

WORKSHOP

# Democracy between regression, resilience and vitality

June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | University of Padua

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**Seminar Room 1, SPGI Department, via del Santo 28, Padua**

**14:30-15:00**

**Welcoming and introductory remarks**

**Andrea Felicetti**, University of Padova

**15:00-16:15**

**Andrija Šoć**, University of Belgrade

**The Promise, Challenge and Risk of Citizen Deliberation in Electoral Autocracies** (written with Christoph Niessen, University of Antwerp)

**Chiara Garabello**, University of Florence

**The Democratic Potential of Collaborative Governance: the Italian National Forum for Sustainable Development**

**Anastasia Barone**, Scuola Normale Superiore

**Conceptualising Democratic Embodiment Beyond Resilience and Innovation. Feminist Movements Advancing Democracy Amid Backsliding**

**Brunilda Haxhiu**, University of New York Tirana

**Justice Reform or Political Capture? Judicial Independence, Political Polarization, and Democratic Resilience in Albania**

**Giovanni Allegretti**, University of Coimbra

**Centripetal or Centrifugal? An analysis of regional regulations for incentivization strategies for local democratic innovations through regional regulations in Italy: A Comparative Study of Emilia Romagna and Sicily** (written with Marco Meloni, University of Southampton)

**16:30-17:30**

**Feedback (Elisabeth Alber, EURAC) and Open Discussion**

**17:45-18:30**

**Oliver Feeney**, University of Tübingen (presented by **Heike Schmidt-Felzmann**, University of Galloway)

**Human Genome Editing, Public Engagement, Polarisation and 'Tribal Consensus'**

**Samuel Vallade Sciarini**, University of Padua

**The democratic involvement of international students in European Higher Education Institutions: evaluating possible approaches for ensuring inclusion and participation**

**Murtaza Mohiqi**, University of Agder

**Democratic Resilience in the Age of Deepfakes and Synthetic Media**

**18:30-19:00**

**Feedback (Andrea Felicetti, University of Padova) and Open Discussion**

## June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Room R, SPGI Department, via del Santo 28, Padua**

**9:00-10:00**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Democratic Resilience for Diabolical Times**

**John Dryzek**, University of Canberra

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**10:30-11:30**

**Filippo Itolli**, University of Milan

**From Democratization to Empowerment: Rethinking Deliberative Capacity in Multistakeholder Initiatives**

**Lucía Muñoz Benito**, University of Coimbra

**Present and future of deliberative democracy: an analysis based on the legal acts and policy documents of the European Union**

**Leda Sutlović**, Austrian Academy of Science

**Socio-cultural Centers as Democratic Innovators: Mobilizing Through Relationality, Care and Belonging**

**Talya Oztop**, King's College London

**Participatory Budgeting: Representation, Inclusivity, and Digitalisation**

**11:45-12:30**

**Feedback (Markus Holdo, Lund University) and Open Discussion**

**12:30-12:45**

**Concluding remarks and future directions (Andrea Felicetti, University of Padua)**

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