

VORTRAGSREIHE „POLITIK IN EUROPA“

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Shades of EU scepticism 2024

Eurosceptic parties have been an obvious challenge for the European Union during the last decade. In recent campaigns for the European Parliamentary elections, especially issues like the loss of national sovereignty, a perceived democratic deficit, economic concerns but also questions of immigration and border control have been exploited by Eurosceptic parties. They give a voice or even fuel citizens' growing hostility and ambivalence towards these aspects of the European project – at the same time challenging established pro-EU parties to take a stance on European matters. The interesting question of course is, how pro-European parties react to this challenge. In my talk, I summarize how Eurosceptic and pro-European parties have strategically communicated their respective positions during the last EP election campaigns and compare these findings to materials from the current campaign.



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