Invitation

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Budapest, within the framework of its regional programme called "Gender equality in East-Central Europe", in co-operation with the Departments of Political Science and Gender Studies at CEU, cordially invites you to a conference on

**Populist right, far right and gender in Europe**

The recent Austrian presidential and Dutch parliamentary elections, and the upcoming presidential election in France challenge our notions of “Europe as we know it.” The rise of “illiberal democracies”, of populist right wing and far right parties and paramilitary groups in Europe and beyond invite us to look beyond symptoms and think about the root causes. We would like to address the issue what the consideration of the gender dimension can contribute to a deeper understanding of these root causes.

How can we distinguish between these actors, where is the borderline between conservative, populist right, far right and illiberal actors and discourses? Is the cleavage right/left still relevant, or are there new cleavages emerging? What is the concept of these political actors about men and women and gender policy, and how do they use them for mobilization in Europe? What characterises women who are mobilized as voters or party activists? What is the role of female leaders? Are there connections between challenges of representative democracy, the neoliberal, gendered economic order in Europe and the rise of these parties/ movements and the women in them?

We kindly invite you, on the occasion of the publication of the book “Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe” to discuss these and other related questions, together with experts from Austria, France, Germany, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary.

**5 April 2017, 3.00 pm – 8.00 pm**
**Venue: CEU**
**Budapest V., Nádor u. 15. Auditorium**
PROGRAMME

3.00 pm – 3.30pm: Registration
Chair
Andrea Pető, Professor, Department of Gender Studies, CEU, Budapest

3.30pm – 4.00 pm: Opening remarks
Jan Niklas Engels, Director, FES Budapest
Zsolt Enyedi, Professor, Department of Political Science, and Pro-Rector for Hungarian Affairs, CEU
Elissa Helms, Head of Department, Department of Gender Studies, CEU

4.00 - 5.30 pm: Case studies
Between German Nationalism and Anti-Muslim Racism: Representations of Gender in FPÖ
Carina Klammer, PhD student, University of Vienna

Marine Le Pen and the Conquest of France
Valérie Dubslaff, PhD student, University Paris-Sorbonne

The Rise of the AfD and Gender Issues in Germany
Juliane Lang, Research Network Women and the Far Right

The Impact of Right Women’s Organizations on Political and Social Discourses in Poland
Marta Zimniak-Hałajko, Institute of Polish Culture, University of Warsaw

Glorified Women in the Shadows of Capable Men? The Extreme Right and Gender Issues in Slovakia
Alena Kluknavská, University of Brno

The (Non-)Symbolic Glue: The Ambivalent Position of the Hungarian Far Right on Gender Issues
Anikó Félix, sociologist, Peripato Research Group, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and ELTE

5.30 - 6:00 pm: Coffee break

6.00 – 8.00 pm: Panel discussion – Lessons for politics
Tamás Boros, Policy Solutions
Zsolt Enyedi, CEU
Anikó Gregor, ELTE University
Bulcsú Hunyadi, Political Capital

Edit Inotai, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy
Zoltán Lakner, deputy chief editor, 168 óra
András Stumpf, senior fellow, Heti Válasz

8:00 pm: Finger buffet

English-Hungarian interpretation is provided.
Participation is free of charge but requires registration by 2 April at this link.
The Facebook event page of the forum is available here.
If required we can offer child-care free of charge during the event. In that case registrations are requested by 29 March.