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Enemy image Europe: How to handle anti-european and anti-democratic cheap propaganda



**International Conference, Hannover, February 26th 2019
10.00 – 17.30 –Landesmuseum Hannover**

Europe is to blame for everything: over-bureaucratization and regulatory patronising, but most of all responsible for the loss of national identities and self-determination, foreign domination and the opening of borders for migrants from other cultures. In most of the member states, anti-European or authoritarian groups are using this for their propaganda and are gaining serious electoral success. Regarding the European Parliamentary Elections, it is obvious that parties from many countries will join the European Parliament that are agitating precisely against this EU and its values. Which approaches and concepts are available against disinformation and the creation of prejudices in our neighbouring countries? Findings and counterstrategies have been compiled in an international study. These results are conference topics as well as mechanisms and methods that promote anti-European resentments. Themes are also the special role of social media and fake news in the mood against Europe. The conference is targeting at institutions, foundations, NGOs or initiatives that are committed to a democratic, social and tolerant Europe of peace and solidarity. It offers the opportunity to exchange experiences and to network

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Opening: **Birgit HONÉ**,
Lower Saxon Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Regional
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Psychological mechanisms of hate, prejudices and radicalisation
Dr. Helen Landmann, Community Psychology Fernuni Hagen

EU – Common enemy stereotype for Europe's Populists
Results of the European Research Project „Counter Strategies to
Populism“

Ernst STETTER, Secretary General FEPS, Brussels

Conclusions and Experiences from Finland – Hungary - Italy

Johannes HILLJE; Das Progressive Zentrum, Berlin

Tamas Boros, Policy Solutions, Budapest

Luigi Troiani, Nenni Foundation, Italy

Q+A

Social Media as combusive agents - Ways for deconstruction of
disinformation, opening of filter bubbles

Alexander Sängerslaub, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Berlin

Lunch break

Toolkit Fake News and disinformation - Pre-Presentation of German
version / DROG - The resistance to Disinformation

Arwen Cross, Wissenschaft im Dialog, Berlin,

How to face populism and anti-European smear campaigns:
Experiences and Best Practices

Austria:

Oliver Röpke – Austrian Labour Union (tbc)

Denmark:

Rasmus N. Sørensen, Democracy in Europe Organisation

Poland:

Dr. Bartosz Rydlinski, Ignacy-Daszyński-Center, Warschau

Get together – Networking

Conference languages German and English with simultaneous interpretation

Participation is free – please register at EIZ-Event@mb.niedersachsen.de

