

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The Role of Practices at the Intersection of Civic Rights and Democracy

Working Group 1: Practices

Dates: 23-24 March 2018

Venue: Sofia University «St. Kliment Ohridski»

Rectorate building, South wing, Hall 1

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Programme

23 March 2018, Friday

8:45 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Addresses:

José María Rosales, chair of RECAST

Dr. Romyana Kolarova, Assoc. Professor, Chair of Political Science Department, Sofia University

Mrs Zlatina Karova, Head of Transnational Scientific Initiatives Unit at Science Directorate Ministry of education and science, and National Coordinator of COST for Bulgaria

Meike Schmidt-Gleim and Ruzha Smilova – conveners of the workshop

9:15 – 11:00 First Panel:

Civic Movements and NGOs: the challenge to build legitimacy as "the enemies"

Chair: Ruzha Smilova

Panelists: Renáta Uitz, Özge Zihnioğlu, and Evgenii Dainov

1. "Civil Society Organisations in the Midst of Democratic Backlash", Dr. Renáta Uitz, Professor Legal Studies Department, Central European University, Budapest
2. "Building Legitimacy and New Civic Activists in Turkey", Dr. Özge Zihnioğlu, Assoc. Professor, Istanbul Kültür University, Department of International Relations, Turkey
3. "Social Practices - Back to the 1980s (Bulgaria's Experience)", Dr. Evgenii Dainov, Professor, New Bulgarian University

11:00 -11:30 – Coffee break

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11:30 – 13:00 Second Panel:

Protests and Social Movements in Europe:

Chair: Irina Nedeva

Panelists: Anna Krasteva, Ivaylo Dinev, Lilia Raycheva and Nelly Velinova

1. “From Civil Society without Citizenship to Green, Contestatory and Solidary Citizenship”, Dr. Anna Krasteva, Professor, New Bulgarian University
2. “Southeast European Protest after the Financial Crisis: Opportunities and Threats”, Ivaylo Dinev, PhD candidate, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Italy
3. “Images of the Social Protests in the Bulgarian Media Ecosystem”, Dr. Lilia Raycheva, Professor, Sofia University and Nelly Velinova, PhD Candidate, Sofia University

13:00 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Third Panel:

Inclusionary /Exclusionary Civic Mobilisations

Chair: Meike Schmidt-Gleim

Panelists: Ana Matan, Daniel Smilov

1. “Liberal Populism: Origins of the Present Crisis of Liberal Democracy”, Dr. Daniel Smilov, Assoc. Professor, Political Science Department, Sofia University and Recurrent Visiting Professor, Legal Studies Department, Central European University
2. “Civil Rights under Pressure: Dynamics of Inclusionary and Exclusionary Mobilization in Croatia”, Dr. Ana Matan, Assist. Professor, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia

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15:30 – 16:00 – Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Fourth Panel:

Exclusionary Tendencies in European Democracies

Chair: José María Rosales

Panelists: Přemysl Rosůlek, Ádám Balázs

1. “Uncivic Society and Migration Crisis in the Czech Republic”, Dr. Přemysl Rosůlek, University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic
2. “The Three Wise Monkeys of Tolerance”, Dr. Ádám Balázs, Postdoctoral fellow, Political science department, Sofia University

19:30 – Dinner



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24 March 2018, Saturday

9:00 – 10:30 First panel:

Democracy and Democratic Tools

Chair: Milla Mineva

Panelists: Anita Lunić, Meike Schmidt-Gleim and Natalija Shikova,

1. “(Mis)Use of Democratic Mechanisms in Representative Liberal Democracy. The case of Referendums”, Anita Lunić, University of Split, Croatia
2. Democracy, Post-democracy and What Came After“, Dr. Meike Schmidt-Gleim, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria
3. “Civic Participation in the Creation of Public Policies through the Example of Regulatory Impact Assessment Tool (RIA)”, Dr. Natalija Shikova, Professor, International Balkan University, Skopje, FYR Macedonia

10:30 – 11:30 Second panel:

Elites, knowledge and participation in post-democracies

Chair: Georgi Ganev

Panelists: Angelina Todorova and Ruzha Smilova

1. “Knowledge Management Practices for Post-democracies”, Angelina Todorova, MA Oxon, MIC, PhD candidate at Technical University, Sofia
2. “What Elites for Post-democracies?”, Dr. Ruzha Smilova, Assist. Professor, Sofia University and Program Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies

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11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:45 Third Panel:

“More Democracy” - Solution or Part of the Problem for Stronger Civic Rights?

Chair: Anna Krasteva

Keynote speaker: Evgeni Kanev, PhD, economist, Managing Partner of Maconis LLC

Panelists:

Irina Nedeva, journalist at the Bulgarian national radio, chair of Association of European Journalists in Bulgaria

Ivaylo Ditchev, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Sofia University

Parvan Simeonov, political scientist, executive director of sociological agency “GALLUP International – Bulgaria”

Konstantin Pavlov, blogger and civic activist, PhD candidate, Sofia University

Tzvetozar Valkov, civic activist, PhD candidate, New Bulgarian University

13: 45 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Business Meeting: Planning the future work of WG 1 Practices, RECAST

Chairs: Meike Schmidt-Gleim and Ruzha Smilova



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