

Call for Papers: 18th Workshop of the Terrorism Research Network (NTF e.V.)

Date: March 21 and 22, 2018

Location: Library, Hochschule Fresenius Berlin, Jägerstr. 32, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Topic: Right-wing extremism and populism as a challenge for science and society

The rise of right-wing populist parties and the increasingly publicized tendencies of nationalist, extreme right-wing and violent attitudes have become an internationally recognized phenomena. In recent years, ultra-conservative, extremist or terrorist-oriented movements have been relying on social support not only in Germany and Europe but worldwide. Compared to the violence of left-wing extremists or Islamist perpetrators and their attacks, which normally cause intense political debates in the media, extreme right-wing violence and its motivation is not always taken into account in relevant discussions. The long-standing negotiation of the German right-wing terror group NSU and its background or the success of "the right" in German and European party politics often seem threatening, dangerous and challenging but only to the directly affected victims or the left-wing intellectual milieu. The handling of the political term "right" and its extremist manifestations therefore raise numerous of questions: Which parties, persons or movements are classified as right and how are they characterized? Where does "right-wing extremism" begin? How do civil society, politics and security research deal with the European rise of right-wing populist parties? Does science have to become more political again? What is the problem that has led to widespread skepticism about scientific results? What should research and teaching focus on? How to define structural and content-related academic freedom that lives, achieves and demonstrates openness, plurality and tolerance? Which ideologies influence security research? What do stable democratic conditions look like in which we don't have to worry about the freedom of research and teaching? Which risk discourses and data analyzes on dangers and threats of the right-wing populism is devoted to science?

With its main topic, the 18th workshop of the Terrorism Research Network wants to enable a location determination as well as a perspective development of science and society in times where right-wing populism is raising in Europe. It's of enormous importance to explore the topics of right-wing populism and right-wing extremism (self-)critically across disciplines.

Presentations, deadline and registration:

The Terrorism Research Network (NTF e.V.) aims at professionals and scientists who work and research on terrorism, extremism and political violence. PhD scholars are encouraged to present their projects, papers and theses, also beyond/outside the main topic of the conference. Presentations should cover approximately 20-30 minutes of time and should provide an opportunity for discussion afterwards. If you're interested you are more than welcome to send an abstract of approx. 500 words by E-mail to Prof. Dr. Stephan G. Humer (stephan.humer@hs-fresenius.de). Submission deadline is January 15, 2018. You'll receive a confirmation until February 1, 2018. Lecture language is either German or English. A binding registration of NTF e.V. Association Members as well as external guests is requested until March 1, 2018.

About the Terrorism Research Network (NTF e.V.):

The Terrorism Research Network (NTF e.V.) is an association of nearly 500 scientists and experts from various disciplines dealing with questions and problems in the field of terrorism, extremism and political violence. The idea of the Network is not only about establishing contacts, it also serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information, the presentation of projects as well as promote the joint initiation, planning and realization of projects. A central medium, besides the website and our mailinglist is the workshop which takes place twice a year. At this workshop, currently ongoing projects as well as completed projects and new ideas can be presented and discussed. The Terrorism Research Network is also open and available to anyone interested in our topics. More info online: www.ntfev.org

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