The 100th anniversary of the Hainfeld Manifesto of 1889 offered an appropriate occasion to reflect on the challenges facing Austrian socialists in understanding who they are and where they are going. The two articles by prominent Austrian scholars and socialists in "Forum: The Austrian Socialist Party since 1945" offer reflections with reference to the recent historiography of the Austrian Socialist party and the socialist movement. Anton Pelinka’s article provides a point of departure for discussing the intellectual problems that a younger historian/political scientist faces in reassessing someone like Karl Renner from the perspective of the 1990s. Helmut Konrad’s article discusses efforts of the Austrian Socialist party to locate itself between “classical” Austro-Marxism and a new populism in the 1960s.

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