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Title: **“Dealing with the new challenges of contemporary right-wing antisemitism.”**

Panel: Political Studies

Abstract: While the field of studies of antisemitism has been focused mainly on the activities of Islamist and far-left movements, the far-right is again calling for our attention. The seriousness of the situation became apparent during the events in Ukraine in 2014 that have revealed the somewhat surprising affinity of the European far-right parties and movements to the Vladimir Putin’s establishment in Russia. Since then, we are witnessing trends that, if left unhindered, could transform the domestic far-right networks into a threat comparable with the jihadist networks (private armies, foreign funding of extremism, returning fighters from conflict zones etc.). My paper will have to raise some uncomfortable questions regarding the possibilities and limits of combating the far-right antisemitism in the age of “fake-news”, in which even the highest-ranking political leaders, including the representatives of military super-powers, fall for conspiracist way of thinking.