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### Panel Discussion: Populism & Democratic Backsliding in Europe

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### Participants: Biographical Notes

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#### **Marcel Lewandowsky, Ph.D**

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**Marcel Lewandowsky** is a DAAD Visiting Assistant Professor at the Center for European Studies. His research and teaching focuses on comparative politics with special regard to parties and party systems, populism in Europe and the political system of Germany. He received his doctoral degree in 2013 with a study on German regional election campaigns from the University of Bonn, Germany. From 2012 to 2013, he was a lecturer at the Leuphana University of Lüneburg, whereas from 2013 until summer 2019, Prof. Lewandowsky worked as a lecturer at the University of the Federal Armed Forces, Hamburg. Prior to his application at the University of Florida, he served as a professor pro tempore at the NRW School of Governance of the University of Duisburg-Essen.



**Noemi Marin, Ph.D.**

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**Dr. Noemi Marin**, Full Professor, School of Communication and Multimedia Studies, held administrative positions as Director of the School (2011-2014) and Director of the Peace Studies Program (2007-2012) at her institution. She is also Faculty Associate for Center for Women, Gender and Sexualities Studies ([www.fau.edu/wgss](http://www.fau.edu/wgss)), for Center for Body, Mind, and Culture ([www.fau.edu/bodymindculture](http://www.fau.edu/bodymindculture)), and the Peace Justice and Human Rights University Initiative ([www.fau.edu/pjhr](http://www.fau.edu/pjhr)), all at Florida Atlantic University as well as Research Faculty for Intercultural Journal (Shutter). Since 2005, Dr. Marin is the Editor of the international academic journal *Journal of Literacy and Technology* ([literacyandtechnology.org](http://literacyandtechnology.org)), indexed in EBSCO and DOAJ databases, with over 25 issues (over 15,000 published pages). She serves as Past President of the *Romanian Studies Association of America*, affiliated with Modern Language Association ([www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)) for 2017-2019. Recipient of multiple scholarly awards and grants, Dr. Marin was awarded the very prestigious *Presidential Leadership Award, 2010*, Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award (College Level- 2009) and university-wide *Researcher/Creative Scholar of the Year Award* (2009), FAU.

Dr. Marin authored several volumes such as *Rhetorics of 1989: Rhetorical Archaeologies of Political Transitions* (co-edited with Dr. Cezar Ornatowski) Routledge, 2015; two *Collocutio* collections part of *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*, (co-edited) Routledge, 2011 and 2007, as well as the single authored book *After the Fall: Rhetoric in the Aftermath of Dissent in Post-Communist Times* (Peter Lang, 2007). In addition, she co-edited with Dr. Michael L. Bruner a Special Issue on *Democracies' in Transition*, in the academic journal, *Controversia* (Fall, 2007). Dr. Marin has also published in Romanian; one of her books is *Apa Timpului* (Bucuresti, 1995). This summer 2017, Dr. Marin guest-edited with Dr. Lara Lengel (Bowling Green U) an international scholarly collection on *Rhetoric and Peace Studies* in France ESSACHESS- *Journal of Communication Studies*.

With an extensive research record, Dr. Marin contributed chapters to several books among which: *Rhetorics of 1989: Rhetorical Archaeologies of Political Transitions*( 2015); *Law- The Art of Good and Just* ( 2013); *The End and the Beginning: The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History*( 2012); *Seventh Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation – Conference Proceedings* (2011); *Twenty Years After: Central and Eastern European Communist Regimes as a Shared Legacy- An Anthology*. (2011); *The Function of Argument in Social Context* (2010); *Negotiating Democracy:Media Transformation in Emerging Democracies* (2008, 2014); *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* (2007; 2006; 2004); *Realms of Exile: Nomadism, Diaspora and Eastern European Voices* (2005); *Intercultural Communication and Creative Practices* (2005); *Culture and Technology in the New Europe: Civic Discourse in Transformation in Post-Communist Nations* (2000), and more.

Her scholarly articles have been published in academic publications such as *East European Politics and Societies; Migration: A European Journal of International Migration and Ethnic Relations; Electronic Antiquity; Forum Artis Rhetoricae; Romanian Journal of Journalism and Communication; Global Media Journal; Controversia: An International Journal of Debate and Democratic Renewal*. Her editorial board and manuscript reviews participations demonstrate her reputation in the field, participating in these capacities to the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*. *NCA Routledge; Advances in the History of Rhetoric* (Routledge); *Nationalities Papers* (Harvard U Press); *Sociologists without Borders*, (ASA); *Jurnal de comunicare* (University of Bucharest); *Journal of Argumentation in Context*( U of Amsterdam); *International Media Journal; Romanian Studies Association of America Journal*; and as manuscript reviewer for University Presses like Manchester U Press (UK); Strata; Peter Lang; Lexington; State U of New York Press (USA); and University of Bucharest Press (Romania) to name the most recent.

