

# "Popular or Populist Democracy in Central Europe?"

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, from 10:00 till 15:30

Venue: The Great Hall, Czernin Palace,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

Cooperation: FES Prague and the Institute of International Relations Prague

The working language will be English.

## Programme

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

### 10:00 – 10:15 Opening remarks

**Mirko Hempel**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's Regional Office in Prague for the Czech Republic and Slovakia

**Ondřej Horký-Hlucháň**, Head of Research Department, Institute of International Relations, Prague

### 10:15 – 11:45 Panel I: Central European populism in a comparative view

Chair: **Volker Weichsel**, Editor of the journal "Osteuropa", Berlin

**Bálint Magyar**, former Minister of Education, Budapest: *Populism as a response to the crisis of traditional party systems*

**Tanja Binder**, member of the "Wahl-O-Mat" scientific team, Germany: *Right-wing Populism and European Democracy - Lessons from Austria and France*

**Kai-Olaf Lang**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin: *Populism as a response to the trust crisis in the public affairs governance and/or good governance failure*

**Petra Rakušanová Guasti**, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences, Prague: *Populism as a response to the Eurozone crisis – a Czech view*

Discussion

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break

### 12:00 – 13:00 Keynote speeches

**Petr Drulák**, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Ernst Hillebrand**, Head of the Department for International Policy Analysis, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

Discussion moderated by **Mirko Hempel**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's Regional Office in Prague for the Czech Republic and Slovakia

13:00 – 14:00    Lunch

**14:00 – 15:30    Panel II: European integration as a source or a solution of populism?**

*Chair: **Lucia Najšlová**, Charles University, V4 Revue / EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague*

**Vladimír Bilčík**, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava: *Central Europe in EU governance debate*

**Josef Janning**, Mercator Fellow, DGAP Berlin: *German hegemony in the Eurozone?*

**Vít Beneš**, Institute of International Relations, Prague: *European integration as a top-down project of elites and the role of national parliaments*

**Agata Gostyńska**, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw: *EP elections and their implications on the interinstitutional relations*

Discussion