



LGBT Rights in times of Populism: Liberal ideas for a more Tolerant Europe

Nationalism and right-wing populism are the main enemy of liberalism and they are growing – not least in the young democracies of the former East Block. At the beginning of June, Vilnius hosts Baltic Pride 2019 with thousands of activists celebrating core liberal values and an open society. European Liberal Forum (ELF) invites all to a discussion on the best strategies for how to win the battle of protecting and advancing LGBT rights.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE, BALTIC PRIDE 2019

Vilnius, Lithuania

Welcome by

Ralf Frölich | President, LGBTI-liberals of Europe

Milosz Hodun | Board member, European Liberal Forum

Discussion with

Milosz Hodun | International Secretary, Nowoczesna, Political Party, Poland

Cecilia Redner | Diocesan Curate focused on children and youth, Diocese of Västerås, Church of Sweden

Tymur Levchuk | Executive Director, Fulcrum, LGBT-organization, Ukraine

Sergejs Akulics | LGBT Activist and Board member, Latvijas Attīstībai, Political Party, Latvia

Petras Austrevicius | Member of European Parliament, Lietuvos Respublikos Liberalų sąjūdis, Lithuania

Evelyn Paradis | Executive Director, ILGA Europe, LGBT-rights organization, Europe and Central Asia

Yuri Guaiana | Board Member, LGBTI Liberals of Europe, Italy

Henk Nijmeijer | Member of regional parliament of Drenthe and spokesperson Rainbow Province Initiative, GreenLeft Party, The Netherlands

Eduard Odinets | Leader of Rainbow Rose and member of Kohtla-Järve City Council, Estonia.

Moderated by **Mats Nordström** | President, HBT-liberaler Sweden and vice president of LGBTI-liberals of Europe

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ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.