

Webtalk

Marriage of convenience or love match? Right-wing populist relations between Israel and Europe

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Thursday, October 5th, 2021, 7.00 until 8.30 p.m.,
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Anti-Semitic and Israelophobic tendencies within right-wing populism are often the subject of critical reporting in Germany. In particular, Viktor Orbán's campaign loaded with anti-Semitic connotations against George Soros has been followed closely in Germany. However, the message sent by former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from Jerusalem to Brussels in February 2019, during a visit by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to Israel, was hardly noticed. He explained that there is a strong connection between Israel and Orbán's Hungary, based on the „many things“ that these two countries have shared, both in the past and in the present. According to Netanyahu, Israel and Hungary are „both small nations, democracies that share common values and interests“.

Is there a tradition of right-wing populism in Israel that Netanyahu was drawing on with his statement? Is the partnership between Netanyahu's Israel and Orbán's Hungary characteristic of a change that Israel has undergone? And what calculations, core convictions and contradictions underlie the positions of European right-wing populists towards Israel?

In cooperation with the Technical University Darmstadt and under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, the Schader Foundation will address this topic in a public evening event that will take place digitally. It is part of the COST Action „EU Foreign Policy Facing New Realities“ (www.foreignpolicynewrealities.eu; www.cost.eu) and Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration e.V. (AEI/ECSA Germany). The event will be held in English.

Programme

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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