



OHIO AND SAXONY

POSTINDUSTRIALISM AND RIGHT-WING POPULISM

A Talk and Q & A with

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Who is responsible for the rise of right-wing populism in the transatlantic sphere? This question has sparked a contested debate which often revolves around the role of social groups like manufacturing workers. Their socio-economic status has changed substantially due to deindustrialization and globalization. Both in the *American Industrial Heartland* and parts of East Germany's former *Arbeiter- und Bauernstaat*, these workers share similar stories of frustration, anxiety, and identity issues as interviewed union representatives in Ohio and Saxony point out. Their perspectives help to develop a more nuanced understanding of the connection between postindustrialism and right-wing populist successes.

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The event is free and open to the public.