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2017 Summer School - Madrid

Populism and Anti-Politics: Is democracy in crisis ?

Hosted at the Escorial Monastery
Complutense University, Madrid
9th – 15th July, 2017



Democracy has long been regarded as the most desirable political system for advanced societies – one that balances the main given aims that allows representation accountability, equality, participation, with “good@ governance. The end of the Cold War was never ‘the end of history’. But, with Winston Churchill, Europeans have come to agree that while it may not be the best system, when compared to any other option, it comes out on top. This has been confirmed by the growth of

the European Union and especially with the end of the dictatorships in Greece, Spain and Portugal and Communist role in the former East bloc. But since the 2008 global crisis, the Euro-crisis, the rise of populist leaders and new parties across Europe, the rise of post-truth and anti-expert and anti-globalization politics, and last year the Brexit and Trump votes. Are voters now challenging some of the basic tenets of the liberal-democratic settlement? This summer school – the 24st in our series - will bring together experts from politics and civil services, think tanks, NGOs and universities, to discuss these key issues over five days of talks, panels, working groups, debates role-playing and discussions.

Questions will include: *What explains the rise of populism in Europe ? Should political parties be publicly funded by states ? How important is charisma as part of political leadership ? Are democratic liberal values in peril ? How can the participation of women improve democratic politics ?*

Speakers include (TBC): Cesar Enrique Díaz-Carrera (Complutense), Dr Paul Flather (Manfield College/Europaeum) & Charles Paul (?).

The Summer School is open to all Europaeum graduates. All local costs are covered through the Europaeum, but graduates are expected to cover their own travel. We welcome other applicants but they must cover local costs c €450. To apply, please send your letter of interest in the event, a short CV (max. 2 pages), with a reference from your supervising professor.

Deadline: 8th June 2017

For more information, please contact the Europaeum Office. We urge applicants apply as soon as possible to be sure of a place.

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