

# Can the EU still be saved? The implications of a multi-speed Europe

## Presentation of the EuroMemorandum 2018

### Context and Motivation

Nearly ten years into the crisis, after the EU opted for austerity and deregulation, the member states are still looking for the way out. The repercussions include the rise of ultra-right wing political forces across Europe which feeds into the anti-European popular sentiment they cultivate. Exiting the EU has been gaining ground and will soon be the case for Britain. This represents a turning point in the history of the EU, against an 'ever closer union'.

Can the EU still be saved? This is a difficult question indeed. The White Paper on the Future of Europe produced by the European Commission details five scenarios. However, these tend to overlook inherent tensions in Europe, e.g. heightened insecurity relating to labour markets, the role of finance in the post-crisis era, and the rise of a subaltern class across Europe. The EuroMemorandum 2018 critically analyses recent developments in Europe and emphasises the strong need for alternative policies. The economic system imposed in the aftermath of the crisis must be changed through a shared European process. The future of European integration will depend on the deepening of democracy in the interests of stability, solidarity and social justice.

The EuroMemorandum 2018 critically analyses recent economic developments in Europe and emphasises the strong need for an alternative economic policy that is based on the principles of democratic participation, social justice and environmental sustainability.

### Download of EuroMemorandum 2018

[http://www2.euromemorandum.eu/uploads/euromemorandum\\_2018.pdf](http://www2.euromemorandum.eu/uploads/euromemorandum_2018.pdf)

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March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 18.00-20.00

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## Speakers:

### Marica Frangakis

is a member of the Steering Committee of the EuroMemo Group, a founding member of ATTAC Hellas and a board member of the Nicos Poulantzas Institute in Athens, Greece.

### Peter Herrmann

is a member of the Steering Committee of the EuroMemo Group and research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy in Munich, Germany.

### Heikki Pattomäki

is professor of world politics at the Department of Political and Economic Studies at the University of Helsinki in Finland.

### Werner Raza

is a member of the Steering Committee of the EuroMemo Group and director of ÖFSE – Austrian Foundation for Development Research in Vienna.

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Convenors:



## Programme

18.00

### Welcome Address

18.10

### Presentation of the EuroMemorandum 2018

Werner Raza, EuroMemo Group

18.20

### Input: Four Scenarios for the Future of the EU

Heikki Pattomäki, University of Helsinki, Finland

### Roundtable Discussion with:

- Marica Frangakis, EuroMemo Group and Nicos Poulantzas Institute, Athens
- Peter Herrmann, EuroMemo Group and Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich
- Heikki Pattomäki, University of Helsinki

*Moderation: Nikolai Soukup, BEIGEWUM*

19.15

### General Discussion

20.00

### Wine Reception

*Conference language: English*