

Fear of the Future – Launch Event

Radisson RED Brussels, Rue d'Idalie 35, 1050 Brussels
28th January 2020, 8.30-10.15

ABOUT THE EVENT

People walking in unbearably hot climates, in search of the last few jobs that have not yet been taken by robots owned by the super-rich... This is the image of the future you get from listening to current discussions and the media.

It seems that the future has never had such a bad reputation as it does right now. Little seems to be left of the excitement and trust we used to hold for the future: where our grandparents saw flying cars, we now see doomsday scenarios—even in the present age of unprecedented wealth, progress and technology. This contradiction is why we have put together this publication.

With this publication we want to remind people about how much better the world has become over the past few decades. It is often said that we should learn from our mistakes. This may be true, but it is at least as important to learn from the progress that has already been made. This publication uses a discussion of current problems as its starting point and offers solutions that could contribute to a better future—as well as give us fewer reasons to be worried about it.

You are more than welcome to the launch event.

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SCHEDULE

28.01.2019

08:30 Breakfast Open

9:00 Welcome Speech
Airis Meier, Board member of the European Liberal Forum.

9:05 Introduction to the “Fear of the Future” publication
Elias Rosell, Editor of “Fear of the Future”.

9:10 Panel debate

Example of questions that will be discussed: Why are people so pessimistic despite all the progress we have seen? What are the liberal solutions on climate change and is inequality something to be worried about?

Fredrick Federley, Member of the European Parliament.

Dominik Kirchdorfer, founder of the European Future Forum (EFF) and one of the authors of the publication.

Dragoş Pîslaru, Member of the European Parliament.

Mathias Sundin, co-founder and executive chairman of the Warp Institute Foundation and one of the authors of the publication.

Moderator: Lauren Mason, project officer at European Liberal Forum

10:15 END OF THE EVENT

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