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NEW
POLITICS
PROJECT



“IF BARDELLA WINS: SCENARIOS FOR A FAR-RIGHT PRESIDENCY IN FRANCE”

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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THE RASSEMBLEMENT NATIONAL

In France:

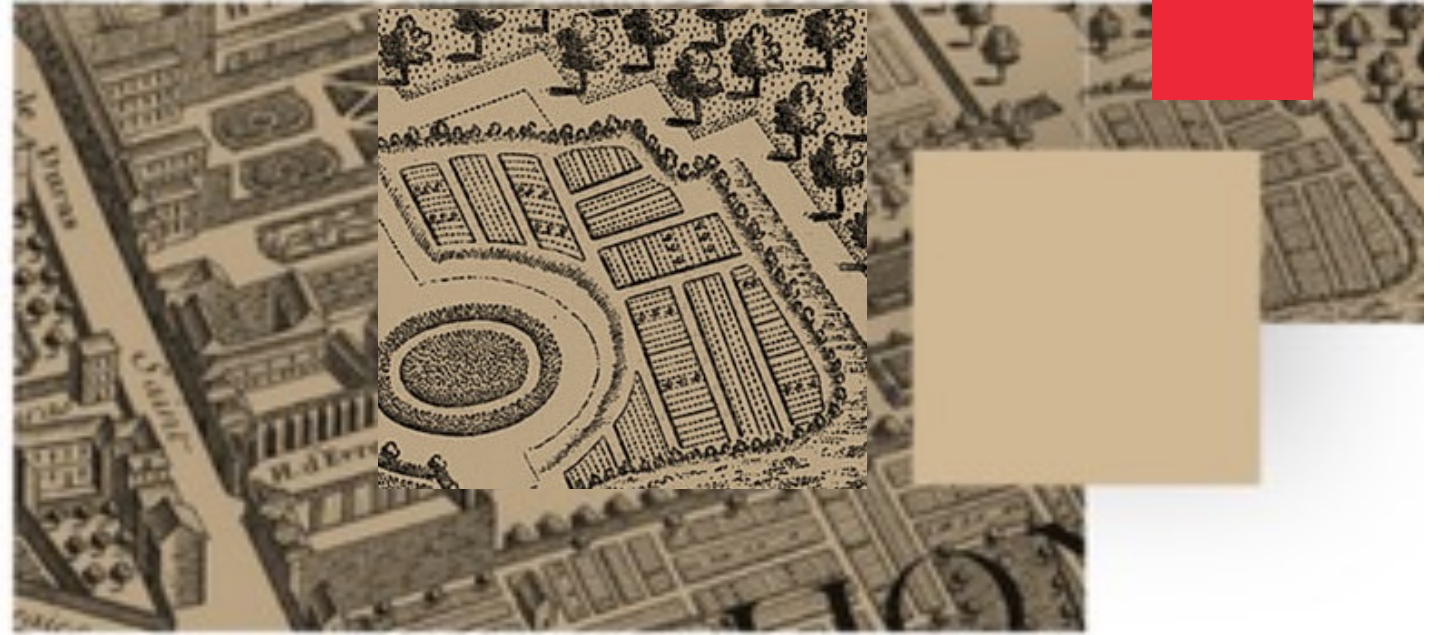
- “National priority”
- French identity
- “De-demonization”
and “republican front”



Outside France:

- National sovereignty
- Inexperience and uncertainty
- Nuances Bardella/Le Pen:
 - Sovereignty vs identity
 - Russia/Ukraine
 - Outsider vs rightist coalition

