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ELECTIONS – DEMOCRACY – CRISIS

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February 29 – March 1, 2024, Warsaw

DAY 1 (February 29, 2024)

08:30 REGISTRATION

09:00 OPENING

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28 str. Prof. Jan Baszkiewicz Auditorium

09:15 – 10:45 PANEL 1: UNDERSTANDING POPULISM

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28 str. Prof. Jan Baszkiewicz Auditorium

Chair: Spasimir Domaradzki (University of Warsaw)

- Marta Pascal (Pompeu Fabra University): Trust as a regenerating vector of democracy in Europe
- Vasiliki (Billy) Tsagkroni & George Kordas (Leiden University; Panteion University, Athens): Populism Crisis Nexus
- Francisco Batista (Universidade Nova de Lisboa): Populism as a Democratic paradigm rupture: a Brave New World in the horizon?
- Yannis Tsafos, Soner Baskaya & John Tsoukalas (University of Glasgow): Oil Price Shocks & Political Transitions: The Role of Fiscal Capacity

11:00 – 12:30 PANEL 2: EXPLORING THE LINK BETWEEN PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRACY

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28 str. Prof. Jan Baszkiewicz Auditorium

Chair: Małgorzata Kaczorowska (University of Warsaw)

- Anna Unger (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): Advocacy potentials of opposition parties and NGOs by direct democracy: a case study from Hungary
- Mihaela Ivănescu (Ovidius University of Constanța): Can There Be Democracy without Participation? On Electoral Absenteeism and the Chronic Crisis of Representation in Romania
- Dmitrij Wolodin (Kozminski University, Warsaw): Democratic innovations in war-torn Ukraine: a beacon for post-neo-liberal democratic resilience?
- Nikola Jović & Dejan Bursać (University of Belgrade): Voting preferences of the transitional losers: A perspective from Serbia

13:00 – 14:15 PANEL 3: PARTIES & PARTY LEADERS

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 3 str. Room 5 Czarnowski Hall

Chair: Vadym Zheltovskyy (University of Warsaw)

- Vujo Ilić & Dušan Spasojević (University of Belgrade): The Demand Side of Political Personalization: The Determinants of Leader-over-Party Voter Preferences in Serbia
- Mattia Gatti (LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome): Managing the grumbles: How do intra-party dissent and leader domination affect salience strategies in Western Europe?
- Erdogan Altun (Istanbul University): When Clientelism is in Crisis: Local Brokers of JDP during 2014 and 2019 Local Elections in Turkey

14:15 – 14.45 LUNCH BREAK

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 1 str. Room 1

14:45 – 16:00 PANEL 4: PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 3 str. Room 5 Czarnowski Hall

Chair: Piotr Tosiek (University of Warsaw)

- Gerard Conway (Brunel Law School): Democracy as a Justiciable Concept in the EU
- Anouk van Vliet & Jan Meijer (Leiden University): MP's attitudes towards European authoritarian leaders in light of the Russo-Ukraine war
- André Pereira Matos & Vanda Amaro Dias (Universidade Portucalense; Universidade de Coimbra): Addressing the crisis of democracy in Europe and beyond: a comparative analysis of the EU's democracy promotion strategies in Hungary, Turkey and Ukraine
- Gábor Kurunczi (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): Is the European Union in crisis? The relationship between EU citizenship and direct democracy and its impact on democratic legitimacy

16:15 – 17:30 PANEL 5: ELECTORAL INNOVATIONS

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 3 str. Room 5 Czarnowski Hall

Chair: Dejan Bursać (University of Belgrade)

- Bohdan Szklarski (University of Warsaw): Built in crisis enhancing mechanisms in democratic systems and how democracies deal with them – a comparison between USA and Europe
- Jurijs Nikišins (University of Latvia): The Quest for Democratic Bliss: Which Dimensions Hold the Key?
- Ian Parenteau (Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Québec): Are Electoral Management Bodies Ready to Mitigate New Electoral Risks?

18:00 DINNER

Venue: Restauracja Kameralna, Mikołaja Kopernika 3 str. – corner with Przyboscia str.

DAY 2 (March 1, 2024)

09:30 – 10:45 PANEL 6: STATE OF DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 3 str. Room 5 Czarnowski Hall

Chair: Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse (University of Warsaw)

- Adam Szymański (University of Warsaw): Crisis of Democracy in Poland – Does It Affect the Subnational Levels?
- Dušan Vučićević & Viktor Stamenković (University of Belgrade; Institute for Political Studies Belgrade): Leveraging Local Interests: A Content Analysis of Parliamentary Questions in Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, and Slovenia
- Cristina Matiuta (University of Oradea): European Elections in Romania: a framework for analysis

11:00 – 12:30 PANEL 7: POPULIST CONCEPTS IN AND BEYOND EUROPE

Venue: Krakowskie Przedmieście 3 str. Room 5 Czarnowski Hall

Chair: Dušan Vučićević (University of Belgrade)

- Khaled Imran (University of Pecs): Uncivil Societies in Authoritarian Regimes: A Systematic Literature Review (2002–2022)
- Andrei Gheorghe (University of Bucharest): The construction of the concept of Romanian people and his enemies in AUR's leaders discourses during the Covid-19 crisis and Russian war in Ukraine
- Eszter Katona & Renáta Németh (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): Unveiling Geopolitical Shifts: The Evolution of the Carpathian Basin Discourse in Hungarian Parliament (1998–2020)
- Edoardo Lavezzo (University of York): The impact of domestic factors on the middle power status: Examining Turkey's Presidentialism to understand how the country's democratic backlash affects the relationship with the EU

12:30 CLOSING REMARKS

13:00 LUNCH

Venue: Restauracja Kameralna, Mikołaja Kopernika 3 str. – corner with Przyboscia str.