

Conference Venue:

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
(Institut za filozofiju i društvenu teoriju, Univerzitet u Beogradu)
Kraljice Natalije 45, Belgrade, Serbia
4th floor Conference room; 6th floor Conference room

AGENDA - DAY 1

08:30 Registration (4th floor)

09:15 – 09:30 (4th floor) **Opening address**

09:30 – 11:00 (4th floor) **Panel 1: Fragile Democracies**

Chair: Lubomira Popova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)

- *Łukasz Zamecki* (University of Warsaw): “Under-the-Radar Autocratization”: Non-Legislative Erosion of Democratic Accountability in Poland
- *Christina Eva Griessler* (netPOL / Andrassy University Budapest): How to save democracies? Strengthening vertical accountability
- *Ksenija Marković* (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade): Minority Representation in Times of Democratic Backsliding: The Case of Serbia

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break (4th floor)

11:15 – 13:00 (4th floor) **Panel 2a: Voter Behavior and Demographics**

Chair: Dušan Vučićević (University of Belgrade)

- *Robin Weisser* (University of Basel): Class Dismissed? Descriptive Representation and the Politics of Working-Class Abstention and Realignment
- *Miloš Milovanović* (Linköping University): Demographic Aging and Shifts in Voting Power Dynamics in Sweden, 1976-2022
- *Gabriele Nicotra* (University of Rome La Sapienza): Youth Abstention: the Multidimensional Refractoriness at the Ballot Box
- *Davit Totadze* (University of Turku): The Paradox of Trust, and Accountability: Experimental Evidence of Vote-Selling Willingness from Finland and Hungary

11:15 – 13:00 (6th floor) **Panel 2b: Consequences of Autocracy and State Capture**

Chair: Jelena Lončar (University of Belgrade)

- *Jurijs Nikišins* (University of Latvia): Regime ambivalence and democratic legitimacy in Europe
- *Simbarashe Nzvere* (University of Wrocław): Elections in Times of Crisis: Leadership and Democratic Backsliding in Nigeria and Zimbabwe
- *Dejan Dragutinović* (Technical University of Dortmund): The Dark Side of Competence: Political Accountability and Rent-Extraction
- *Adam Szymański* (University of Warsaw): The impact of participatory and political polarisation on quality of subnational democracy in Poland

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break (4th floor)

14:00 – 15:30 (4th floor) Panel 3a: Liberalism, Democracy, and Contemporary Crises

Chair: Dušan Spasojević (University of Belgrade)

- **Kamil Aksiuto** (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin): Liberalism's wake? The case of John Gray
- **Severin Hornung, Thomas Höge and Christine Unterrainer** (University of Innsbruck): Polycrisis and political significance of neoliberal ideology
- **Izolda Bokszczanin-Gołaś** (University of Warsaw): Militant Democracy in Poland: Constitutional Tools, Citizens' Agency, and the Dilemmas of Defending Liberal Norms

14:00 – 15:30 (6th floor) Panel 3b: Identity, Populism, and Political Mobilization

Chair: Dragoş Dragoman (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

- **Péter Kállai** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): Beyond Diplomacy: Populism's Feedback Cycle Between International Conflict and Domestic Mobilization
- **Maciej Skrzypek** (University of Wrocław): Bias of paramilitary organization in political competition. Experience from electoral campaigns in Czech Republic and Poland 2025
- **Firat Efe** (Corvinus University of Budapest): We Are One Big Family? The Distinctiveness of Ethnoregionalist Party Family in Central and Eastern Europe

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break (4th floor)

15:45 – 17:30 (4th floor) Panel 4a: Protest Movements

Chair: Łukasz Zamecki (University of Warsaw)

