

## THE FUTURE FIGHTS BACK

For too long have populists and pessimists spurned liberal democracy with their ideas and public discourse. The European Liberal Forum (ELF) believes that it is high time for liberal and optimistic ideas to fight back. We've gathered some of the best minds to go beyond the policy details and show us why progress and innovation mean the future is at our fingertips.

This philosophy café will take us on our tour through how to be forward-looking and optimistic in our politics, why the world is getting better than we think, how to move from nostalgia towards embracing innovation, and what this all means for the future of liberalism.

Our distinguished speakers are visionaries who will describe in their own words what a free and fair future should look like.

**05 MARCH 2021 | 16H00 – 17H30 (CET)**

**BRUSSELS (HYBRID EVENT)**

**15h55** Participants connect to the digital platform

**16h00** Welcome by

**Hilde Vautmans** | Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group & President of the Board of Directors, European Liberal Forum

**16h05** Talk with

**Steven Pinker** | PhD, Johnstone Professor of Psychology, Harvard University

**Yascha Mounk** | PhD, Associate Professor of the Practice of International Affairs, Johns Hopkins University

**Karen Horn** | PhD, Professor of the History of Economic Thought and Journalism, University of Erfurt

Moderated by **Jennifer Baker** | EU Policy and Tech Reporter

**17h25** Closing by

**Daniel Kaddik** | Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

**17h30** End of event

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