populism, multi-cultural identity, and the future of Europe

the 2nd annual Aronson Conference

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Dear Conference Attendees,

Welcome to ‘Populism, Multicultural Identity, and the Future of Europe: the 2nd Annual Aronson Conference.’ As the student organizers of this year's conference, we would like to thank you for joining us for what we hope you will find to be a thought-provoking and insightful series of conversations on a particularly timely topic.

At a time when Europe faces significant challenges - challenges to its domestic politics, its societies, its position on the world stage, and to the very concept of a European identity and project - we are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear from a uniquely qualified lineup of speakers.

Though today's distinguished speakers have different backgrounds and areas of focus, each approaches the fundamental questions of the Conference with the perspective of both a scholar and practitioner. Whether as members of parliament, government advisors, or social activists, every speaker is deeply involved in a combination of study and on-the-ground engagement that bridges the gap between policy and practice.

Today's Conference is only made possible by the generous support and vision of Mr. Jeffrey and Ms. Shari Aronson, who have ensured that the Aronson Conference annually offers students and the public the opportunity to learn about pressing matters of international import from leaders around the world. This year, we wish to extend our thanks also to the many whose guidance and assistance brought the Conference from concept to completion, including Dr. Sydney Van Morgan and the entire staff of the International Studies Program, as well as each of the Conference's departmental and program sponsors, which are listed at the back of this program.

We welcome any thoughts on today's discussion via email at internationalstudies@jhu.edu.

Thank you again for joining us, and enjoy,

Camilla Dohlman '17 and David Hamburger '18
Co-Organizers
WELCOME
8:45 am
Beverly Wendland, James B. Knapp Dean
Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, Johns Hopkins

The FUTURE of the POLITICAL LEFT: NOTES from SWEDEN
9:00 am
Gudrun Schyman, Feminist Initiative

THE FUTURE OF EUROPE:
Populism, Human Rights and Identity Politics
10:00 am
Boris Dittrich, Human Rights Watch
(Keynote Address)

PROTESTING (in) EUROPE:
Fighting the Existential Threat of Managerialism’s Fictions
11:00 am
Marieke de Hoon, VU Amsterdam

STUDENT RESEARCH PANEL:
THE EUROPEAN RIGHT
12:15 pm
Alexandra Marksteiner, Johns Hopkins
Caroline Lupetini, Johns Hopkins

DEVELOPMENT and the EUROPEAN PROJECT
12:45 pm
Peter Schechter, Atlantic Council
in conversation with Hanno Balz, Johns Hopkins

STUDENT RESEARCH PANEL:
MINORITIES and MARGINALIZATION
1:30 pm
Camilla Dohlman, Johns Hopkins
David Hamburger, Johns Hopkins

CONCLUDING REMARKS
2:15 pm
Sydney Van Morgan
Director, JHU International Studies Program
SPEAKERS

Boris Dittrich is the Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch, in which capacity he leads Human Rights Watch’s advocacy efforts on LGBT rights around the world. He meets regularly with victims of homophobia and trans-phobia, and with government officials, members of parliament, and journalists in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe to push for progress on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. Before coming to Human Rights Watch in 2007, Boris was a member of parliament for more than 12 years in the Netherlands, where he served as party leader of Democraten 66 (D66). He initiated the same sex marriage and adoption bills, making the Netherlands the first country in the world to open its civil marriage for gays and lesbians. Before being elected to parliament, Boris was a judge at the regional court of Alkmaar and a lawyer in Amsterdam. He is author of two novels and two non-fiction works in Dutch, one on LGBT rights. He studied at Leiden University in the Netherlands. In May 2013 he received the Jos Brink State Award from the Dutch government for his work on LGBT rights over the last 30 years.

