



IED Conference **European Union and Rising Populism: a Challenge for Democracy**

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In the past ten years, Luca has served as responsible for Europe and North America at the Democratic Party (PD) in Italy and as advisor of the Committees of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Italian Parliament. Also, he has advised several Italian ministries and private companies on EU and international affairs and has regularly written on Italian and EU affairs for several Italian publications.

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Institute of International Affairs in Rome, where, as Senior Research Fellow, he researched, organized conferences and wrote on European Integration, Transatlantic Relations and International Economy.

He has worked for the National Democratic Institute of Washington D.C., advising the program on building Institutions and Political Parties. In 2005, he was selected by the US Department of State for the "International Leaders Programme". From 2004 to 2006 he worked as advisor at the European Parliament in Brussels.

Antonio Parziale, Chairman EDS

Antonio is the founder of the European Democratic Party in Slovakia. In the last 30 years, he has lived in Slovakia, where he has devoted his professional career to establishing and developing a sound dialogue between the Italian and the Slovak communities. He acquired the Slovak citizenship during the tenure of President Rudolf Schuster. He co-founded the Chamber of Commerce of the Italian community in Slovakia and was the director of the only Italian magazine published in Slovakia. His belief in the need for a closer cooperation between Europeans led him in 2013 to create the new civic association ACIS - ZTSS (Association of Italian- Slovak cooperation).

In 2011 he became Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova, Slovakia



Professor **Heinrich Badura**, Political philosopher, trend analyst. Heinrich Badura is honorary professor at the Silesian University of Katowice. He is founder and President of the former European Think-Tank: European Academy for Life Research, Integration and Civil Society - EALIZ, Vienna

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He has received several awards for outstanding achievements in the fields of social ethics, ethics & EU, progress in the humanities and social sciences, development of European society. In his researches, he focuses on Europe; European integration; the future, information and knowledge society; Science & Business & Ethics & Values; Culture & Politics; Modern Governance; Political and Legal Philosophy; Sustainability; Fundamental Rights; Globalization.

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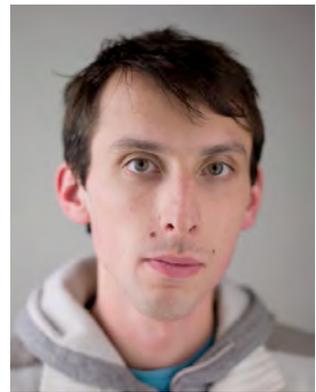
He is the author of the research paper "Populism, Polarisation, Politicization and Participation: Projecting the EU beyond the Market?" published in *The Risks of growing Populism and the*

European elections. Collection of selected contributions, IED, 2014.

Mathieu Camescasse, politician

After reading European studies and Political Sciences in different universities across Europe, at the London School of Economics, and at the Universities of Geneva, Lausanne and Brussels, Mathieu Camescasse has been working on democratic issues, direct and participatory democracies and towards improving Citizens' participation. His experiences have led him to working for a European Citizens' Initiative and becoming a political activist at national and European levels.

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His most recent publications include a research paper on the influence of the financial crisis on far right mobilization and rhetoric (2013), and a book chapter on the new politics of the far right in Italy (2014). In 2014, he will be authoring a book resulting from the ethnographic research on the Neo-Fascist group

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Miroslav is the General-Secretary of the European Democratic Party in Slovakia. Young, zealous and active person with big visions for his own country. He used to work in several non-profit organisations and he is candidate to the European Parliament.