



Neo-Fascism in Europe: 70 years later
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Dear Professor Kitsikis,

In last few years in a range of European countries we have been witnessing a rise of radical neo-fascist groups that propagate superiority of some parts of human society over the others resorting to violence and committing acts of crime. These groups are increasingly being involved in struggle for power, legitimized within the broader political process that until recently was completely unimaginable, and in some places have already come to power.

Partly one can explain this by aggravation of economic and socio-political situation, which is almost always accompanied by radicalization of society. However the greatest concern is caused by the fact that these movements consist predominantly of young people, and often are gaining force in countries that participated in World War II and were among the most affected by fascism. People who survived the horrors of that war are still alive. This indicates a weakening of historical memory and, in a way, the crisis of social reproduction, which in turn threatens sustainable development of society in the future.

Under these alarming circumstances Russian NGO “Center of National Glory” and European Jewish Congress jointly with the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Andrew the First-Called Foundations and the Youth Time International Movement felt obliged to organize an international conference aimed at devising ways to prevent the revival of Nazism and fascism in any manifestations.

The Conference is scheduled for March 29-30, 2014 and will take place in St. Petersburg (Leningrad), Russia.

We would like to invite you to take part in the conference and to share your opinion on the issue. The Conference Initiative Group will cover your travel and accommodation costs in St. Petersburg.

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of The Conference Initiative Group

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vladimir Yakunin', written in a cursive style.

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