Sole contributor to the *International Encyclopedia of Communication* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008) on Eastern and Central European Rhetoric, Dr. Marin presented over **160** international and national conference papers, focusing on communist and post-communist discourse and societies in transition; on international challenges for higher education. At the MLA Convention 2017, Dr. Marin's panel was featured part of Presidential Panels. In April 2014, Dr. Marin was invited to present a lecture on the role of intellectuals in Eastern Europe at Davis Center at Harvard University, lecture now part of the events recorded on the Harvard University site.

In the last years, (2017- 2019) Dr. Marin presented public lectures at Columbia U, Harriman Institute, University of Chicago, and Florida Communication Association, as well as at University of Bucharest, Romania. Currently, she is working on a book manuscript on totalitarian rhetoric.



**Martin Palouš, Ph.D.**

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Ambassador Martin Palouš is a Senior Fellow at Florida International University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), and Director of SIPA's Václav Havel Center for Human Rights and Diplomacy initiative.

Mr. Palouš received his PhD in chemistry from Charles University, Prague, in 1973, and went on to study philosophy and social sciences (graduating in 1977). He also studied law (1996-1999, 2002-2005), completing his PhD in international law in 2000 at Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, with a dissertation entitled Freedom of Expression at the beginning of the 21st Century.

In 2001, he defended his higher doctorate in political and became associate professor at Charles University in Prague.

One of the first signatories of the 1986 Charter 77, Martin served as spokesman for this dissident human rights group. A founding member of the Civic Forum (November 1989), he was elected to the Czechoslovakian Federal Assembly in 1990 and became a member of its Foreign Affairs Committee. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia as adviser to Minister Dienstbier and was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from October 1990 to October 1992. From October 1998 through September 2001, he served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the newly formed Czech Republic, and was then asked by President Václav Havel to travel to Washington, D.C. as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the United States from September 2002 to November 2005. Dr. Palouš was then designated as Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, where he served in New York from 2006 through 2010.

Mr. Palouš has held a number of teaching positions at Charles University, since 1990. He became a member of the Faculty of Social Sciences (the Institute of Foreign Relations) in 1994 and served for some time as the Faculty's Vice-Dean. In 1993, he joined the Centre for Theoretical Studies (research centre run jointly by Charles University and the Czech Academy of Sciences, headed by Ivan M. Havel). He has lectured extensively in the United States. In 1993-1994 he was a visiting professor at Northwestern University, in 1995-1996 an associated professor at Central European University in Budapest. Until 1998 he was also active in various non-governmental organizations (Chairman of the Czech Helsinki Committee, Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Citizens Assembly).

Mr. Palouš is the author of numerous publications, including the chapter on the Czech Republic in the European Commission publication Democratization in Central and Eastern Europe, "Totalitarianism and Authoritarianism", in the Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace and Conflict (1999, "Between Idealism and Realism: Reflections on the Political Landscape of Postcommunism", in Between Past and Future: "The Revolutions of 1989 and their Aftermath (2000), and most recently" What Kind of God Does Human Rights Require?", in Does Human Rights Need God? (2005), "Common Sense and the Rule of Law", in Philosophy, Literature and Politics (2005). He translates the works of Hannah Arendt and Eric Voegelin. Mr. Palouš is married to Pavla Palousova, nee Nemcova. They have two children: Michal (1986) and Johana (1989).



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**Markus Thiel** is associate professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Florida International University, Miami and director of FIU's Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. Dr. Thiel's research interests are the political sociology of the EU and European (Union) Politics more generally, as well as Nationalism & Identity Politics. He graduated with a Ph.D. from the University of Miami in 2005 and has published several EU-related articles and book chapters in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, his research on the political sociology of the EU produced the monograph, 'The Limits of Transnationalism' (Palgrave, 2011), and 5 co-edited volumes on: 'Diversity and the European Union' (with Lisa Pruegl, Palgrave, 2009), 'Identity Politics in the Age of Globalization' (with Roger Coate, Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010), 'European Identity & Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging' (with Rebecca Friedman, Ashgate, 2012), 'Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ Claims Shape International Relations' (with Manuela Picq, Routledge, 2015) and 'EU Development Policies between Norms and Geopolitics' (with Sarah Beringer & Sylvia Maier, Palgrave, 2019). Most recently, he published a book on the linkage of European transnational civil society groups with the EU Fundamental Rights Agency: 'EU Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy' (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017).

He teaches CPO 3103 Comparative (Western) European Politics, CPO 3104 EU Politics, INR 3214 International Relations of Europe, INR 3502 International Organizations, as well as graduate courses on European/EU Politics, International Organization and Research Design in IR. He supervises doctoral students in the areas of EU Politics and International Organizations.

