

Paradoxes of Liberalism and the Conundrum of Solidarity

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Migration, Ethnicity and Society, Linköping University
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Liberal democracies today harbour a set of contradictory aspirations. Ideas about multiculturalism and tolerance are pushed back in favor of nationalistic ideas about liberal core values, security and a tougher immigration policy, across Europe. A driving force is a political alliance between a neoliberal agenda for de-regulation and growth, and neo-conservative tendencies towards morality, family values and national traditions. In light of an erosion of civil, political, social and cultural rights of citizens, these trends raise questions about the conditions for social and political solidarity.

Programme:

9.00–9.30 Welcome and Coffe

9.30–10.30 *Solidarity and Difference: New Identities in Contemporary Societies*

Ellie Vasta, Associate Professor of Social Inclusion, Macquarie University, Sydney.

Discussant: Diana Mulinari, Professor in Gender Studies, Lunds University.

10.30–11.30 *The Ideology of Universalism and the Dangerous Classes*

Stefan Jonsson, Professor, REMESO, Linköping University.

Discussant: Martin Peterson, Professor Emeritus, Gothenburg.

12.00–13.30 Lunch break

13.30 –14.30 *Solidarity and Ethno-Nationalism in Post-Communism: the Case of Serbia*

Dusan Janjic, Associate Professor, The Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade.

Discussant: Branka Likic-Brboric, Lecturer, REMESO and Fellow, Uppsala University

14.30–15.00 Coffe

15.00–16.00 *Solidarity and Ethno-Nationalism in Post-Communism:
the Case of the Baltic States*

Charles Woolfson, Professor, REMESO, Linköping University.

Discussant: Tünde Puskás, PhD, Researcher at REMESO, Linköping University.

Venue: Room B 43 in Bomullsspinneriet, Campus Norrköping

There is no cost, but we would appreciate your registration before September 20. Contact Erik Berggren, REMESO Communications Manager, erik.berggren@liu.se

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