of inferring from recent elections in Europe (France, Netherlands) that right-wing populism is decline?*

*What is the current state of affairs of right-wing populism in Europe and Israel?*

*What are the implications of European developments for Israel?*

**Chair: Dr. Jan Busse**, Senior Researcher on International Politics and Conflict Studies, University of the Bundeswehr Munich; IEPN Coordinator

**09:15-09:45:**            **Input statements from EU and Israeli perspectives**

- **Caroline de Gruyter**, European Affairs Correspondent of NRC Handelsblad, Amsterdam (based on policy paper)
- **MK Stav Shaffir**, member of the Knesset, Zionist Camp

**09:45-11:00:**            **Roundtable and discussion**

- **Nitzan Horowitz**, former member of the Knesset and international publicist and commentator
- **Dr. Pol Morillas**, Research Fellow, CIDOB
- **Dr. Carmen González-Enríquez**, Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid

## Session II

### The Drivers of Right-Wing Populism: Between Economic Grievances and Identity Politics

*How to explain the rise of right-wing populism?*

*What role do economic grievances and identity politics play?*

*What are the root causes of right-wing populism in Europe and Israel?*

*What are the similarities and differences between the European and the Israeli experiences?*

**Chair: Dr. Roby Nathanson**, Director General of Macro Center for Political Economics;  
IEPN Coordinator

#### 11:15-11:45            Input statements from Israeli and EU perspectives

- **Isabell Hoffmann**, Head of euopinions, Program Europe's Future, Brussels Office, Bertelsmann Stiftung
- **Dr. Tal Sadeh**, Department of Political Science, University of Tel Aviv

#### 11:45-13:00            Roundtable and discussion

- **Yonatan Levy**, Research Fellow, Molad – The Center for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy
- **Dr. Blanca Garcés Mascareñas**, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB

#### 13:00-14:00            Lunch Buffet

### Session III

#### Remedies and Responses:

*What does right-wing populism mean for European and Israeli political culture?*

*What effect does right-wing populism have on mainstream political parties?*

*What role and responsibility does the media have in countering right-wing populism?*

*How are Europe and Israel coping with right-wing populism?*

*What can we infer from historic examples?*

**Chair: Dr. Werner Puschra**, Director of FES Israel, IEPN Coordinator

**14:00-14:30: Keynote speech**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH tbc**

**14:30-15:00 Input statements from Israeli and EU perspectives**

- **Oren Nahari**, Senior Journalist and Foreign correspondent, WALLA News Israel
- **Dr. Jordi Vaquer**, Director of Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE),  
Barcelona

**15:00-16:45 Roundtable and discussion and conclusion of the conference**

- **Liat Schlesinger**, Executive Director of Molad – The Center for the Renewal of  
Israeli Democracy
- **Christophe Ayad**, Editor in Chief, Le Monde, Paris