

Menace or Blessing? The Role of Direct Democracy in the Process of Political Representation
Frankfurt, 6 April 2017

Time	Authors (Affiliation)	Eisenhower Room (IG Farben Building)
11.50	Brigitte Geissel (Goethe University Frankfurt) & Sergiu Gherghina (University of Glasgow)	Welcome word from the organizers
12.00	Saskia Ruth & Yanina Welp (University of Zurich)	Populism and Direct Democracy in Latin America
12.30	Jane Suiter et al. (Dublin City University)	The role of social media in driving participation and engagement in referendums
13.00	Wilfried Marxer (Liechtenstein Institute)	Experiences with direct democracy in Liechtenstein: Instruments and their use
13.30	Lunch	
15.00	Matt Qvortup (University of Coventry)	TBC
15.30	Norbert Kersting (University of Munster)	The Referendum Cycle and the Participatory Rhombus. An Evaluation of Direct Democracy
16.00	Matthias Fatke (University of Munich)	Direct democracy: Antidote or paradise for populists?
16.30	Coffee break	
16.15	Sergiu Gherghina (University of Glasgow) & Nanuli Silagadze (Abo Akademi Frankfurt)	Follow the Party? Voting in East European Referendum Campaigns
16.45	Alvaro Oleart (Universite Libre de Bruxelles) & Luis Bouza (College of Europe Brugges)	Democracy at stake: multi-positional actors and politicisation in the EU civil society field
17.15	Kim Strandberg & Janne Berg (Abo Akademi Finland)	When reality strikes: Opinion changes in a deliberation on a wicked problem between citizens and politicians
17.45	Coffee Break	
18.00	Marina Dekavalla (University of Stirling)	What is direct democracy all about? UK media representations of referendums and the role of citizens
18.30	Davide Morisi (European University Institute)	How to change the status quo in referendum campaigns. Evidence from the 2016 Italian constitutional referendum
19.00	Brigitte Geissel (Goethe University Frankfurt) & Sergiu Gherghina (University of Glasgow)	Where do we go from here? Publication plans, follow-up cooperation
19.15	Dinner	