



Christian Democratic People's Parties and the Rise of Populism 1940s-2010s

Civitas Conference

**at the Catholic Documentation Centre at the Radboud University Nijmegen,
the Netherlands, 20-21 November 2019**

Wednesday 20 November afternoon (held at the KDC, Erasmuslaan 36, Nijmegen)

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| 12.00 | Steering Board Meeting |
| 15.00 | Scientific Committee and Archivist Technical Committee Meeting |
| 17.00 | Extended Steering Board Meeting |
| 17.30 | visit and presentation of KDC archives |
| 19.00 | drinks and dinner |

Thursday 21 November (held at Guesthouse Vertoeff Nassausingel 3 Nijmegen)

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| 9.00-9.15 | welcome by Civitas-president Prof. Renato Moro (University of Rome III, Italy) |
| 9.15 | Keynote address prof. Michael Gehler (University of Hildesheim, Germany) "Populism as a Surface Phenomenon - Characteristics of Democracies in Crisis and the role of Christian Democratic Parties in Divided Societies" |
| 10.00 | Discussion |
| 11.00 | Coffee Break |



- 11.30 Panel 1 National developments
- Pedro Ponte e Sousa (New University of Lisbon, Portugal), The CDS – People's Party and EU contestation: the emergence and fading of Euroscepticism
- Peter Heyrman (KADOC Leuven, Belgium), Populist anti-taxation movements and Christian-democracy in Belgium, 1950s-1980s
- 12:15 Respondent prof. Lars Rensmann (University of Groningen, the Netherlands)
- Discussion
- 13.00 lunch
- 14.00 Panel 2 European Trends
- Ovidiu Vaida (Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Romania), Populism and EPP response in recent years
- Maurits J. Meijers, Andrej Zaslove and Victor Ellenbroek (Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands), Christian Democratic Parties: In Search of an Ideological Core?
- Marietta van der Tol (Cambridge University, UK), Christian democracy and the potential to anti-Neo-Babylonianist responses to Christian support for right-wing populism
- 15:15 Respondent prof. Lars Rensmann (University of Groningen, the Netherlands)
- Discussion
- 16.00 break
- 16.30 Presentations on research projects on themes in the history of Christian Democracy
- 18.00 Book launch, new website and reception
- 19:00 Farewell dinner