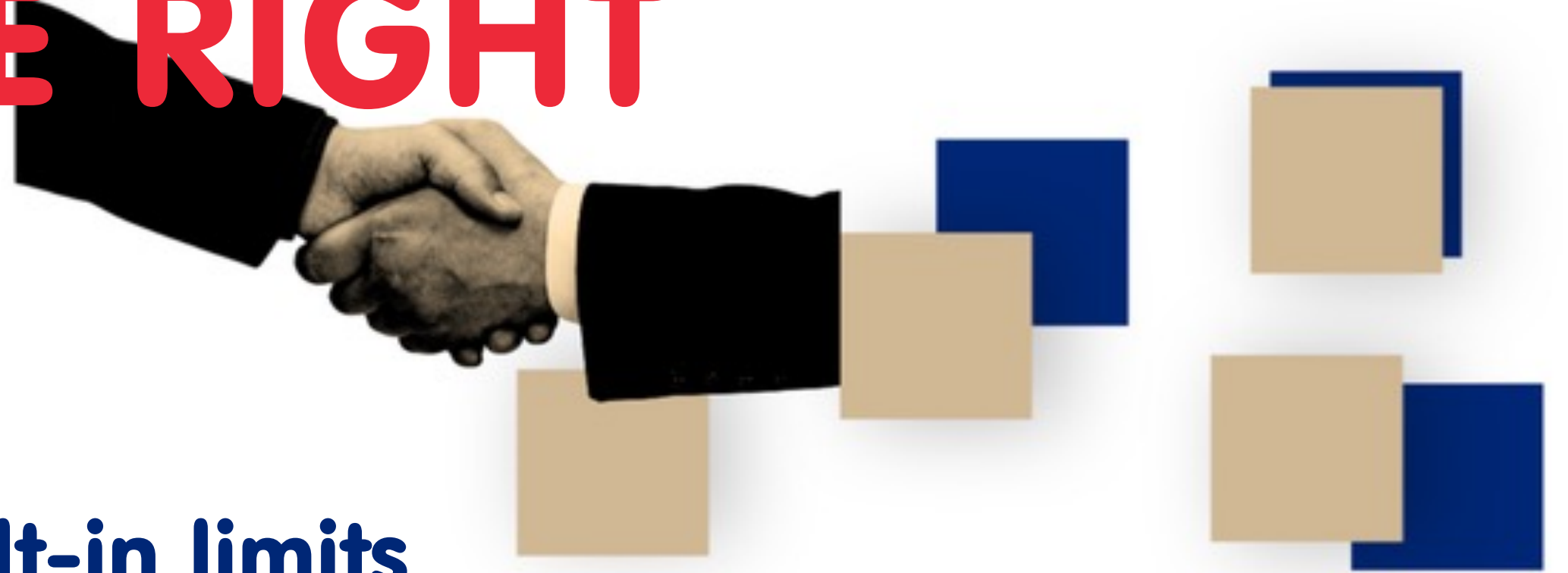
A NEW ERA



RN victory : a systemic shock for Europe

- **France's presidential system amplifies political change**
- **Boost for nationalist movements across Europe**
- **Simultaneous pressure to reassure markets and allies**
- **Tension between disruption and governing responsibility**

UNITING THE RIGHT



A coalition strategy with built-in limits

- **Bardella would likely seek a "union of the right" in France and in Europe**
- **National interests would quickly outweigh ideological alignment**
- **Cooperation amongst nationalist forces in Europe remains uncertain**

GETTING THINGS DONE



Sovereignty becomes the organising principle

- **Reduce the influence of EU institutions**
- **Cut France's contribution to the EU budget**
- **Prioritise national defence and industrial policy**
- **Challenge EU energy, migration and climate frameworks**

A FAMILY AFFAIR



Even if Bardella governed, Le Pen would remain influential

- **Le Pen retains authority inside the RN**
- **Many senior figures remain loyal to her**
- **Risk of dual leadership and internal tensions**
- **Bardella must prove he is not merely Le Pen's successor**



THE PRESSURE OF CRISIS



A crisis would test RN's governing capacity

- **Foreign policy remains underdeveloped**
- **Ambiguous positions on Russia, Ukraine and NATO**
- **Decisions concentrated within a small circle**
- **Risk of hesitation during major international crises**

FRANCE ALONE



Nationalism could lead to strategic isolation

- **Opposition to European integration could lead to growing tensions with Brussels and partners**
- **Even right-wing allies may diverge from France**
- **More nationalist Europe \neq more united Europe**

HOW TO MOVE INTO “BRACE POSITION”

- Abandon all precedents when thinking about an RN-led France
- Be ready for a wider, but not necessarily more unified European right
- Manage expectations when working with an RN-led France
- Deploy all the art of international politics

