



# POLITICAL PARTIES in the 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

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Trends and Impasses  
for representative  
democracies

A discussion about the book  
*Political Parties:  
A Transdisciplinary Approach*

## Political Parties in the 21st Century: Trends and Impasses for representative democracies

### A discussion of the book “Political Parties: A Transdisciplinary Approach”

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The aim of interpreting the emergence, the functions and the future of political parties is at the heart of concerns about the functioning of democratic regimes. In Germany in 2015, the compendium “Political Parties: A Transdisciplinary Approach” was published by Nomos Verlag. The KAS Brazil translated the book into Portuguese language, providing the Brazilian academic public the access to the interpretations of party organizations made by German researchers.

The book is signed by renowned professors and researchers on the subject: Dr. Thomas Poguntke, Dr. Heike Merten and Dr. Julian Krüper. The themes addressed in the book include the legal regulation of parties, their transformations and their future. The texts are the result of reflections made by researchers in areas such as Political Science, Sociology, History and Law.

All over the world, concerns about parties have back to the scene since the rise of populist leaders who threaten party organizations and the survival of democratic regimes. The German party tradition studies relies on classic texts, from the seminal work of Robert Michels, to recent publications by researchers on the far right and green parties. Thereby, the direct translation from German to Portuguese is an important effort for reflection and dialogue on the subject for researchers and for those who are interested in the subject.

Celebrating the publication of the book in Portuguese and the greater access provided by the translation of the work, the event “Political Parties in the 21st Century: Trends and Impasses for representative democracies” will feature a lecture by Dr. Thomas Poguntke.

**Address:** Legislative Assembly of Rio Grande do Sul – *Plenarinho* 3rd floor | *Marechal Deodoro Square, 101* – *Historic Center, Porto Alegre*

# Program

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October 21<sup>th</sup>

14:00 - 14:30

## Opening

### Ariane Costa

Project Coordinator- KAS BRAZIL

### Silvana Krause

Professor and researcher- Postgraduate Program in Political Science at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)

### Claudia Lima Marques

Head of Center of German and European Studies (PUCRS – UFRGS)

### Gabriel Souza

State representative - Legislative Assembly of Rio Grande do Sul

14:30 - 14:50

## Panel: Political Parties in the 21st Century: Trends and Impasses for representative democracies

How to make the party organizations stronger in modern democracies? How can parties develop their financing, guaranteeing financial autonomy, independent of state resources or lobbies of large companies? How can they improve the political representation in an increasingly apathetic and heterogeneous electorate? How can they respond to the growing new demands of society?

### Thomas Poguntke

Head of Düsseldorf Party Research Institut (PRuF). Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf-Germany

14:50 – 16:00

## Debate

### Silvana Krause - Moderator

Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

### Paulo Peres

Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

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