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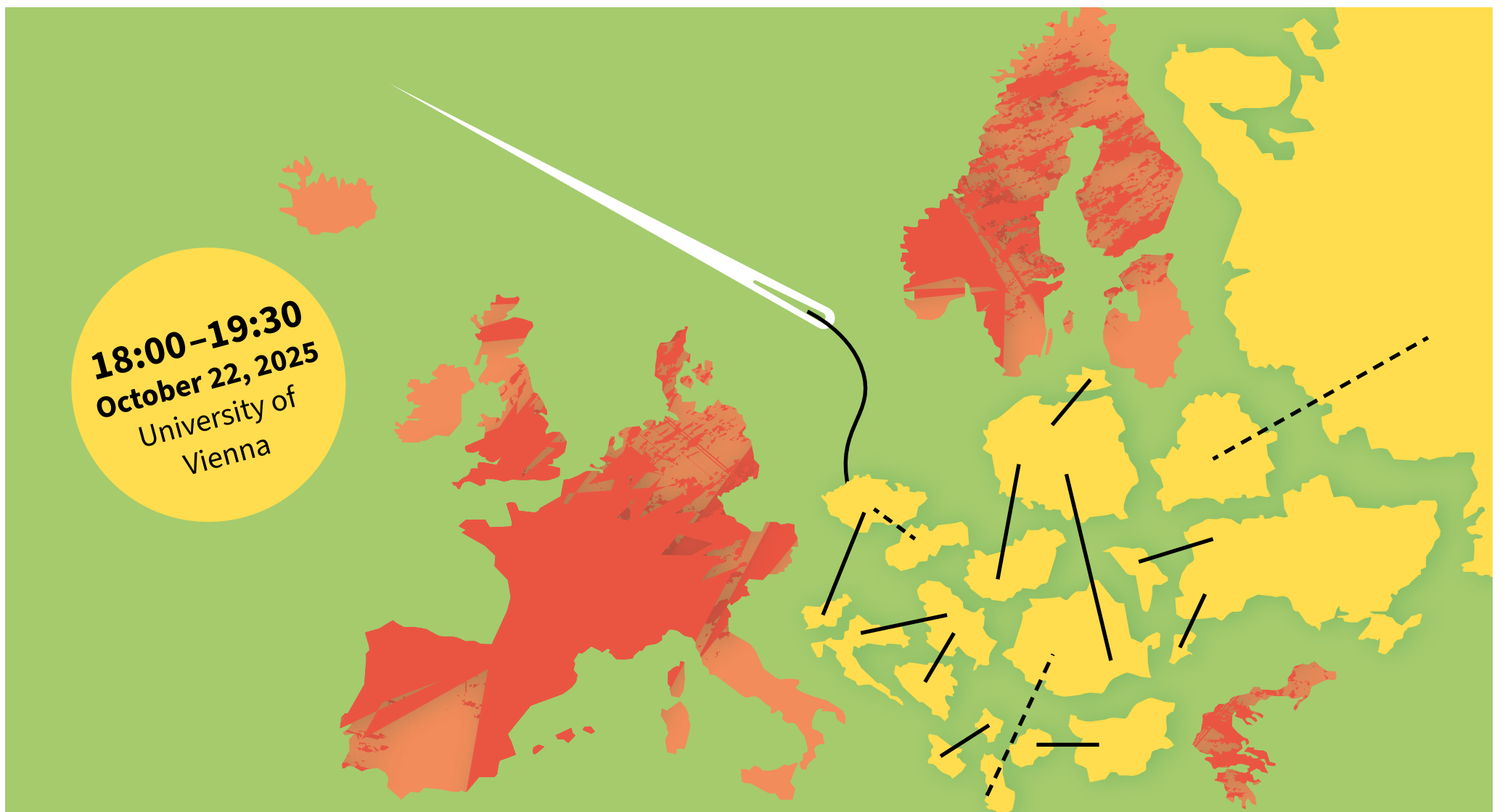
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# Democratic Resilience in the making?

## The Civil Sphere in Central and Eastern Europe



We now live in times marked by democratic erosion, resurgent nationalism and increasing pressure on journalistic and academic freedom. These are dire challenges for the civil sphere in Central and Eastern Europe. How are intellectuals, activists, and institutions navigating this climate of growing authoritarianism and contested claims to truth? This roundtable brings together leading Central and Eastern European scholars to reflect on these fault lines. Join us for an engaging discussion that bridges academic debate and public concern.

### Speakers

- Katharina Renner (Katholische Aktion Österreich)
- Csaba Szalo (Masaryk University)
- Adriana Zaharijević (University of Belgrade)
- Dominik Želinsky (Slovak Academy of Sciences)

### Moderator

Anna Durnová (University of Vienna)

### Location

Aula – Campus, University of Vienna  
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A small reception will follow the discussion.