

Workshop

Democratic Backsliding in Europe: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives

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Sciences Po, LIEPP's Conference Room
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Programme

Workshop presenters are listed first, co-authors follow in parentheses

Wednesday 4 December 2019

- 10.00-10.15 am: Welcome and introduction to workshop by the organisers
- 10.15-11:15 am: **Natasha Wunsch**, Sciences Po, CEE & ETH Zurich, 'EU Democracy Promotion and the Authoritarian Challenge' (**Antoaneta Dimitrova**, Leiden University)
Discussant: **Antoinette Scherz**, University of Oslo
- 11.15 am-12.15 pm: **Jan Pieter Beetz**, Utrecht University, 'Should the European Union Protect Democracy in its Member States? A practice-dependent assessment of EU policy proposals for democratic backsliding', (**Ditte Maria Brasso Sørensen**, Greater Copenhagen EU Office)
Discussant: **Maurits Meijers**, Radboud University
- 12.15 -1.30 pm: *Lunch break*
- 1.30-2.30 pm: **Adam Holesch**, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Barcelona, 'Democratic Backsliding as a Collaborative Project: The Hungarian-Polish Coalition in the European Union' (**Anna Kyriazi**, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Barcelona)
Discussant: **Jan Pieter Beetz**, Utrecht University
- 2.30-3.30 pm: **Alvaro Oleart**, Vrije University of Amsterdam, 'Renewing or Undermining Democratic Pluralism? The conditioning of populist parties across EU member states' (**Ben Crum** and **Patrick Overeem**, Vrije University of Amsterdam)
Discussant: **Natasha Wunsch**, Sciences Po, CEE & ETH Zurich
- 3.30-4.00 pm: *Coffee break*
- 4.00-5.00 pm: **Lise Herman**, University of Exeter, '(Mis)handling Budapest: An analysis of 24 European People's Party votes on fundamental values violations in the EU' (**Julian Hoerner**, The London School of Economics and Political Science and **Joseph Lacey**, University College Dublin)
Discussant: **Tom Theuns**, Leiden University & Associate Researcher at Sciences Po, CEE
- 5.00-6.00 pm: **Antoinette Scherz**, University of Oslo, 'Representation of Individuals and Peoples in Multilateral Democracy: How to Represent Individuals in the EU while Guaranteeing the Mutual Recognition of Peoples'
Discussant: **Adam Holesch**, Institut Barcelona Estudios Internacionals
- 7.00 pm: Workshop dinner (Sponsored by the Institute of Political Science, Leiden University)

Thursday 5 December 2019

- 9.45-10.00 am: Welcome coffee
- 10.00-11.00 am: **Maurits Meijers**, Radboud University, ‘**Fighting over Liberalism: Has Liberalism-Authoritarianism Become A Conflict Line in the EP?**’ (**Harmen van der Veer**, Leiden University)
Discussant: **Kolja Raube**, KU Leuven
- 11:00 am-12.00 pm: **Francisca Costa Reis**, KU Leuven, ‘**Expectations vs. Reality: Understanding EU actors’ responses to democratic backsliding**’ (**Kolja Raube**, KU Leuven)
Discussant: **Jan Rovny**, Sciences Po, CEE & LIEPP
- 12.00-1.00 pm: **Tom Theuns**, Leiden University & Associate Researcher at Sciences Po, CEE, ‘**EU democracy protection and normative coherence: Article 7 vs. economic conditionality**’
Discussant: **Alvaro Oleart**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 1.00-2.00 pm: *Lunch and Workshop close*

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