



## Europe and the Neo-Fascist Threat

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**2** *Xenophobic parties are again holding influential political positions across Europe, threatening minorities and creating scapegoats. Why are new generations of Europeans falling for fascist ideologies, and how is the extreme right recruiting new adherents?*

Stockholm-based journalist **Lisa Bjurwald**, born 1978 has recently published the critically acclaimed reportage book *Europe's Shame*, on the rise of Europe's far right. Lisa Bjurwald's new book, *Keyboard Warriors* (Skrivbordskrigarna), is focused on the burning topic of Internet radicalisation and the far right online. She is a columnist in *Fokus*, Sweden's news weekly, and *Ny Tid*, Norway's international news magazine. Bjurwald, previously op-ed

writer at leading Swedish dailies, has also published an investigative book on women in the extreme right (*Good Day, Sister in Arms*).

In 2010, she was the Swedish winner of the European Parliament Prize for Journalism (press category) and in 2009, a Milena Jesenská Journalism Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna.

During 2006-2011, she was a member of the editorial board at the anti-racist *Expo Magazine*.

Bjurwald served as an expert on the Swedish government-appointed commission on how to combat xenophobia during 2011-12.