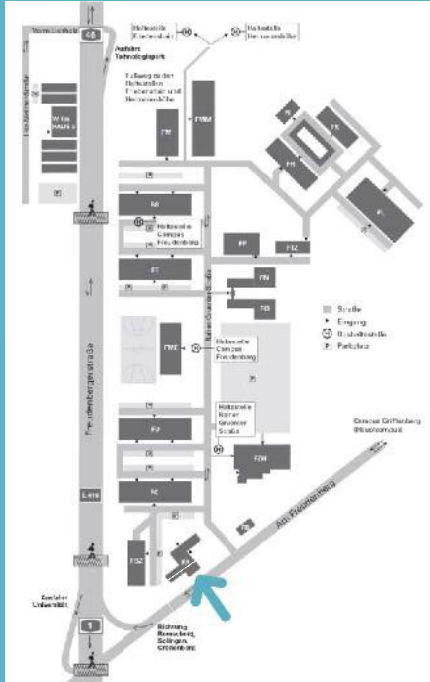


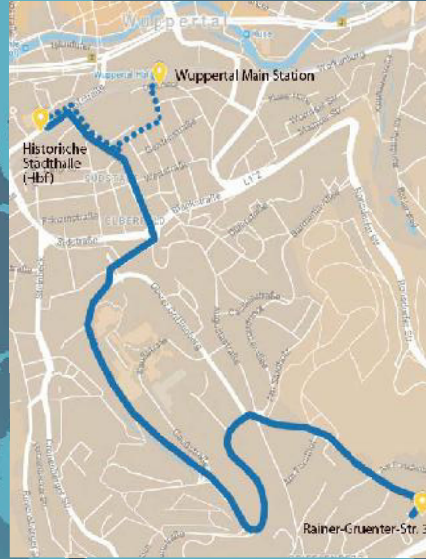
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PROGRAMME

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 Yazgülü Zeybek.
Databases: Database Citizens' Access, Direct Democracy Navigator.

20:30 **Reception**

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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**
Referendum 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

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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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