

Reclaiming Action: Progressive Strategies in Times of Growing Right-Wing Populism in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany

Report Presentation

Wednesday, 20 February 2019 11:00-12:30 (light lunch following the event)

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Right-wing populist parties are on the rise almost everywhere in Europe. In the Scandinavian countries, too, where Social Democracy has had the most decisive influence on the development of a solidary society and an inclusive and emancipatory welfare model, policymakers face increasingly substantial difficulties in forming government coalitions vis-à-vis aspiring competitors who have emerged on the far right in recent decades. In light of the remarkable rise of right-wing populism in Germany and its growing presence in parliaments and discourses, this FES report contextualizes and compares the growth of right-wing populism in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany. Based on the identification of strategies applied by progressive parties towards right-wing populist parties in the past and in the present, the authors evaluate the success of various strategies and develop recommendations for progressive and sustainable actions to »reclaim action« against right-wing populist parties.

Programme:

11:00	<i>Welcoming remarks</i> Renate Tenbusch , Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office
11:05	<i>Report Presentation</i> Christian Krell , Report editor & former Head of FES Nordic Office
11:40	Comment and analysis of EP election run-up Anna Hedh, Member of European Parliament, S&D Group (tbc)
12:00	Q&A with participants
	Moderated by Marco Funk, Policy Officer, FES EU Office
12:30	Networking lunch