

Summer School: the far-right and the Rise of illiberal democracies

Where? Charité-sur-Loire (2 hours from Paris by train)

When? From Wednesday the 5th in the evening to Friday the 7th of July, with an option to attend the *Festival des Idées* on the 8th-9th of July.

This event will be held in English.

Recent European developments have seen a new generation of far-right leaders come to power, combining common objectives and characteristics: normalisation of far-right ideas, domination of the media agenda, instrumentalisation of the debate, omnipresence on social networks, reappropriation of so-called progressive themes (ecology, gender, cultural hegemony, etc.). Beyond the explanation of this dynamic, how to warn about the dangers of the far-right? How to prevent the arrival of far-right parties, the development of funding networks and above all how to deal with the far-right when in power?

Objectives:

- Creation of a group and network of specialists on the far-right from a Franco-German-Italian perspective
- Creation of thematic and practical tools in the fight against the far-right
- Counter-strategies for a militant democracy

Participants:

France:

Keynote : Léa Enon-Baron, co-director of the [ANVITA Network](#)

- [Sarah Benichou](#), Journalist, member of [AJAR](#), association des journaliste racisé·e·s
- [Safia Dahani](#), Post Doc at Sciences Po Toulouse
- [Antoine Dubiau](#), PhD Student at Université de Genève, author of the book « *ecofascismes* » (2022)
- [Noémie Gardais](#), International Advocacy Officer- Le Planning Familial
- [Arno Pedram](#), Journalist, co-founder [AJAR](#), association des journalistes racisé·e·s

Germany:

- [Özge Inan](#), Journalist and author
- [Leonardo Kahn](#), Journalist, ex Paris-Correspondent during the french election 2022
- [Grischa Stanjek](#), Managing Director and Board Member of [Democ.e.V](#)

Italy:

- [Elisa Bellè](#), Post Doc at Sciences Po Paris
- [Niccolò Donati](#), Osservatorio sulla Democrazia of the Foundation Giangiacomo Feltrinelli
- [Giulia Frova](#), Program coordinator *Il Razzismo è una brutta storia*
- [Fabio Turco](#), Journalist

Programme:

| Wednesday 5th of July |
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| Welcome dinner with an input of Léa ENON-BARON, co-director of the ANVITA Network, Network of welcoming cities and local district |

Presentation of the participants and tour de table of the expectations and objectives of the workshop

Restaurant Com'Chez Nous - 8 :15pm

73 Rue Camille Barrere
La Charité-sur-Loire, France
06 64 37 28 57

Thursday 6th of July

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| 9:30-13:00 10 minutes break between each country | Overview/diagnosis of the far-right in France, Germany and Italy (approx. 45 min per country with discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the characteristics and what are the common issues? (10 min experts, 10 min NGOs, 10 min activists, 15 min questions from the audience)- What is the place for a strong civil society, and what are the driving forces?- The different levels of action (local, regional, national) Mairie de la Charité-sur-Loire, Pl. du Général de Gaulle, La Charité-sur-Loire |
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| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch break <u>Restaurant Com'Chez Nous</u> 73 Rue Camille Barrere La Charité-sur-Loire, France 06 64 37 28 57 |
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| 14:30-16:00 | The anti-gender backlash and the ties with the authoritarian ideology <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transphobia and anti- gender discourse- LGBTQIA+ Rights- Natalism and politics |
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| 16:00-16:15 | Break |
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| 16:15-17:30 | Ecology and the far-right: Mechanism of appropriation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Perspective from France, Germany and Italia |
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| 20:00 | Dinner <u>Restaurant La goguette de l'Île – 7 :30pm</u> 3 chemin de la saulaie 58400 La-Charité-sur-Loire 06.23.15.42.65 |
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Friday 7th of July

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| 9:30-11:30 | A cultural battle? How to warn about the dangers and counteract of the far-right narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Examples of successful campaigns (Austria, Germany (?))- Networks and fundings of the extreme rights Communication and Disinformation |
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| 11:30-11:40 | Break |
| 11:40-13:00 | The far-right and the racist ideology |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch Break <u>Restaurant Com'Chez Nous</u> 73 Rue Camille Barrere La Charité-sur-Loire, France 06 64 37 28 57 |
| 14:30-15:45 | The far-right in power: what to expect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What attitude to adopt for the opposition in the Parliament and the civil society? What are the strategies? - How to protect human rights (feminism, LGBTQIA+, media freedom)? |
| 15:45-16:30 | European initiatives: What can the EU do against the far-right? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal tools: how to strengthen them? ex: Hungary and Poland - Media and education (political education, ex of the German "Stiftungsgesetz") - Perspectives on the European campaign |
| 16:30-16:45 | Break |
| 16:45-18:30 | Open discussion, feedback and development |
| 19:00 | Festival opening with Audrey Pulvar (Adjointe à la Maire de Paris et conseillère régionale), Edwy Plenel (Mediapart) and Christophe Robert (Fondation Abbé Pierre) |