

Visions of Democratic Europe under Debate

Second Workshop of the COST Action RECAST Working Group 4: *Debates*

29–30 May 2019

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Room 102

Sos. Panduri no. 90–92, Bucharest, Romania

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 29 May 2019

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and Introductory Speech**

Prof. Laurențiu Leustean, Vice-Rector and Director of the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB)

Prof. Marian Zulean, Director of ICUB – Social Sciences Division

Dr. Taru Haapala, RECAST Working Group 4: *Debates* Leader

Session 1: 10:00 – 11:00 - 3 presentations (15 minutes each) + 15 min. Q & A

Civic Rights and Duties in European Democracies

Chair: Dr. Maria Brown (University of Malta, Malta)

Elena García-Gutián (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain): *Challenging Democratic Representation in Europe: Populist Claims of Direct Representation and Citizen Participation*

Vasil Gluchman (University of Presov, Slovakia): *Education for Democracy (Experience of V4 Countries)*

Linda Hart (National Defence University, Finland): *Gendered Division of Security Labour in Finland: Transactional and Transcendental Approaches*

11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee Break

Session 2: 11:30 – 12:30 - 3 presentations (15 minutes each) + 15 minutes Q & A

European Discourses on Minority and Indigenous Rights

Chair: Dr. Laura Pricop (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

Saila Heinikoski (University of Lapland, Finland): *Multilingual Sámi Discourses on Indigenous Rights – Analysis of the Linguistic Fetishisation in the Posters of Suohpanterror Art Collective*

Maria Brown (University of Malta, Malta): *Discursive Synergies and Social Movements: The Case of LGBTIQ Rights in Malta*

Ruzha Smilova (Centre for Liberal Strategies & St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, Bulgaria): *'Gender': A Nation Lost in Translation*

12:30 – 14:30 – Lunch Break at Derby Pub & Restaurant

Session 3: 14:30 – 15:45 – 4 presentations (15 minutes each) + 15 minutes Q & A

Democratic Values in Europe: Conformity, Challenges, Limitations and Non-Debate

Chair: Dr. Ruzha Smilova (Centre for Liberal Strategies & St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, Bulgaria)

Meike Schmidt-Gleim (Academy of Fine Arts, Austria): *Fake News and Democracy in Europe*

Ondřej Stulík (University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic): *Protection of Sovereignty? Populist Abuse of Civil Rights and Its Democratic Ethos*

Monica Merutiu (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania): *Islam in Europe: A Challenge to Democracy?*

Tamás Nyirkos (National University of Public Service, Hungary): *Christian Democracy in Post-Liberal Political Discourse*

15:45 – 16:15 – Coffee Break

Session 4: 16:15 – 17:15

Chair: Dr. Taru Haapala (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain & University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

Testimonial – 30 minutes presentation + 30 minutes discussion

Tackling East-West Divisions and the Role of Academics and Activists in Opening the EU Debate

Dr. Miruna Butnaru-Troncotă

Director, Centre for European Studies, National University of Political Science and Public

Administration, Romania & Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Network OpenEUdebate: Matching Politics with Policy

Thursday, 30 May 2019

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

Session 5: 9:30 – 10:30 - 3 presentations (15 minutes each) + 15 minutes Q & A

Understanding Visions of Democratic Europe through Localised Case Studies

Chair: Dr. Alexandru Volacu (Research Institute of the University of Bucharest & National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Romania)

Petr Krčál (University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic): *Re-framing History to Re-shape Present: Three Isles of Deviation in Populist Style of Czech President Miloš Zeman*

Neli Velinova and Mariyan Tomov (St. Kliment Ochridski Sofia University, Bulgaria): *Debating the*

European Union's Future in the 2019 Election Campaign of the Bulgarian Candidates for the European Parliament

Natalija Shikova (International Balkan University, North Macedonia): *The Dichotomy in EU's Democracy Promotion: Analysis of Democracy Standards vis-à-vis EU Supporting Actions*

10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break

Session 6: 11:00 – 12:00 - 3 presentations (15 minutes each) + 15 minutes Q & A
Debate Analysis and Methodologies

Chair: Prof. Elena García-Gutián (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain)

Petri Koikkalainen (University of Lapland, Finland): *Disobeying Nordic Democracy: Debating Civil Disobedience in Finland, 1960s to 2000s*

Laura Pricop (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania): *The Argument of Reason in Public Debates and the Communicative Treatment of Reason according to Habermas' Theory*

Taru Haapala (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain & University of Jyväskylä, Finland): *From Scientific 'Neutrality' to Conceptual Controversies: Intellectual Debates on the Key Concept of Federalism in European Integration Studies*

12:00 – 12:45 – **Concluding Words**

Dr. Taru Haapala & Dr. Maria Brown, Leader and Vice-Leader of RECAST Working Group 4: *Debates*

13:00 – Lunch at a nearby restaurant

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