- **Jelena Lončar** (University of Belgrade): Strategic repression in hybrid regimes: State responses to student protests in Serbia
- **Diana-Nicoleta Mirancea** (University of Bucharest): Abort the Ban: Poland's Hybrid Feminist Mobilization in Times of Crisis
- **Milan Veselica** (Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade): Rituals of Resistance: Civil Religion in the Student-led Protests in Serbia
- **Zuzana Šmilňáková and Vladimír Vučković** (Masaryk University, Brno): Contesting the EU from an environmental perspective: narrative analysis of the Serbian anti-mining protest movements

15:45 – 17:30 (6th floor) Panel 4b: Electoral Contestations

Chair: Vujo Ilić (University of Belgrade)

- **Markus Pollak and Peter Verpoorten** (Central European University): How to contest an election: Partisan Poll Watchers and Lawfare in the United States
- **Meral Gezici Yalçın and Elif Sandal Önal** (Bielefeld University): Citizenship in Contest: Residential Attitudes toward Transnational Voting in Turkey's Democratic Struggle
- **Ian Parenteau** (Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Canada): Why Election Management Bodies Struggle to (Re)Mobilize Non Voters: Institutional Constraints and Contextual Challenges
- **Ivan Stefanovski** (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje): Legally Obstructing the Citizens' Alternative: A Case Study from the Macedonian Local Elections in 2025

19:30 Dinner (Restoran Sokoj, Mišarska 12-14, restaurant in the courtyard of the building)

AGENDA - DAY 2

09:00 Registration (4th floor)

09:30 – 11:15 (4th floor) **Panel 5: Security and Governance**

Chair: Ian Parenteau (Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Canada)

- **Luka Glušac** (University of Belgrade): From Watchdog to Captive: The Rise and Decline of the Serbian Ombudsman in Intelligence Oversight
- **Sara Kallis** (University of Zurich): Surveillance Technology and Political Mobilization in Hybrid Regimes
- **Vanja Rokvić and Ivan Dimitrijević** (University of Belgrade): Requiem for Democratic Oversight: Security Sector and Democratic Backsliding in Serbia
- **Alíz Nagy** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): Becoming a 'Good Citizen': Digital Governance in Hungary

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break (4th floor)

11:30 – 13:00 (4th floor) **Panel 6a: EU and Europeanization**

Chair: Spasimir Domaradzki (University of Warsaw)

- **Lubomira Popova** (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski): The Reversed Logic of Europeanisation: From Enlargement Practice to Conceptualisation through the Bulgarian Experience
- **Tara Tepavac and Ivana Milićević** (University of Belgrade): Enlargement Debates: Discourses of Europeanness in the EU and the Western Balkans
- **Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse** (University of Warsaw): The Effect of European Crises – Governance and Democracy in the European Union

11:30 – 13:00 (6th floor) **Panel 6b: Populists Online**

Chair: Čedomir Markov (University of Belgrade)

- **Pongrác Dús** (Kodolányi University, Székesfehérvár): Troll Armies and Authentic Mobilization – Contrasting Online Political Participation in Hungary
- **Agnieszka Bejma** (University of Warsaw): Digital Disinformation, Polarization, and Civil Society Response in Poland's 2025 Presidential Election
- **Cristina Matiuta** (University of Oradea): TikTok and the Affective Politics of Digital Populism. Case study: Romanian Presidential Elections (2024-2025)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (4th floor)

14:00 – 15:45 (4th floor) Panel 7: Crisis, Discourse, and Electoral Politics

Chair: Luka Glušac (University of Belgrade)

- **Małgorzata Kaczorowska** (University of Warsaw): Who did we Elect Exactly: President or Prime Minister? Candidates and Their Programs in the 2025 Polish Presidential Elections in Comparative Perspective

- **Anna Unger** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): Towards a new party-state: electoral manipulations and party-state-fusion in Hungary after 2010

- **Mihaela Ivanescu** (Ovidius University of Constanța): Romania and the Delayed Crisis of Political Radicalism: Sovereignist Discourses, Annulled Elections and the “Infamous” 2024 Electoral Year

- **Jacek Wojnicki** (University of Warsaw): Flawed elections in the Balkan states – premises and consequences

15:45 – 16:00 Closing address (4th floor)



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