The First Annual International Symposium on
*The Future Course of Populism in the Post-pandemic Era:*
*The State of Globalization, Multilateral Governance, and Democracy*

The European Center for Populism Studies (ECPS)
Brussels, Belgium,
**Friday, February 18, 2022**

**Morning Session**
10:00-12:30 AM (Central European Time)

**Moderator**
**Eser Karakas**
Professor of economics, Strasbourg University,
ECPS Advisory Board Member and Senior Research Fellow

**Opening Remarks**
**Sir Graham Watson**
Honorary President - ECPS

**Keynote Speech**
“Rehabilitating globalisation, repositioning populism, proportioning Pandemics – Does law have a place?”
**Mark Findlay**
Professor, Director, Center for Artificial Intelligence and Data Governance, Singapore Management University. (*The author of Globalization, Populism, Pandemics and the Law: The Anarchy and the Ecstasy, Edward Elgar publishing, 2021*).

**Panel -I-**

*Populism and governance in the time of pandemic*
11:30-12:30 AM (Central European Time)

“Populist leaders, the economy, and the pandemic: What can we expect?”
**Dr. Manuel Funke**
International finance and macroeconomics, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

“Will the pandemic bring an end to populism? What are the lessons from the pandemic in a comparative perspective?”
**Dr. Aline Burni**
Political science, German Development Institute
Afternoon Session

Panel -II-

**Pandemic of authoritarianism/populism: The state of democratic institutions, rights and freedoms**
14:30-16:00 PM (Central European Time)

**Moderator**

**Werner Pascha**
Emeritus professor of economics, Institute of East Asian Studies, Duisburg-Essen University.

“The need for multilateral institutions against global challenges: The impact of populism on Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation 25 years after the Barcelona Process.”

**Eckart Woertz**
Professor of contemporary history and politics, The University of Hamburg.

“Future course of global governance under the rising hybrid regimes that cohabitate with populism.”

**Neil Robinson**
Professor of comparative politics, the University of Limerick.

“Is there populism in Japan? A closer look at the oldest Asian democracy.”

**Axel Klein**
Professor of Social sciences on East Asia / Japanese politics, Institute of East Asian Studies, Duisburg-Essen University.

Panel -III-

**What’s next in a post-COVID-19 world?**
16:00-17:30 PM (Central European Time)

**Moderator**

**Naim Kapucu**
Pegasus professor, School of Public Administration & School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida.

“Post-neoliberalism in Europe? How economic discourses have changed through COVID-19 pandemic.”

**Jens Maeße**
Institute of Sociology, Justus-Liebig-University Gießen.

“An analysis of populist leaders’ responses to Covid-19.”

**Dr. Brett Meyer**
Global populism and voting behaviour in advanced democracies.
Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.
“Populist and non-populist governance performance during the COVID pandemic and prospects for democracy in the West moving forward.”

**Sheri Berman**
Professor of political science. Department of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University.

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**Closing Remarks**
*Overall evaluation and takeaways from the symposium*

**Dr. Hercules Millas**
ECPS Advisory Board Member

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**Please REGISTER:**

Please note that the afternoon session will start at 14:30 and end a little late at 17:30 to allow the participation of followers from America and different geographies interested in the subject. In addition, among our speakers, there are also participants from the USA. We seek your understanding. Each speaker will be given 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes will be devoted to open and free Q&A session.