



EuroMemo Group Conference 2016

Suggested topics for the workshops

5. Right-wing & economic nationalism in Europe: origins and responses (coordinator: Joachim Becker)

The neo-liberal anti-crisis policies of the EU and similarly inclined national policies have opened new spaces for the nationalist right which in many EU countries is in a strong upswing. The nationalist right ranges from national-conservative to fascist forces. Forms of “selective economic nationalism” and exclusionary forms of social policies are common denominators of the nationalist right. The forces of the nationalist right take advantage of the inadequate tackling or outright neglect of socio-economic key issues like foreign-exchange credits in Hungary or the uneven regional development patterns in Poland. They combine heterodox economic policy elements with hard core neo-liberalism. Their concrete positions depend on the position of their countries in the European division of labour. Whereas the Front National in France and the Lega Nord address particularly issues relating to domestic industrial capital, Fidesz in Hungary rather promotes domestic capital in service sectors. The workshop sets out to map economic and social policy approaches of the nationalist right in Europe and to make proposals for political responses to the nationalist right-wing challenges.