Applications are now OPEN

We are looking for the brightest minds to join us this coming February in tackling the most pressing of political phenomenons: 21st century populism. Our Launch Conference will be held at the London School of Economics and Political Science on February 15th+16th, and we would welcome applications from the students of your institution.

February Conference: Tackling Populism
On the 15th and 16th of February 2017, the Initiative will be back in the LSE for our second large-scale conference. Given the instrumental role that populism played in defining the political landscape of 2016, the Initiative believes it to be of paramount importance that we confront the root causes by developing practical and innovative solutions. The aim of the Conference is to draft eight policy proposals that address populism through four key issue areas: European Identity & Culture, Politics and Institutions, Economic Affairs, and Global Affairs.
These proposals will be formulated through debates and discussions between 89ers, dozens of experts, leaders, and high-profile thinker. We want your students to join us in making the voice of our generation heard in the highest levels of European decision making.

Following the Conference, Webinars will be held to further develop the ideas and ultimately turn them into concrete policy proposals. Finally, these will be presented to high-ranking EU officials, the media, and the wider public in a Presentation Event in autumn 2017 (details to be announced at a later date).

Applications for the February conference are open 7th December to 8th January. As such, we are expecting particularly high levels of interest for this event, so we would advise to apply sooner rather than later using the link below.

Download the Conference Booklet

Apply for the Conference

The 1989 Generation Initiative

The 1989 Generation Initiative is an open policy network seeking to reinvigorate the European Project with the production of new policy proposals and innovative projects, arising out of universal public debate centred around Europe’s younger citizens, those born in or around the year 1989. Our method of policy making is innovative in that it takes into account the views not merely
of experts or researchers, but also the ideas of young citizens across various disciplines. Moreover, we go beyond the work of an ordinary think tank with the development of projects and enterprises that aim to have a practical impact on European affairs. Through these creative processes, we seek to mobilise, empower and inspire citizens from across the continent to contribute to the reform of the European Union.

We kicked off in 2015 with our inaugural conference, which hosted high-profile speakers such as Fmr. French President Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, Fmr. Labour Leader Neil Kinnock, and Fabrizio Saccomanni. In April 2016, we successfully presented our first round of proposals to Members of the Parliament in Brussels. Find the Initiative’s mission in our Declaration here.

We would very much appreciate it if you forwarded this email to your students and relevant university organisations. If you have any questions about the conference or the Initiative, please don’t hesitate to get in touch, either on Facebook or via email.

Kind regards,

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