The rise of far-right parties is one of the most pressing contemporary challenges facing European democracies. The talk focuses on the rise and apparent fall of one of the most extreme far-right parties in Europe, the Greek Golden Dawn. Using original interview and activities data, it examines the development of dozens of local party organizations. The talk asks why this extreme party managed to grow roots in some local societies but miserably failed in others. It attributes success and failure to the varying responses of democratic actors to the organizational presence of the party.

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