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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) I'll introduce an Austrian diplomat, journalist and politician Karin Kneissl. She's best-known for serving as Austria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, blogging for RT, and being in the supervisory board of Russian integrated energy company, Rosneft.

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In her youth Karin was active in Amnesty International and supported environmental efforts and human rights activism worldwide. She studied international relations in Jerusalem and in Amman, subsequently earning her PhD in international law in 1992.

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VIENNA, 29 AUGUST 2018 — [PRESS RELEASE](#)

Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl opens Amnesty International conference with a focus on women's rights: "Protecting women who defend human rights is a priority for Austria!"

On Wednesday 29 August, Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl opened an Amnesty International conference which took place in the Haus der Europäischen Union. At the session entitled "Defending Women Defending Rights", women's rights activists from around the world discussed the prospects and challenges for women who defend human rights, as they very often become the victims of gender-based violence. In her opening speech, Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl stressed that "protecting women who defend human rights is a priority for Austria. It is essential to guarantee the safety of women activists and explore all of the possible options for further advancing their protection." The Executive Director of Amnesty International Austria, Annemarie Schlack, and Marty Huber from the Queer Base organisation also spoke about this urgent topic at the opening of the event.

Alongside the opening, there were also engaging discussions with representatives from civil society, the government and the EU. Together, the participants tried to find ways to create a safe and functional working environment for "Women Human Rights Defenders" (WHRD). Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl drew attention to the serious situation of women's rights activists, who often become the targets of gender-based threats and acts of violence. From verbal attacks to sexual abuse, WHRDs are in more danger than ever before, and modern technology also plays a part. This is primarily because the work of women's rights activists is often perceived as a disruption of traditional women's roles, family structures, concepts of honour, or religious beliefs.

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Between 1990-1998 she worked as a diplomat in the cabinet of ÖVP. She left the diplomatic service after this & got more involved in politics. She's said that she was involved in founding of the Austrian section of Médecins Sans Frontières, but the organization has denied this.

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Kneissl's politics could be described as euroskeptic and throughout the years she's taken a strong anti-immigration stance. At the height of the refugee influx of 2015, Kneissl criticized the immigrants heavily, pointing out that most of them are economic migrants and are...

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Middle East expert with a penchant for controversy becomes Foreign Minister

On FPÖ ticket: Ex-diplomat and Middle East expert Karin Kneissl becomes the new foreign minister. It does not shy away from controversial positions.

