



DRAFT PROGRAMME

School of Democracy

BRUSSELS, 20-22 MARCH 2019

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels

Wednesday 20 March 2019

14:30 - 16:00 Arrival / check in at Hotel(s)

16:00 - 18:00 Arrival & registration of participants and options to visit the House of European History or the Parliamentarium

Meeting point: Atrium Welcome Point, European Parliament

18:00 - 19:00 *Launch of the Fifth edition of the School of Democracy*

Welcome speech by

) *Kathleen Van Brempt, Vice President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament*

Address by

) *Paul Magnette, Mayor of Charleroi*

) **Followed by Q&A session with the speakers**

Venue: Members Restaurant

19:00 - 20:00 Welcome Drink (Members restaurant, European Parliament)

(Evening free)

Thursday 21 March 2019

09:00 - 11:00 Workshops

Workshop 1

"Democracy at work"

Panellists

Lorenzo Repetti, ETUC Advisor
Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director, Business Europe
Moderator: Jean-Louis Verheyden

Venue: Room A3G3, European Parliament

Workshop 2

"The rise of illiberal democracy"

Panellists

Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, City College of New York
Ania Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow, FEPS
Laetitia Thissen, FEPS Advisor on Gender Equality
Moderator: Barnabas Mester

Venue: FEPS, Rue Montoyer 40, 1000 Brussels

Workshop 3

"Learning democracy locally"

Panellists

Arnold De Boer, non-Belgian candidate at the 2018 local elections in Brussels
Emanuele Feduzi, Mayor of Fermignano
Amy Longland, Chief Operating Officer, My Life, My Say
Moderator: Kata Tóttö, member of the European Committee of the Regions

Venue: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels

Workshop 4

"Progressive alliances in society"

Panellists

Alberto Isetta, ARCI Liguria
Maja Pleić, Senior Researcher, Center for Peace Studies in Croatia
Moderator: Seb Dance, MEP

Venue: SOLIDAR, Rue de Pascale 4-6, 1040 Brussels

Workshop 5

"E-democracy & E-activism"

Panellists

Tim Allan, S&D Group

Luis Arroyo Martinez, Asesores de Comunicación Pública

Moderator: Brando Benifei, MEP

Venue: Room A3G2, European Parliament

11:00 - 11:30 Transfer to room JAN4Q2 for plenary session

11:30 - 13:00 **Plenary session on the future of democracy (liberal vs illiberal)**

Interpretation: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT

General discussion and synthesis of the workshops moderated by **Josef Weidenholzer, MEP**

Agnes Heller, Philosopher

Jan Zielonka, University of Oxford

Venue: Room JAN4Q2, European Parliament

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch in Members' salons

14:30 - 16:30 Workshops

Workshop 6

"Can we beat inequalities?"

Panellists

Louka T. Katseli, University of Athens, Co- Chair of the Independent Commission on Sustainable Equality

Kate Pickett, University of York

Moderator: Pervenche Berès, MEP

Venue: Room A3G3, European Parliament

Workshop 7

"An alternative approach to our future: from GDP to equitable and sustainable wellbeing"

Panellists

Tanya Cox, Director, CONCORD

Enrico Giovannini, University of Rome

Moderator: Anna Colombo

Venue: Room A3H1, European Parliament

Workshop 8

"Who (finally) pays for the transformation?"

Panellists

François Gobbe, Réseau pour la Justice Fiscale

David Rinaldi, FEPS

Moderator: Jean-Louis Verheyden

Venue: Room A5G315, European Parliament

Workshop 9

"A just transition for all"

Panellists

Georgios Altintzis, Economic & Social Policy Department, ITUC

James Fontanella Khan, Financial Times New York

Moderator: Giovanna Pareschi

Venue: Room A5G305, European Parliament

Workshop 10

"Could free trade kill the planet?"

Panellists

Ilene Grabel, University of Denver

Thierry Lucas, United Nations Environment Programme

Moderator: Maria Arena, MEP

Venue: Room A3G2, European Parliament

16:30-17:00 Transfer to room JAN4Q2 for plenary session

17:00 - 18:30 **Plenary session on sustainable development**

Interpretation: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT

Reports from workshops

General discussion and synthesis of the workshops moderated by **Kathleen Van Brempt, MEP**

Pascal Lamy, Institut Jacques Delors

Claire Nouvian, Bloom Association

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Former President of the Party of European Socialists, former Prime Minister of Denmark

Venue: JAN4Q2, European Parliament

19:00 Departure by bus to Brussels Town Hall

20:00 - 22:00 Reception/walking dinner co-hosted with the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions & Philippe Close, Mayor of Brussels at Brussels Town Hall

Friday 22 March 2019

Interpretation: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT

09:00 - 11:30 ***"Defending Democracy" - Interactive panel debate with representatives from our S&D strategic partners:***

Marije Laffeber, Deputy Secretary General, PES

Esther Lynch - Confederal Secretary, ETUC

Catiuscia Marini - President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and President of the Umbria Region

Tuulia Pitkänen - Secretary General, YES

Conny Reuter - Secretary General, Solidar

Maria João Rodrigues - President, FEPS

Jose Santoro - Secretary General, Rainbow Rose

Simone Susskind - Senator, Belgium

Moderated by James Fontanella-Khan & Carlo Invernizzi Accetti

Venue: Room JAN4Q2, European Parliament

11:30 - 12:30 ***Closing session moderated by Javier Moreno Sánchez, Secretary General of the S&D Group in the European Parliament with Philippe Close, Mayor of Brussels and Udo Bullmann, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament***

Venue: Room JAN4Q2, European Parliament

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch in Members' salons