

International Roundtable

## Populism and the Media: Insights and Strategies

Thursday, 6 July, 2017, 4-8pm

Das Progressive Zentrum (Werftstr. 3, 10557 Berlin)

The populist surge seems inextricably linked to the logic, workings, and structural transformation of the public sphere. Hence, in order to understand and counter the current fundamental attacks on our liberal democracies and pluralist-democratic values, we need to address a number of crucial questions in this regard. For example, how does the transformation and diversification of the media affect populism as well as feasible responses? And how should political and media actors deal with populists without either playing into the narrative of the "ignored outsider" or giving them more attention than warranted by their political successes?

To debate these issues, **Das Progressive Zentrum** is organising an exclusive, international roundtable. It will bring together distinguished speakers from a number of European countries in addition to around 40 senior German and European representatives from the media, academia, politics, civil society, and the business sector. The roundtable is the fourth of its kind as part of the project **Countering Populism and Political Disaffection**, which is supported by the **Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth**. The aim is to assemble key stakeholders and discuss mid- to long-term strategies against right-wing populism which take into account the underlying phenomenon of political disaffection in different European contexts. The result should be fresh ideas and stimuli for political decision-makers. Key findings will be published online on the dialogue-platform [www.countering-populism.eu](http://www.countering-populism.eu) and in print.

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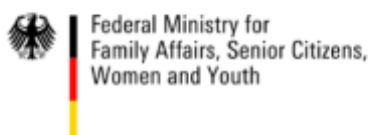
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# Programme

- 4.00pm**      **Welcome and Introduction**  
Philipp Sälhoff, Head of Programme International Relations, Das Progressive Zentrum
- 4.10pm**      **The Transformation of the Public Sphere and Populism**  
Leonard Novy, Director, Institute for Media and Communication Policy  
Sophie Gaston, Head of International Projects and External Affairs, Demos
- 5.15pm**      **Five minute break**
- 5.20pm**      **Populism and the Media: Insights from Greece and Hungary**  
George Tzogopoulos, Research Fellow, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy and Centre International de Formation Européenne  
Tamás Boros, Co-Director, Policy Solutions
- 6.25pm**      **Break – a light snack will be served**
- 6.45pm**      **Strategies against Populism in the Public Sphere**  
Timo Lochocki, Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States  
Maria Exner, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Zeit Online
- 7.50pm**      **Closing remarks**  
Laura-Kristine Krause, Head of Programme ‘The Future of Democracy’, Das Progressive Zentrum
- 8.00pm**      End

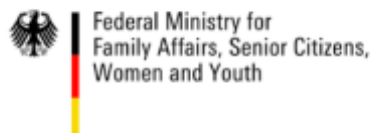
**Chair:** Romy Jaster, Trainer, Institute for Argumentation Competence

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