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2017 Summer School - Madrid

Populism and Anti-Politics: Is Democracy in crisis ?

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Democracy has long been regarded as the most desirable political system for advanced societies – balancing accountability, equality, participation, the rule of law, individual rights within “good governance - as Winston Churchill quipped. Yet today, everywhere democracy seems to be in crisis. The rise of a new populism is by-passing traditional political parties. Demagoguery seems to be in vogue. Voters prefer to support outsiders and independents, with third parties on the rise in Spain, Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Scandinavia. There is

a general revolt against elites and the establishment – even against all politicians and the political system itself. In this climate of anti-politics and fake news, **Trump** rules in part through Twitter, the UK votes **Brexit** against all expert advice, **french** voters reject traditional parties. Are voters now challenging basic tenets of the liberal-democratic settlement and is this a refreshing renewal of political participation? This summer school – the 24th in our series - will bring together experts from politics and civil services, think tanks, NGOs and universities, to discuss these key issues over five days of talks, panels, working groups, debates role-playing and discussions.

Questions will include: *What explains the rise of populism in Europe ? How are traditional politics parties in decline ? Should political parties be publicly funded by states ? How important is charisma as part of political leadership ? Are democratic-liberal values in peril ? How can women change democratic politics ? Why is globalization dividing societies so bitterly ? How is the re-emergence of nationalism challenging liberal values ?*

Speakers will include: Professors David Ellwood, (Complutense), Andres Santana (UAM), Eva Anduiza (UAB), Paul Flather (Oxford), Cesar Enrique Diaz-Carrera (UCM), Fabio Garcia Lugato (UCM & EU), Manuel Muniz, and speaker from the Elcano Institute, and many others.

The Summer School is open to all Europaeum graduates. All local costs are covered through the Europaeum, but graduates are expected to cover their own travel. We welcome other applicants but they must cover local costs c €450. To apply, please send your letter of motivation, a short CV (max. 2 pages), with at least one reference from your professor, and suggestions for a short graduate paper.

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