

Arbeit an Europa

Think Tank Weekend, Rijeka On Populism 06-08 May

Final programme

Friday

Arrival

7:30 PM Dinner at Restaurant/Bar Boonker (situated right by the waterfront)

- Istarsko pristanište 1, <https://boonker.hr/>
- Text Lisa (+0044 7446944524) or Ivana to find us (+0039 3494086206)

Saturday

Morning

9:45 AM Meeting at Comunità degli Italiani di Fiume, Uljarska 1/II (Palazzo Modello)

10:00 AM Introductions and welcome

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM *Session 1: Populism as a concept*

- Introduction by Fabian Dollbaum - the use and misuse of the term 'populism'
- Followed by discussion on the concept of populism, what it is and isn't.
- Suggested article: <https://fivebooks.com/best-books/cas-mudde-populism/>

11:15 AM - 12:15 AM *Session 2: Populism across Europe*

- Input by Evelien Roels on populism locally in the Netherlands
- Followed by discussion on variations of populism across Europe today

12:15 AM - 1:00 PM *Lunch & walk over to Maritime and History Museum*

- Quick lunch at Rijeka central market
- Walk over to Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Coast/Governor's Palace (8 mins)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Tour of museum and marble hall

- Short introduction to D'Annunzio and his reign in Rijeka by Tom Mueller
- Tour of museum supported by Tea Perencic

Afternoon

2:00 PM Walk back to Comunità degli Italiani di Fiume

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM *Session 3: The Birth of Fascism from the Spirit of Poetry*

- Input by Alida Bremer & discussion

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM *Session 4: Populism, religion, psychology and aesthetics*

- Input by Tom Mueller (Germany)

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM *Session 5: Populism and media*

- Input by Kevin Hanschke (Germany)

4:45 - 5:00 PM Wrap up

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM *Guided tour of the city (optional)*

- Guided walking tour of the City

Evening

7:30 PM *panel discussion War & Peace - and the truth in between*

- See flyer below
- Welcome by Prof. Dr. Aneta Stojić (Oesterreich Bibliothek Rijeka) and Italian Society
- Video by Florian Kühner-Wielach (Institut für deutsche Kultur und Geschichte Südosteuropas)

Drinks reception

Followed by food and drinks locally - details to follow

Sunday

11 AM - *Day trip to Opatija*

- We will take the bus 32 (~40 mins)
- Opatija is a famous coastal town on the Adriatic Sea and a well-known 19th-century health resort for Austro - Hungarian aristocracy and nobility of that time

Departure



INVITATION: WAR & PEACE

AND THE TRUTH IN BETWEEN

THE EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE FROM
D'ANNUNZIO TO SELENSKYJ

What: Pan-European panel discussion (in English),

with Tom Müller (publisher), Dr Tea Perinčić (senior curator, Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral), Prof Nikola Petković (writer and academic), and others, organised by European Think Tank **Arbeit an Europa** and hosted by the **Italian Society Rijeka**

Where: Palazzo Modello, 23 Matije Gupca Street

When: Saturday, 7 May, 7.30 PM

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Reservations welcome but not required



The European Union as a peace project has its roots in the destructions of two world wars. In 2022, 65 years after the Treaty of Rome, Europe as a whole is threatened by the prospect of another devastating war as Russia attacked Ukraine. Human rights, democracy, national sovereignty, and pluralism. These fundamental principles and values have to be fought for again – the end of ‘the end of history’ as some claim. It is also a fight for truth, because as common wisdom says, history is written by the victor.

- **What does it mean for Europe if truths vary along national borders?**
- **What role do European populists play in creating alternative truths?**
- **Can we claim that there is ‘good populism’? Is Wolodymyr Selenskyj a ‘good populist’?**
- **Is the term ‘populism’ even helpful or prevent the analysis of autocratic and democratic trends?**

All of these questions we want to discuss – triggered by recent events but also with a view to the experiences of Europe as a whole and Rijeka with respect to D’Annunzio in particular.

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