

PANEL DISCUSSION

WALLS *or* BRIDGES?

SESSION II

POPULISM, INTEGRATION & THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.

The recent years have witnessed a populist uprising in various countries of the European Union (EU) and across the Atlantic, allowing certain right-wing populist parties to take the reins of government. For the first time in its history, the EU is about to lose a member, in part as a result of an anti-immigration rhetoric that gained ground during the build-up towards the Brexit referendum.

As we search for an explanation to this current trend in Western politics, whether it derives from economic insecurity, terrorist threat or cultural clashes or otherwise, it is crucial to not forget other regions of the world with dire political situations where war, violence and bloodshed have drastically escalated. In the last two years, the world has witnessed an increasing number of asylum seekers, a level unprecedented since the Second World War.

Continuing our series of discussions under the theme "Walls or Bridges?", we hereby would like to invite you to attend and actively participate in our panel discussion. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the roots and meaning of populism, as well as the new challenges for integration in Europe and Austria. Issues like the role of youth and European leadership will be addressed as we ask what contribution and difference we can potentially make. In the name of Youth UPF, we cordially invite you to join us on Monday 22nd, 6.30 pm in University of Vienna (Room Hörsaal Tiefparterre; Address: 1010 Wien, Dr. Karl Lueger-Ring 1) for the current and controversial discussion in this historical time.

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