



Speaking with Forked Tongues

The Rhetoric of Right-Wing Extremism Today

A one-day international symposium on the language of far-right movements



Friday, 26 June 2009, Park Campus, University of Northampton



Keynote speakers: Professor Roger Griffin, Professor Janet Wilson, Mr. Michael Ellis

From Holocaust “revisionism” in places like Central Europe to “white nationalist” parties in Britain and France to veiled anti-Semitic conspiricism by the American ideologue, Lyndon LaRouche, the recourse to language as a political veil, rather than a transparent means of communication, has been a key feature of radical right-wing movements since 1945. This daylong event promises to uncover salient techniques and relevant practices employed in far-right rhetoric, for the benefit of contemporary researchers, policy-makers and the wider public.

Registration and lunch £25 (£10 unwaged)

For further information, or to register, please contact the organisers:

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Introduction, 9.30-9.50am:

Welcome and Overview: Dr Paul Jackson

Opening Remarks: Mr. Michael Ellis (Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Northampton North)

Panel 1, 9.50-11.00am:

The Language of Contemporary Right-Wing Extremism

Prof. Roger Griffin: “*Lingua Quarta Imperii*: The euphemistic tradition of the extreme right”

Prof. Janet Wilson: “Far-right rhetoric in the popular press”

Panel 2, 11.30am-1.00pm:

The Rhetoric of Party Political Extremism in Europe: BNP, NPd and FN

Dr Peter Davies: “From Aids to Eugenics: The Moralising Language of Jean-Marie Le Pen’s Front National”

Dr Paul Jackson: “Avoiding ‘Pavlovian PC Reactions’: The BNP and Nick Griffin’s Finessing of the British Far-Right”

Dr Matthew Feldman: ‘Because it’s not racist ... it’s common sense!’ An analysis of the far-right’s performance in the European elections’

Lunch, 1.00-2.00pm: Sunley Management Centre

Panel 3, 2.00-3.00pm:

The LaRouche Organisation

Mr Dennis King: “Shame-faced Fascism: The Ideology of Lyndon LaRouche”

Mr Chip Berlet: “Coded antisemitism and the Jeremiah Duggan Case”

Panel 4, 3.00-3.45pm:

Forum Discussion on the LaRouche Organisation

Chaired by Mr. Yves Messer, with victims’ families and ex-members

Round Table Discussion, 4.30-6.00pm

Chaired by Dr Matthew Feldman

