



Grassroots Unrest in Europe and the Erosion of Liberal Democracy

Friday, November 3, 2023 | 8:30 – 17:30 | ESIA Room 602

i|liberalism Studies Program

8:30

Opening Remarks

Marlene Laruelle, *The George Washington University*

8:45 – 9:15

Keynote speech by Clara Mattei, *The New School*, author of *The Capital Order: How Economists Invented Austerity and Paved the Way to Fascism*

9:15-10:45

Panel I: Central Europe, a Laboratory for Challenges to Democracy and Liberalism

Chair: Luke March, *University of Edinburgh*

Petra Guasti, *Charles University*

Mobilisation For and Against Liberal Democracy in Central Europe

Aleš Michal, *Charles University*

Dynamics of the Demand Side of Contemporary Czech Anti-System Protest Mobilization

Ben Stanley, *Center for the Study of Democracy*

Lip-service Liberalism? Declared and Revealed Attitudes to Democracy in Poland

Keith Prushankin, *Freie Universität Berlin*

How to Break a State: How Populists Challenge the Liberal Order in Post-Communist Central Europe

10.45 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45

Panel II: Drivers of Dissent

Chair: Gulnaz Sibgatullina, *University of Amsterdam*

Josh Vandiver, *University of Colorado*

Grassroots Masculinism

Mikko Salmela, *University of Copenhagen*, **Gulnaz Sharafutdinova**, *Kings College London*, and

Christian von Scheve, *Freie Universität Berlin*

What is Collective Resentment?

Sang Kyung Lee, *The George Washington University*

Inequality and the Crisis of Democracy

Jose Pedro Zúquete, *ICS University of Lisbon*

The Great Reset, its Opponents, and Democracy

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00

Keynote speech by James Ball, *Demos*, author of *The Other Pandemic: How QAnon Contaminated the World*

14:00 – 15:30

Panel III: The Minorities Mirror: The Core Tension of Exclusivness/Inclusivness

Chair: Petra Guasti, *Charles University*

Luke March, *University of Edinburgh*

Movement Parties and the Radical Left: New Radical Democracy or Transitional Forms of Party Organisation?

Gulnaz Sibgatullina, *University of Amsterdam*

Opportunism or Ideological Convergence? Evolving Stances of European (Far-Right) Parties Toward Muslims

Courtney Blackington, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Disseminating Disgust: Disgust Rhetoric & Protest against Stigmatized Minority Groups

Roman Hlatky, *University of North Texas*

Revenge Revisited: The Representation of Ethnic Minorities, Resentment, and Radical Right Electoral Success

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

Panel IV: Conceptual Perspectives

Chair: Marlene Laruelle, *The George Washington University*

Antonio Campati, *Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan*

Illiberalism and Political Representation: The Pluralism and the future of Liberal Democracy in Europe

Mikhail Zabotkin, *Freie Universität Berlin*

Friend or Foe? Conservative Parties, Populism, and Liberal Democracy

Alexander J. Klein, *Freie Universität Berlin*

To Exclude or to Enlighten? On the Use of Civilizational Discourse by Liberal EU Actors

Jack Thompson, *University of Amsterdam*

Identifying Informal Illiberalism: Toward a Typology of Norm Erosion