HOW TO GET THERE

The conference takes place in the University of Wuppertal Guesthouse. To get there, you can take bus 603, which leaves from the Historische Stadthalle Station. The bus ride takes about 20 minutes.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY MARCH 9, 2018

14:15 - 14:30 Welcome address University of Wuppertal

14:30 - 15:15 Hans J. Lietzmann, Germany
How democratic are democracies?

15:15 - 16:00 Discussion

16:00 - 16:45 Arturo Maldonado, Peru
The uses and abuses of direct democratic instruments in Peru: Citizen participation at the local level.

16:45 - 17:30 Discussion

17:30 - 18:15 Manuela Celi, Ecuador
Direct democracy in Ecuador: Political dynamics and the impact on citizens’ perceptions of democracy.

18:15 - 19:00 Discussion

19:00 - 20:30 Research Centre for Citizens’ Participation of the Bergische Universität Wuppertal:
Presentations by Volker Mittendorf and Vazgulü Zeybek.
Databases: Database Citizens’ Access, Direct Democracy Navigator.

20:30 Reception

SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2018

10:00 - 10:45 Rafael Piñeiro, Uruguay
Direct democracy activism in Uruguay.

10:45 - 11:30 Discussion

11:30 - 12:45 Plenary Session 1: Latin America after the redemocratization: Citizens’ participation, neoliberalism and populism.

12:45 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:15 Zoltán Tibor Pállinger, Hungary
Governing populists: Political participation in an increasingly illiberal setting.

15:15 - 16:00 Discussion

16:00 - 16:45 Peter Spáč, Slovakia
Refendum in Slovakia: Victory of political parties.

16:45 - 17:30 Discussion

17:30 - 18:15 Plenary Session 2: Democracy development in Eastern Europe: “The illiberal democracy” and the silence of citizens?

18:15 - 19:00 Discussion

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

10:00 - 10:45 Uwe Serdült, Switzerland
Swiss direct democracy as a culture of selective political participation.

10:45 - 11:30 Discussion

11:30 - 12:45 Closing plenary session:
The prerequisites for active citizen participation.

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 Adoption - end of session

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