

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Policy Solutions would kindly invite you to our joint conference entitled “Struggle between the left-wing and the far-right over undecided voters in Hungary”. The event will overview three main topics: How should the media handle the question of radicalism and extremism? How did we get to the recent situation, in which many leftist voters became supporters of the radical right Jobbik party? How can social democratic parties win over radicals in key constituencies?

Political analysts, journalists and politicians from Hungary are invited as panelists of our conference.

Date: 24th November 2011 (Thursday), 11:00-15:00

Venue: Aranytíz Kultúrház (1051 Budapest, Arany János utca 10.)

Programme:

11:00 – 11:10: Opening remarks : Heinz Albert Huthmacher, Director, FES Budapest Office

11:10 – 12:15: How should the media handle extremism and radicalism?

Speakers:

Tamás Boros (Policy Solutions)

Gyula Hegyi (journalist, ex-member of the European Parliament)

Adam LeBor (The Economist)

Szilárd Németh (ATV)

12:15 – 13:15: Socialist voters turned into Jobbik supporters. How did we get here?

Speakers:

András Bíró Nagy (Policy Solutions)

Péter Krekó (Political Capital)

Tibor Závecz (Ipsos)

13:15 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 15:00: Struggle between the left-wing and the far-right for undecided voters

Speakers:

Attila Mesterházy (Hungarian Socialist Party - MSZP)

András Schiffer (Politics Can Be Different - LMP)

Hungarian intellectuals, diplomats accredited to Budapest and prominent representatives of the press are invited to the audience.

We would be honoured if you would accept our invitation.

We would kindly ask you to RSVP until the 22th November 2011, by sending an e-mail to the following address: info@policysolutions.hu

Yours sincerely,

Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Policy Solutions