

19 MARCH 2022, BERLIN

STOP THE FAR RIGHT


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BUILD THE ALTERNATIVE

Over the last decade, the rise of the far right has accelerated globally, in its biggest upsurge since the 1930s. It takes many different forms, but it presents a real threat to our democracy and diverse communities wherever it is found. From street attacks and mobilisations to government office, they use Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and racism to spread hate and fear. They attack trade unionists and the left, and the rights and liberties of us all; the onslaught on women's rights, in particular, has been severe. In the time of Trump they received an enormous boost, becoming increasingly internationalised, well-funded and well-organised. They used 'lawfare' and coups to overthrow legitimate governments and exclude left candidates. Trump has gone but Trumpism continues; its increasing paramilitary orientation, fake news and anti-fact approach presents an enormous challenge, particularly during the pandemic. The far right has weaponised the pandemic in its own political interests, and the economic crisis that is running alongside the virus is being exploited by the far right to build its social and political base. But there are victories too, where the people mobilise for a different vision of society and defeat the hate and fear. We must build that alternative together.

These are crucial issues for us to address: it's urgent for us to analyse and get organised together to defeat the far right.



This conference brings together activists and experts from Europe and beyond to plan the most effective ways of challenging the far right and defeating them. We will share experience, analysis and strategies for mobilisation and action.

In the first part of the conference, we will be looking at the internationalisation of the far right, the role of neoliberalism and war in its rise, its attacks on our rights and liberties, the increase in racism and Islamophobia, how the pandemic is used by the far right, and how the Left is responding. In the second part, we will focus on how we fight back, with movement building and grass roots work, unity in action and alliances, international solidarity and coordination, migrant self-organisation and solidarity with migrants, and effective trade union action across borders.

Our main aim is to build a new narrative – based on the reality of people’s lives, to create a different society where there is no space for fascism in any of its forms. We want to:

Strengthen a radical left counter-narrative to far right manipulation of interlocking crises

Develop and strengthen European-wide mobilising in this and other areas

Share best practices and concrete actions of social struggles, movements, politics to fight back to develop and strengthen unity on the left and across progressive movements in Europe

Facilitate movement building in individual countries via preparatory process

Work together to build a society where there is no space for fascism and everywhere is free of fascism.

Date

Saturday 19 March 2022

Venue

**FMP1
Franz-Mehring-Platz 1
10243 Berlin**

10:30

Welcome and registration

11:00 – 12:30

Opening Session: Our Shared Struggle Against the Far Right

Room: Münzenbergsaal

Interpretation: En, Fr, De, Es

Format: hybrid and livestream

Introduction and moderation

Fabian Figueiredo | Co-coordinator EL Fighting the Far Right WG, Bloco de Esquerda, Portugal

Speakers

Janine Wissler | Co-chairwoman, DIE LINKE, Germany

Sira Rego | IU MEP, The Left Group in the European Parliament, Spain

Cecília Honório | Initiator of the Portuguese Observatory of the far right, Portugal ([online](#))

Danièle Obono | MP France Insoumise, France

Dáire Hughes | Sinn Féin Deputy General Secretary (Leas Ard Runaí), Ireland

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Four parallel workshops (all include how we fight back)

How the Far Right is Organizing: Attacking our Rights, Dividing our Communities

Room: Münzenbergsaal

Interpretation: En, Fr, De, It

Format: hybrid and livestream

Introduction and moderation

Martin Schirdewan | DIE LINKE MEP, The Left Group in the European Parliament, Germany

Speakers

Esther Lynch | European Confederation of Trade Unions (ETUC) Deputy General Secretary, Ireland

Alice Bernard | Member of the National Council of the PTB, Belgium
Gianna Fracassi | CGIL deputy general secretary, Italy
Yann Mompoint | LGBTQI+ activist with the National Gay Pilots Association Europe/UK,
PCF, France

Ideological Developments in the Far Right: Do They Agree?

