



Conference “Enabling Democracy” 30.09.-02.10.26



30th September

12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Welcome Greeting & Start of the Conference

Prof. Dr. Laura Münkler (Law), University of Bonn,
The potential of democratic empowerment

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Panel 1: Democratic Capabilities & Enabling Civil Society		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Paul Marx, University of Bonn (Political Science)		
Prof. Dr. Jean-Michel Bonvin (Sociology)	University of Geneva	<i>Enhancing Democratic Capabilities by Social Investments</i>
Prof. Dr. Cara Röhner (Law)	Hochschule RheinMain	<i>Enabling Democracy by law</i>
Ann-Katrin Habbig (Ethics)	University Utrecht	<i>Capabilities for Democracy</i>

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Panel 2: Social Cohesion & Collective Building		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Friedrich Kießling, University of Bonn (History)		
Prof. Dr. Sandrine Baume (Philosophy/ Political Science)	University of Lausanne	<i>Cohesion by Compromise</i>
Dr. Michael Molavi (Law)	Lund University	<i>Collective Building by legal group formation</i>
Dr. Miguel Egler (Philosophy)	Tilburg University	<i>Illusory Intimacy, Authentic Representation: The Dual Nature of Parasocial Politics</i>

6:30 p.m. Keynote

Prof. Dr. Christina Lafont (Philosophy), Northwestern University, Illinois – *Making democracy work*

1st October

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Panel 3: Trust and Commitment		
Chair: Prof. Dr. Matthias Braun, University of Bonn (Ethics)		
Prof. Dr. Rieke Trimcev (Political Science)	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg	<i>Commitment and Democratic Society</i>
Prof. Dr. David Vitale (Law)	University of Warwick	<i>Building Trust by law</i>
Josefina Sommer, Dr. Philipp Mendoza, Prof. Dr. Alexander Wuttke (Political Science/ Sociology/ Psychology)	LMU Munich	<i>The Good Democrat: A new Scale to Measure Democratic Commitment</i>

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Panel 4: Democratic Education and Knowledge Organization		
Chair: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Rosario Figari Layus, University of Bonn (Sociology)		
Dr. Elif Askin (Law)	University of Zurich	<i>Creating democratic information environments</i>
Prof. Dr. Catherine Holst (Philosophy)	University of Oslo	<i>Science in Democracy: Democratizing expertise</i>
Dr. Tobias Albrecht (Political Science)	University of Münster	<i>Democratic Education in an Age of Deep Pluralization and Individualization</i>

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Panel 5: Necessities of Social Inclusion		
Chair: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Hanno Kruse, University of Bonn (Sociology)		
Prof. Dr. Chiara Valentini (Philosophy)	University of Bologna	<i>Deliberation as Mode of Inclusion</i>
Prof. Dr. Marta Żerkowska-	SWPS University Warschau	<i>Engaging young</i>

Balas (Sociology/Political Science)		<i>Citizen to prevent an authoritarian backlash</i>
Ilenia Bruna Marraffa (Law)	Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria (UniRC)	<i>The democratic paradox: self-subjection and strategies of psychic decolonisation</i>
Daniela Langen (Philosophy)	University of Hildesheim/University of Bonn	<i>Enabling a sense of being entitled to participate in democratic decision-making?</i>

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Coffee Break

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Keynote

Prof. Dr. Astrid Séville (*Political Science*), Leuphana University Lüneburg - *Generalisability: An Enabling Condition for Democracy?*

7:30 p.m. Conference Dinner

2nd October

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Keynote

Prof. Dr. Lisa Herzog (Philosophy), University of Groningen - *The democratic marketplace*

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panel 7: Modes and Relevance of Participation		
Chair: Dr. Kristin Albrecht, University of Linz (Law)		
Dr. Marie Isabel Theuwis (Political Science/Psychology)	Free University of Brussels, Center for the Study of Politics (Cevipol)	<i>Innovating Democratic Participation</i>
Dr. Samira Akbarian (Law)	Goethe University Frankfurt	<i>Criticism as a mode of participation</i>
Dr. Elif Can Çalıcı (Law)	Izmir University of Economics	<i>Strategic Litigation as a Mode of Democratic Participation</i>
Dr. Felix Petersen (Political Science)	University of Münster	<i>On the relevance of political experience for a democratic praxis</i>

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Panel 7: Modern Mechanisms of Democracy Protection		
Chair: Dr. Sabrina Zucca-Soest, University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg (Political Science)		
Prof. Dr. Eleonora Bottini (Law)	Science Po University Paris	<i>Enforcing Democracy by law</i>
Dr. Anna Fruhstorfer (Political Science)	Free University of Berlin/WZB (Center for Civil Society Research)	<i>Constitutionalization of Minority Rights</i>
Dr. Wojciech Engelking (Law)	University of Warsaw	<i>Enabling Democracy under Institutional Pluralism: Jurisprudential Methodologies for Public-Private Governance</i>

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Practical Insight Session

Dr. Andreas Oldenbourg und Paulina Fröhlich - *Implementing Democratic Reforms*

5:30 p.m. Keynote

Prof. Dr. Michaela Hailbronner, LL.M. (Yale) (Law), University of Münster - *Constitutional mechanisms for optimizing democracy*

End of Conference