



PRESS RELEASE

“The EU is failing. What should we do?” : A discussion with Yanis Varoufakis and Ece Temelkuran about the future of Europe, with moderation by Özge İnan

Saturday, October 7th

18h - Guest reception

19h - Beginning of the discussion

Theater im Delphi

Gustav-Adolf-Straße 2, 13086 Berlin

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Prominent political figures and thought leaders Yanis Varoufakis and Ece Temelkuran will gather in Berlin on October 7th (18h, at Theater im Delphi) for a compelling and insightful conversation on the pressing topic, "The EU is failing. What should we do?", moderated by Özge İnan. This event promises a dynamic exchange of ideas and perspectives on the current state of the European Union and potential paths forward.

The European Union faces a multitude of challenges: economic disparities and a skyrocketing cost-of-living, political divisions, the threat of war. In this engaging conversation, Yanis Varoufakis, former Greek Finance Minister and co-founder of DiEM25, Ece Temelkuran, award-winning Turkish journalist and author, and Özge İnan, a young and acclaimed journalist who recently published the novel *Naturally, we cannot live here* (*Natürlich kann man hier nicht leben*, Ed. Piper), will explore the critical issues confronting the EU and share their unique insights into possible solutions.

Quote from Yanis Varoufakis:

“Europeans are caught up in a horrible conundrum. On the one hand, the radical, toxic centrists running the EU are impoverishing Europe economically, morally, and environmentally. On the other hand, right-wing populist, xenophobic nationalists advocate for the EU's dismantling and invoke the majority's loathing of the establishment to build up their own neo-fascist power base. Ultimately, they press this into the service of the establishment. Meanwhile, the majority suffer from diminished lives, prospects, and conditions. Additionally, people and the environment are exploited ruthlessly. How should progressive, internationalist Europeans respond? How can we oppose, at once, the two clashing authoritarianisms? Join us to work out a collective response.”

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Julijana Zita (MERA25 Germany Spokesperson), Johannes Fehr (Board member and Coordinator of MERA25 Germany) and Yanis Varoufakis are available for interviews before the event.

To schedule an interview and reserve your place at the event, please reply to this email by October 1st till 5pm CET with the following information:

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Note to Editors

Bios

Yanis Varoufakis is a Greek economist, author and politician. He served as the Greek Minister of Finance from January to July 2015, where he led negotiations with Greece's creditors. He tendered his resignation when he found out that the government intended to sign the EU memorandum, despite a countrywide referendum in which the Greeks voted overwhelmingly against it. In 2016 he co-founded DiEM25 and is the Secretary General of MeRA25, DiEM25's political party in Greece. Yanis Varoufakis just released the book "Technofeudalism, What Killed Capitalism" (Ed. Penguin Books, interviews available at The Guardian and The Times UK).

Ece Temelkuran is a Turkish journalist and author. She was a columnist for *Milliyet* (2000–2009) and *Habertürk* (2009 – January 2012), and a presenter on Habertürk TV (2010–2011). She was twice named Turkey's "most read political columnist. Her columns have also been published in international media such as *The Guardian* and *Le Monde Diplomatique*.



Özge İnan studied law in Berlin. Meanwhile, she began writing a column for the sea rescue organisation Mission Lifeline. After her first state law examination, she worked for ZDF Magazin Royale and the investigative department of the Süddeutsche Zeitung. Her main topics are legal policy, distribution issues, gender, justice and Turkey. Her debut novel, *Natürlich kann man hier nicht leben*, was published by Piper in July 2023.

Julijana Zita joined DiEM25 in 2018 as a grassroots member before being elected into the board of DiEM25's first party in Germany and supported the party by organising events during the 2019 European elections. She is now part of DiEM25's Coordinating Collective since 2020 and the spokesperson for MERA25 Germany since 2021.

Johannes Fehr studied renewable energies and in the beginning of the century he was involved with the anti-nuclear movements in Germany.. He joined DiEM25 in 2016 and now works as the Organising Director of DiEM25 at the European level. He is an elected member of DiEM25's Coordinating Collective and board member of DiEM25's political party in Germany, MERA25.

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DiEM25 is a pan-European movement of democrats, united under the conviction that the EU will only survive if it is radically transformed. The environmental, economic and coronavirus crisis have shown that real solutions for the majority and not the minority can only come about if we join forces across borders. This is the mission of DiEM25: through a coordinated effort, across Europe, to unite citizens and create enough energy to save the EU from itself.