Interpretation: [En](#)

Introduction and moderation

Cornelia Hildebrandt | Co-director of transform! europe, Germany

Speakers

Walter Baier | Board of transform! europe, Austria

Fulvia Teano | IT security analyst and researcher, Italy

Bilal Berady | Youth activist at Red Jeunes, France

NSU 2.0: Right Wing Terrorism and the Role of the State

Interpretation: [En](#), [De](#)

Introduction and moderation

Anika Taschke | Coordinator of antifascist work for Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany

Speakers

Ferat Kocak | Member of Berlin's House of Representatives, DIE LINKE, Germany

Petra Pau | MP and vice-president of Bundestag, DIE LINKE, Germany

Caro Keller | NSU Watch, Germany

Defending our Diverse Communities: Fighting Racism and Islamophobia

Interpretation: [En](#), [Fr](#), [De](#)

Introduction and moderation

Maria Spiliotopoulou | Syriza member of the EL Fighting the far right Working Group, Greece

Speakers

Maia Thomas | Black Lives Matter|Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, Britain

Judit Sömi | TUMENCA association working with Roma workers, Hungary

Merve Sahin | Member of the Immigrants and Integration Council of the city of Solingen,
DIE LINKE, Germany

Sotiria Chira | Generation 2.0, Greece

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Five parallel workshops (all include how we fight back)

Against Fortress Europe

Room: [Münzenbergsaal](#)

Interpretation: [En](#), [Fr](#), [De](#)

Format: [hybrid and livestream](#)

Introduction and moderation

Seema Syeda | Communications & campaigns officer for Another Europe Is Possible,
Great Britain

Speakers

Jarmila Rybnicka | Sociologist and activist, Kuchnia Konfliktu, Poland

Dariusz Beigui | Captain of the rescue ship luventa, Germany

Cornelia Ernst | DIE LINKE MEP, The Left Group in the European Parliament, Germany

Lucy Nganga | International Women Space, Germany

Muhammad Al Kashef | Watch the Med Alarmphone, Abolish Frontex, Egypt

One Year After The Capitol. US Strategic Developments Against the Far Right: Fighting for Democracy

Interpretation: [En](#), [De](#)

Format: [hybrid](#)

Introduction and moderation

Marga Ferre | Co-director of transform! europe, Spain

Speakers

Kristian Hernandez | Member of Demoratic Socialists of America's National Political
Committee, USA ([online](#))

Kazembe Balagun | Project manager at Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and BLM activist,
USA ([online](#))

David Broder | Editor at Jacobin, Germany



Authoritarian Racism and Radicalised Conservatism

Interpretation: En, De

Format: Hybrid

Introduction and moderation

Barbara Steiner | transform! europe, Austria

Speakers

Ugo Paletha | Sociologist and co-director of the review Contretemps, France

Natascha Strobl | Political scientist, Austria ([online](#))

Asli Aydin | EL Executive board member, SOL Party, Turkey

Who are the Far Right Voters?

Interpretation: En, Fr

Format: Hybrid

Introduction and moderation

Judith Benda | Head of the European Liaison Office of the parliamentary group DIE LINKE, member of the EL executive board, Germany

Speakers

Luis Ramiro | Political scientist, Spain ([online](#))

Yann Le Lan | Sociologist and vice-president of transform! europe, France

Alice Samara | Historian, professor at the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, New University of Lisbon, Portugal

Tony Rigopoulos | Journalist at "Documento" newspaper and editor-in-chief of koutipandoras.gr, covering the Golden Dawn trial, Greece

Aufstehen Gegen Rassismus ([tbc](#))

Against Lawfare, Sanctions and Coups: Fighting Back and Winning in Latin America

Interpretation: En, Es

Format: Hybrid

Introduction and moderation

Maite Mola | Vice-president of the Party of the European Left, Spain

Speakers

Daniel Jadue | Mayor of Recoleta, Santiago de Chile, PC Chile

Brazil Monica Valente, member of the National Executive Committee of the Brazilian Workers' Party and Executive Secretary of the São Paulo Forum, Brazil ([online](#))

Ollie Vargas | Journalist, Bolivia ([online](#))

17:00 – 17:30

Break

17:30 – 18.30

Closing Session: Defeating the Far Right: Where Do We Go From Here?

Room: Münzenbergsaal

Interpretation: En, Fr, De, Es

Format: hybrid and livestream

Introduction and moderation

Kate Hudson | Co-coordinator EL Fighting the Far Right WG and organizer of the first No Pasaran Conference in London, Britain

Speakers

Heinz Bierbaum | President of the Party of the European Left, Germany

Vassiliki Katrivanou | SYRIZA MP, Greece

Jeremy Corbyn | The Peace and Justice Project, Britain

Cecile Dumas | Comité National PCF, head of Migration Sector France

19:00

Cultural event and gathering

A vegan and anti-imperialist dinner

<https://flaeming.kitchen>

Plus

Demonstration on 19 March 2022

Antifascist city tour 20 March 2022

Organising
committee



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