

PROGRAM

*Grand Hotel Sofia
Triaditza Hall, 1st floor
May 10-11, 2006*



10 May, 2006

The New Populism

09.00 – 09.10

Opening addresses

Georgi Stoytchev, Executive Director, Open Society Institute-Sofia, Bulgaria

Roumen Avramov, Program Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

09.10 – 10.00

Populism: the global context

Keynote Speech and Q&A session

Aryeh Neier, President, Open Society Institute – New York, USA

Moderator:

Stefan Popov, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

10.00 – 10.30

Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30

2nd Panel: **The rise of the new populism**

Moderator:

Ognyan Minchev, Director Institute for Regional and International Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel:

Tom Carothers, Senior Associate, Director of the Democracy and Rule of Law Project, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C., USA

Lajos Bokros, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Alexander Smolar, Chairman, Stefan Batory Foundation, Warsaw, Poland

Francois Heisbourg, Special adviser, Fondation pour la Recherche stratégique, Paris, France

This panel will focus on the effects of new populism on the basic political structures of representation and formation of preferences in contemporary democracy.

12.30 – 13.00

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00

Buffet Lunch

14.00 – 16.00

3rd Panel: **The social origins of populist politics**

Moderator:

Georgy Ganev, Program Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel:

Petya Kabakchieva, Chair of the Board, Open Society Institute - Sofia, Bulgaria

Vasil Garnizov, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Boriana Dimitrova, Director, Alpha Research Sociological Agency, Sofia, Bulgaria

Iliia Iliev, Sofia University, Bulgaria

Alexander Kiossev, Permanent Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study, Sofia, Bulgaria

This panel will present some of the findings of the OSI - Sofia project *The State of Society*, related to the rise of the populist politics in Bulgaria.

11 May, 2006

How to Respond to the Populist Challenge

09.00 – 11.00

4th Panel: **Combating extremist populist actors**

Moderator:

Daniel Smilov, Program Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel:

Cas Mudde, Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Stephen Holmes, Research Director, Center for Law and Security, New York University School of Law, USA

Dimitrina Petrova, Executive Director, European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest, Hungary

Maria Lipman, Editor, *Pro et Contra* Journal, Carnegie Moscow Center, Russia

This panel aims at exploring in some detail the militant democracy approach.

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

5th Panel: **Political isolation of the populist parties**

Moderator:

Antony Todorov, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel:

Vladimir Gligorov, Senior Economist, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Austria

Krassen Stanchev, Executive Director, Institute for Market Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria

Matthew Kaminski, Editorial page editor, The Wall Street Journal Europe, Paris, France

This panel will look at the different national models for isolating the populist actors and the long-term effect of these policies.

13.00 – 14.00

Buffet Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

6th Panel: **Integrating the populist actors**

Moderator:

Yonko Grozev, Program Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel:

Gerald Knaus, President, European Stability Initiative, Istanbul, Turkey

Cristian Larroulet, Executive Director, Institute for Liberty and Development, Santiago, Chili

Alexander Andreev, Journalist, Radio Deutsche Welle, Bonn, Germany

This panel will discuss the long-term effects of the attempts to bring the populist actors in government.

15.30 – 16.00

Populism: Think again

Ivan Krastev, Chair of the Board, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Working languages: English, French, and Bulgarian.

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