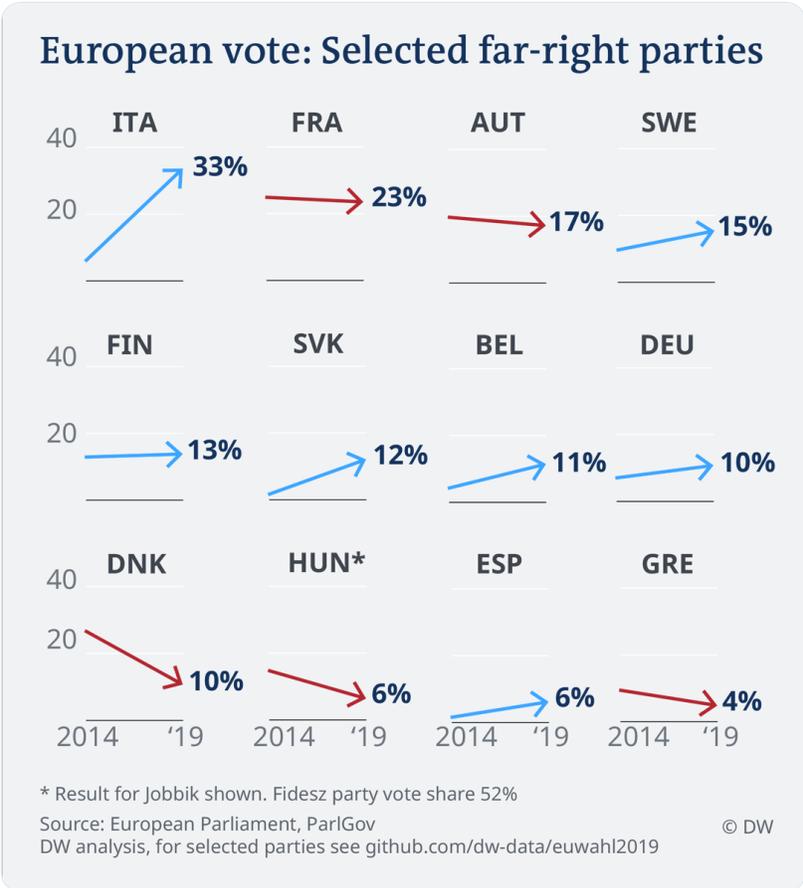


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The image shows a news article snippet from the 'KLEINE ZEITUNG' newspaper. At the top, there are navigation links for 'STYRIA', 'LIFE', and 'SPORT', followed by the newspaper's logo 'KLEINE ZEITUNG' and the location 'GRAZ & S'. Below this, the author's name 'KARIN KNEISSL' is listed. The main headline reads 'Middle East expert with a penchant for controversy becomes Foreign Minister'. A sub-headline provides context: 'On FPÖ ticket: Ex-diplomat and Middle East expert Karin Kneissl becomes the new foreign minister. It does not shy away from controversial positions.' The central part of the snippet features a photograph of Karin Kneissl, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a light-colored jacket and a colorful necklace, speaking into a microphone. In the bottom right corner of the photo, there is a small copyright notice: '© Kiz/(c) Sabine Hoffmann'.

...not being persecuted in their own countries. This type of rhetoric was very common at that time, and it helped many right-wing parties and politicians into the spotlight. The same anti-immigrant bloc started flirting with Putin's Russia, perhaps lured in by their wealth.

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Her anti mass-immigration stance made her very popular among the right-wing populist party FPÖ, to whose events she was often invited. FPÖ even considered making her a presidential candidate, but they finally decided to go with Norbert Hofer instead.

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Later she was nominated by FPÖ for the post of Foreign Minister of Austria in Sebastian Kurz's government. In Aug, 2018, Kneissl got married with entrepreneur Wolfgang Meilinger.

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One of the guests was Russian president Vladimir Putin, and a photo of her submissive gesture of curtsying in front of Putin became a target of major outrage and criticism. She left political office after a vote of no confidence in 2019.

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The next year she started writing occasional op-eds for the Kremlin-controlled RT. Hybrid Warfare Analytical Group has described her as "an advocate for the political agenda of the Kremlin".

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Karin Kneissl: Are sanctions the sharp sword of a strong foreign policy, or a sign of weakness?

Dr. Karin Kneissl is Austria's former minister of foreign affairs. In June 2020, Dr. Kneissl published her book titled 'Diplomacy Makes History – The Art of Dialogue in Uncertain Times' (Olms Verlag, Hildesheim). The central point of the book is 'Diplomacy means commitment to dialogue – no matter the circumstances.'

Over recent months, we have witnessed an escalation of economic sanctions, incendiary remarks by global leaders and mass expulsions of diplomats. The situation has been spiraling out of control.

Now, there seems to be a demand for talks, as suggested by Foreign Minister Heiko Maas. Chancellor Sebastian Kurz of Austria is of the same opinion. But further delays in the construction of Nord Stream 2 could result in a new round of sanctions.

Some see sanctions as a foreign policy tool used to enforce a certain behavior. Others, however, characterize these international

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How Factories Become Museums

The philosophy of "made in Germany" cannot be revived without available raw materials from Russia

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Karin Kneissl, Doctor of Laws

At the beginning of the XX century, the largest and at that time the most modern automobile factory in the world appeared in Turin - Fabbrica Italiana di Automobili Torino, better known by the abbreviation Fiat (which in Latin means "Let it be so"). She set the standards of the entire European automotive industry: engine manufacturing techniques, design, the possibility of a test drive on the factory's own track and ingenious marketing. Now instead of a factory there is a museum and a shopping center with low attendance.

When you see that factories turn into museums, something breaks off inside. Such monuments of the once great industry are found everywhere in Germany. The most painful impression is made by the Museum of Industry in Chemnitz. History buffs here, of course, have a lot to see: a lot of impressive evidence of the development of the local industry and previously used technologies. But still, 100 years ago, Chemnitz was the most important industrial city in Europe, and today instead of a factory there is a provincial museum. Jobs no longer exist, and it's as if this once-dynamic city is under oppression.

She was among that big group of people who dismissed the US intel on Russia's full-scale invasion of Feb, 2022, disregarding it as "war hysteria" that was blown up by the mainstream media. She has referred to male EU leaders as "teenagers" who are "constantly agitated".

