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International Scientific Conference

„Representative Democracy in Crisis: Critical Narratives on Representative Democracy in Europe”

(28 March 2024, Sofia University)

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 11:00 Panel I. The Imaginary Foundations of Representative Democracy

Moderator: Monika Florczak-Wątor (Jagiellonian University Cracow)

- Martin Belov (University of Sofia ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’) Imaginaries of Representation
- Zoran Oklopčić (Carleton University, Ottawa and Union University, Belgrade) Parliamentarism v. Presidentialism? The basic tasks of popular governments and the characteristics of a distinctly European constitutional imagination
- Sascha Hardt (University of Maastricht) The lure of political immediacy: populist democracy and the crisis of representation

11:00 – 11:30 Discussion

11:30 – 12:30 Panel II. Crisis, Fear and Their Impact on Representative Democracy

Moderator: Martin Belov (University of Sofia ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’)

- Monika Florczak-Wątor (Jagiellonian University Cracow) The Global pandemic as a challenge to representative democracy
- Bart van Klink and Ingeborg van der Geest (VU Amsterdam) Crisis, Fear, and Deliberation. Appeals to Pathos in the Covid-19 Debate in Dutch Parliament
- Guerino Fares (University Roma Tre, Italy) Fake News and Democracy: A Lesson from Covid-19 Pandemics

12:30 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

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14:30 - 15:30 Panel III. Judiciary, Administration and Representative Democracy: democratic-technocratic balance or trends towards technocracy, bureaucracy and expertocracy?

Moderator: Sascha Hardt (University of Maastricht)

- Šejla Imamović (University of Maastricht) The role of the European Court of Human Rights in preserving the notion of representative democracy?
- Mauro Zamboni (University of Stockholm) Administrative Legislative Policy in EU National Communities: Assessing Benefits and Risks Amidst the Globalization of Law
- Jane Reichel (University of Stockholm) The role of administration as political actor under the rule of law - the case of the European Strategy for Data

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:10 Panel IV. Global and Supranational Networks and the Future of Representative Democracy

Moderator: Jane Reichel (University of Stockholm)

- Antonina Bakardjieva Engelbrekt (University of Stockholm) Coherence in diversity? Exploring the institutional dynamic of enforcement networks in the EU Internal Market
- M. Victoria Inostroza-Kristan (University 'Pompeu Fabra', Barcelona) Global democracy. Between People's Representation and Participation

17:10 – 17:30 Discussion

17:30 Conclusion