Dr. Marieke de Hoon is Assistant Professor at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. Her research focuses on the nexus between law and politics in the fields of international relations, international criminal justice and human rights law. She also serves as Director of the Netherlands Office and Senior Counsel at the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), where she provides legal assistance to clients in conflict and post-conflict situations with regard to international criminal law, transitional justice, peace negotiations, post-conflict rule of law development, and human rights redress. She regularly engages in the public debate by using her research insights into fundamental societal and political disagreements to analyze what drives voters towards anti-establishment politicians and parties.
Peter Schechter is Atlantic Council senior vice president and the first director of the Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center. An international consultant with over twenty years of communication and public relations, Schechter previously served as the lead consultant on a host of high-stakes elections—overseeing polling, campaign management, advertising, and media relations—in nearly every country in Latin America. In 1993, Schechter founded Chlopak, Leonard, Schechter, and Associates (CLS) with two partners. Schechter teaches at both Ben Gurion University, where he serves on the Board of Directors, and at George Washington University, where he is an adjunct professor. He also co-owns several Washington restaurants and Agur Winery, a boutique winery in Israel. A graduate of the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, he was previously deputy staff director for the House Subcommittee on International Development Institutions and Finance and worked at National Public Radio and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Dr. Hanno Balz is Visiting Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University, where he is a DAAD (German Academic Exchange) fellow in the Department of History. His current research focuses on the impact of anti-Communism on German society in the period 1848–1989. He is the author and editor of several books, including, among others, an exploration of European protest movements in the 1980s and the 'Aryanization' of Jewish property before and during the Second World War. Dr. Balz received his PhD from the University of Bremen, where his thesis examined the relation between Western Germany’s "Red Army Faction" and the German news media in the 1970s and was published under the title: "Von Terroristen, Sympathisanten und dem starken Staat. Die öffentliche Debatte über die RAF in den 70er Jahren" [On terrorists, sympathizers and the strong state. The German public debate on the Red Army Fraction in the 70s].
Dr. Sydney Van Morgan is director of the International Studies Program and operations manager for the Office of International Centers & Programs. She holds a PhD in government from Cornell University and has taught courses on European comparative political sociology, ethnic violence, and political parties. As director of ISP, she is responsible for the academic coordination of six stakeholder departments in the Humanities and Social Sciences. She also administers the BA/MA Program with the Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies in DC, the Junior Year Abroad Program at SAIS Europe in Bologna, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program, and a range of activities associated with the new Aronson Center for International Studies.

Gudrun Schyman is one of the founders of the Swedish political party Feministiskt initiativ (F!). She served as member of the Left Party in the Swedish parliament from 1988-2003, including as party leader from 1993 until 2003, when she left the Left Party. Feministiskt initiativ started officially 2005 and the party has since then developed into a feminist and antiracist movement. In the last elections, F! won seats in 13 local parliaments and a seat in the European Parliament, becoming the first dedicated Feminist party in Europe to do so. Schyman has served since 2010 as a local politician in her hometown of Simrishamn, and continues to serve on the national board and as one of two party leaders of Feminist Initiativ, positions she has held since the party's founding. A social worker by training, she has been active in both the anti-nuclear movement and the national and international peace movement.

Caroline Lupetini is currently a second year International Studies major with minors in Italian and Economics. She hails from Chicago, IL, and looks to one day work professionally with US-EU-Russia relations through diplomatic service.
Alexandra Marksteiner is a sophomore majoring in International Studies and Political Science. Originally from Munich, Germany, she will be pursuing a Master’s degree in International Economics and International Law and Organizations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. Her research interests include: transatlantic affairs and security, the United Nations, the European Union, maritime law, Russian-European relations and international security.

Camilla S. Dohlman is a current senior majoring in Public Health Studies. As a Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Fellow, she traveled to Sweden in the summer of 2016 to investigate social explanations for the support of the far-right party, the Sweden Democrats, and in April 2017 she presented the results of her research at the annual Political Studies Association meeting in Glasgow, Scotland. She enjoys running, biking, backpacking and board games. Camilla is a co-organizer of the 2017 Aronson Conference.

David Hamburger is a junior, Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Fellow, and Hodson Trust Scholar in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins. A double major in Medicine, Science & the Humanities and International Studies, David is also participating in the 5 year BA/MA program with SAIS in Washington, D.C., where he will pursue the International Law and Organizations track. Over the past two years, David has conducted field research in the UK and the Netherlands on antisemitism in the context of populism, immigration, and far-right parties as part of a project generously supported by the Stulman, PURA, and AIEG grants. David is a co-organizer of the 2017 Aronson Conference.
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