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In Mar, 2021, Karin, after she reported about financial problems related to COVID-19, was finally offered her dream job: she was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Russian state gas company Rosneft.

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MOSCOW (UrduPoint News / Sputnik - 03rd March, 2021) The Russian government nominated former Austrian Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl as an independent director to the board of directors of state-controlled oil major Rosneft, according to a decree published on the government's website.

"To nominate candidates for election as representatives of the Russian Federation to the board of directors and the audit commission of the public joint-stock company Oil Company Rosneft (Moscow) according to the appendix," the document says.

The list of candidates from the government of the Russian Federation as an independent director includes Karin Kneissl without specifying her current position.

Now Kneissl was finally with people who shared a similar world view to hers - she joined the company of Swiss banker Hans-Joerg Rudloff, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and businessman Matthias Warnig.

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The latter two were also involved in development and construction of the Nord Stream pipelines along with Finland's ex-PM Paavo Lipponen. Their shared Rosneft-fairy tale lasted only until May, 2022, after which they all resigned from their posts.

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Austrian Ex-Minister Who Danced With Putin Quits Rosneft

By AFP
Updated: May 23, 2022



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Austrian ex-foreign minister Karin Kneissl, who once danced with Russian President Vladimir Putin at her wedding, has quit her board position at Russian oil giant Rosneft, the company said Monday.

Losing this important job with annual salary of around 500 000 USD must've been a big hit, but Kneissl wasn't done with Russia just yet. In Sep, 2022, she was a guest at Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok where she was interviewed by RIA Novosti.

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She informed that she had emigrated to Lebanon because of "death threats",transforming neatly from a politician with strong anti-immigration views into an actual immigrant. In Dec, 2022,she posted a nice scenery photo from Moscow,which for some reason was harshly criticized.15/18



Karin's continued her pro-Russian commentary since, often retweeting great Russian thinkers like [@Trollstoy88](#) and [@WarMonitors](#) (don't mix this Russophile with [@WarMonitor3](#)), in addition with CCP propaganda piece on Sy Hersh.

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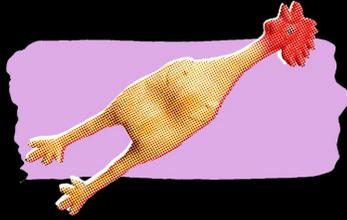
In Mar, 2023, she visited Norwegian Professor Glenn Diesen's YouTube channel, where they discussed about "Death of Diplomacy". Diesen is a fellow RT contributor and a fervent promoter of Russian propaganda. None of the guests had naturally even mentioned diplomacy prior to..17/18



... Sep, 2022, when Putin illegally annexed the four Ukrainian Oblasts (that they didn't even fully control) into Russia.

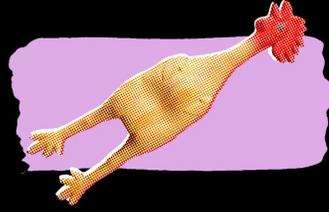
Kneissl has clearly picked her side on this conflict, and her commentary on atrocities in Bucha, Izium and Kherson is non-existent - as is tradition.

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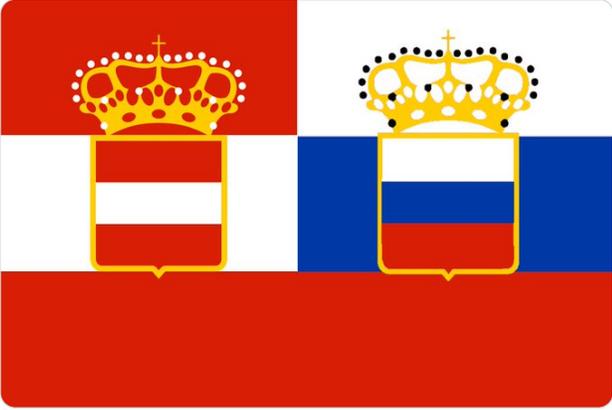
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In today's #vatnik soup I'm going to talk about Austria. Countries like Serbia and Hungary often pop up in conversations about Russia and Putin apologists, but when it comes to Russian espionage and intelligence activities, Austria, along with Belgium, comes on top.

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I forgot to add this interesting tweet from Karin.



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