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POPULISM IN POLITICS – IS IT HERE TO STAY?

Hanasaari, Espoo 13.12.2011

Seminar on the effects of right-wing populist parties on politics in Finland, the Nordic countries and in Europe

The rise of right-wing populism in Finland is not an isolated phenomenon but part of a larger development on a European scale. Recently, however, right-wing populist parties have lost support in many countries. In this seminar, researchers and specialists from different countries explore the reasons behind, and the consequences of, this phenomenon. What were the driving forces behind the rise of right-wing populism and how has the political landscape changed with and through it? Are populist parties here to stay?

Time: Tuesday December 13th 2011, 13–17

Place: Hanasaari - Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Hanasaarenranta 5, Espoo.

Program:

- 13:00 **Opening speeches**
Gunvor Kronman, Director, Hanasaari –
Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre
Heidi Hautala, Minister, Co-president of the Green
European Foundation GEF
- 13:15 **Key note speakers**
Populism in Europe
Erica Meijers, Bureau de Helling, The Netherlands
*The relations between Anti-Jihad movement and
populist parties*
Øyvind Strømme, freelance journalist, Norway
*Right wing populism and Swedish immigration
policies*
Petter Hojem, Think tank Fores, Sweden
Populist rhetoric in Finland
Laura Parkkinen, University of Turku, Finland
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Panel discussion**
Is populism here to stay?
Chair: Journalist Johanna Korhonen

Languages:

Finnish, Swedish, English. There is a simultaneous interpretation in the seminar between languages Finnish - Swedish - English.



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Free admission.

Deadline for registration
December 7th.

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How to get to Hanasaari:

Hanasaari Cultural Centre is served by all buses operating along the Westway from Helsinki (local Espoo bus nos. 102-166). The Espoo buses start from platforms 42-55 at the terminal in Kamppi. The trip takes approximately 10 minutes from Helsinki Central Bus Station. Hanasaari bus stop is the first stop after Lauttasaari. For more information: www.hanasaari.fi

Organisers:

Green European Foundation (GEF) with the support of Visio, Hanasaari – The Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Think tank e2, Think tank Magma and Think tank Fores.

The Green European Foundation is a European-level political foundation which published the book "Populism in Europe" in September 2011. The Swedish Think tank Fores has been active working on the topic in Sweden. Finnish think tanks Visio, e2 and Magma jointly published a book "Liikkeitä laidasta laitaan – populismin nousi Euroopassa" in April. Both books can be purchased in the seminar.

Key note speakers:

Erica Meijers is the editor of GEF's recent book. Øyvind Strømme is a freelance-journalist, whose topics include the anti-Jihad movement and who has also contributed to the GEF publication. Petter Hojem works as a coordinator in Fores. Laura Parkkinen is a researcher in the University of Turku.



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