ECPR Joint Sessions 2026 | University of Innsbruck

The Science of Democracy Beyond Disciplines

Programme

Building: SoWi Campus – Building B, Floor: 2, Room: SR2S26

April 7

08:00 | Registration opens (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

10:30 – 11:00 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

11:00 – 12:15 | Participant introductions and opening discussion on 'the science of democracy' and 'disciplinarity'

12:15 – 13:30 | Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 | Regular paper 1

Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann: *Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries in Democracy Measurement: A Multi-Level Methodological Framework Combining Repertory Grid and Semantic Differential*

Chair: Alejandro Cozachcow | Discussants: Konstantin Kipp, Hanno Scholtz

15:00 – 15:30 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

15:30 – 17:00 | Regular paper 2

Hanno Scholtz: *Democracy crisis and disciplinary failure*

Chair: Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann | Discussants: Víctor Alonso-Rocafort, Alejandro Cozachcow

April 8

9:00 – 10:30 | Regular paper 3

Max Steuer: *Rethinking Democracy Through Constitutional Adjudication*

Chair: Konstantin Kipp | Discussants: Víctor Alonso-Rocafort, Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach

10:30 – 11:00 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

11:00 – 12:30 | Regular paper 4

Konstantin Kipp: *The Supranational Dual State: The European Union as a Venue for Arbitrary Power?*

Chair: Ana Oliveira | Discussants: Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann, Max Steuer

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 | Regular paper 5

András Gál: *Driving safely into a crash: Ethnic politics, constitutional erosion, and democratic breakdown in Burundi*

Chair: Max Steuer | Discussants: Konstantin Kipp, Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann

15:00 – 15:30 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

15:30 – 17:00 | Regular paper 6

Alejandro Cozachcow: *Contemporary democracies and the inclusion of young people. Interdisciplinary insights from youth studies on electoral reforms and minimum voting age*

Chair: András Gál | Discussants: Ana Oliveira, Hanno Scholtz

April 9

9:00 – 10:30 | Regular paper 7

Víctor Alonso-Rocafort: *Rhetoric and the Sciences of Democracy*

Chair: Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach | Discussants: András Gál, Ana Oliveira

10:30 – 11:00 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

11:00 – 12:30 | Regular paper 8

Ana Oliveira: *Disciplining Political Imagination: the universal basic income debate*

Chair: Hanno Scholtz | Discussants: Alejandro Cozachcow, Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 | Regular paper 9

Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach: *Generative Democracy*

Chair: Víctor Alonso-Rocafort | Discussants: András Gál, Max Steuer

15:00 – 15:30 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

April 10

9:00 – 10:30 | Rethinking Democracy Studies

Methods and Metaphors: Discussing Democracy via Research Reports and Essays, a conversation (background paper by David M. Ricci).[1]

10:30 – 11:00 | Break (Ground Floor Foyer, Building A)

11:00 – 12:30 | Concluding discussion: joint article and other publication ideas

***Workshop Co-Directors**: Max Steuer, Ana Oliveira*

[1] Subject to technical conditions in the room, the session will be joined remotely by David M. Ricci and Jean-Paul Gagnon, initiator and co-convener of the ECPR research network *The Sciences of the Democracies*.