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Dear organizers,

Please find below my abstract for the conference in Rovigo as well as bio. As discussed with Natalia Mamonova I can inform you at the beginning of February if I will be able to attend the conference. Thank you for preliminarily including me on the participation list.

Abstract

Populism has been sweeping the world and the European continent. In this context, it is yet again efortless for right-wing populism to be equalled with the populism of agrarian movements. Based on historical accounts of agrarianism in Romania this article underlines the pitfalls that the agrarian movement of La Via Campesina (food sovereignty movement) in Romania needs to consider so as to not reinforce right-wing populism. In this article I argue that three main considerations can serve as a starting point. The agrarian movement needs to account for not objectifying the peasants, not feeding the nationalist narratives and needs to turn the tone of nostalgia and its associated resistance into concrete steps and measures for increasing the welfare in rural areas by the means of food sovereignty and agroecology.

Bio

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