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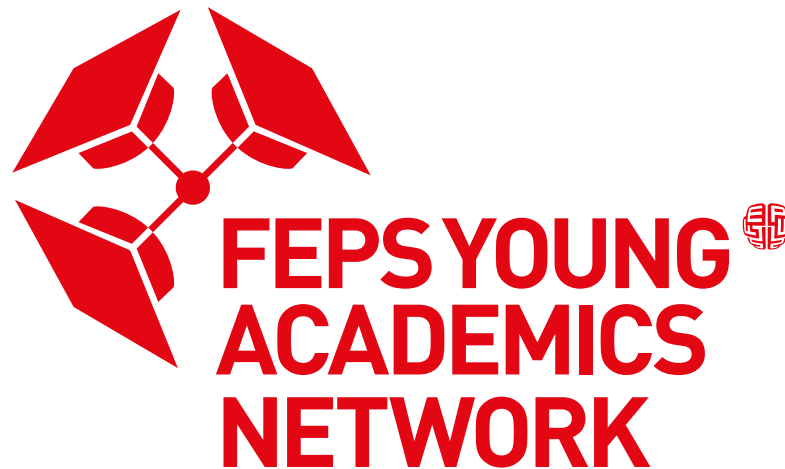
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The FEPS Young Academics Network

was established in March 2010 with an aim to gather promising progressive PhD candidates and young PhD researchers ready to use their academic experience in a debate about the Next, Progressive Europe. Realised with the support of Renner Institut in the framework of the FEPS "Next Left" Research Programme, the project has gathered throughout the years more than 300 members – many of whom are today Professors of Renown Universities, Prominent Experts in their respective fields and Front Bench Politicians. Their exchanges and interdisciplinary research at the time of their involvement have resulted in a number of stimulating studies, providing a relevant contribution to the European progressive movement.



QUOTES

FEPS YAN helps me to transform philosophical ideas into applicable theories and policy proposals. I have met amazing people that gave me support to enhance my skills as an academic, and I also grew as a person because of the diversity in our group.

I have enjoyed quite a lot the opportunity to learn from some of the best. At each seminar I learnt new things for my Ph.D., for my FEPS YAN project, for my local political engagement, and for life in general.

FEPS YAN is a remarkable opportunity for me to apply my academic skills into progressive politics. It also gave me a lot of fun to spend a great and productive time with my FEPS mates during the dark times of pandemic.

FEPS YAN has been an incredible opportunity for me, both professionally and personally. Not only has it provided me with valuable knowledge, new friendships and outstanding network opportunities – it also gave me an entirely new connection to the field of political science. By allowing me to apply my research on Social Europe to concrete policy development, FEPS YAN enabled me to bridge theory and practice in a meaningful way and gave me a platform to contribute to the ideal of a better Europe.



FEPS is the European progressive political foundation

The Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) is the think tank of the progressive political family at EU level. Our mission is to develop innovative research, policy advice, training and debates to inspire and inform progressive politics and policies across Europe. We operate as hub for thinking to facilitate the emergence of progressive answers to the challenges that Europe faces today.

FEPS works in close partnership with its members and partners, forging connections and boosting coherence among stakeholders from the world of politics, academia and civil society at local, regional, national, European and global levels.

Today FEPS benefits from a solid network of 68 member organisations. Among these, 43 are full members, 20 have observer status and 5 are ex-officio members. In addition to this network of organisations that are active in the promotion of progressive values, FEPS also has an extensive network of partners, including renowned universities, scholars, policymakers and activists.

Our ambition is to undertake intellectual reflection for the benefit of the progressive movement, and to promote the founding principles of the EU – freedom, equality, solidarity, democracy, respect of human rights, fundamental freedoms and human dignity, and respect of the rule of law.



Karl Renner Institut

The Karl Renner Institute is the political academy of the Austrian Social Democratic movement. It is a forum for political discourse, a centre for education and training, and a think tank on the future of social democracy.

In this capacity, it aims at

- establishing a discourse between experts from various fields and the Austrian Social Democratic Party in order to develop and realize new political positions;
- generating a forum for political discussion and thus helping to introduce social democratic positions into the public discussion;
- training representatives of the Austrian Social Democratic Party so that they are optimally prepared for their present and future tasks;
- fostering the organizational development of the Austrian Social Democratic Party in order to open up and modernize party structures.

To this end, the Karl Renner Institute and its nine regional offices (one in each of Austria's federal provinces) organise a broad range of activities: Publications, debate evenings, seminars and lectures, appealing at a politically interested public; special conventions and seminars, targeted at experts, teachers and educators; workshops and consultations for officers, parliamentary representatives and employees of the Austrian Social Democratic Party.



PAPERS

EU Green Deal

Taking the temperature of the EU Green Deal

Progressive Framework for Remote Working

"A Progressive Framework for Remote Working: Fairness, Sustainability and Digital Inclusion"

European Basic Income

The European Basic Income

European Investment Bank

How to unlock the European Investment Bank's potential: four reforms

Social Europe

Three ideas for a stronger Social Europe in a post-COVID-19 recovery

Trade Unions

Trade Unions and the multiple crisis of environment, society, economy and work

Future of Europe *(to be published soon in this link)*

Citizens' Europe. An institutional turn for an ever democratic Union?

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He is also passionate about issues related to the nature of money, to auto-organisation problems, and to the complexity of social material relations. Aside from his interest in abstract issues, he is also deeply interested in the political dynamics that frame the world he lives in and want to participate in it. His activism has been so far concentrated in university movements and in other national causes against the neoliberal agenda or against other forms of domination.

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