

ANTI-DEMOCRATIC THOUGHT IN DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC?

Reflections on Curtis Yarvin and Beyond

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This year, the St. Gallen Symposium hosts Curtis Yarvin, an anti-democratic U.S. political blogger generally classified as extreme far right. Yarvin's speaking tour in Europe has generated considerable controversy, with media outlets such as Die Zeit and The Guardian wondering whether platforming is the same as legitimizing. The event will take the format of teach-in, intended to be interactive and collaborative. This event is not intended to moralize, and it will include contrasting viewpoints to encourage an open debate about what it means for universities and other public spaces to platform thinkers whose beliefs run counter to the values of liberal democracy. Each speaker will offer a short input of 5 minutes or so, after which there will be room for discussion and questions.

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