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International Conference & Graduate Workshop DEMOCRACY IN TIMES OF CRISIS



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In cooperation with Charles University Prague Institute of Political Studies (Faculty of Social Sciences) and the Institute of **Political Science (Faculty of Arts)**

The global economic crisis of 2008, followed immediately by the European sovereign debt crisis, has provoked lively debates about relations between politics and economics, between democracy the market and capitalism, as the role of leadership and values within democracy itself. Some authors argue that the current economic crisis was caused primarily by the neoliberal policy of deregulation of financial markets on both national and global level. In this context, the economic crisis may be considered as a mere consequence of a deeper political crisis of democracy. This conference aims to contribute to these debates about the current state and - future perspectives - of (liberal) democracy. Our workshop will run in parallel to this conference and it would be open to young Europeann researchers and scholars from the fields of political theory, political science, as well as other social and human sciences.

The conference will cover a wide range of themes, reflecting the interdisciplinary character of European research and the multifaceted nature of the issues which form current democracy, including: neoliberalism and democracy; the crisis of the democratic left and the quest for alternatives to the (neo-) liberal paradigm; the political and de-politicisation; power domination and resistance; crisis of democratic representation and its alternative models; the future of the nation state in the context of European integration and globalisation; populism.

Speakers: Chantal Mouffe (University of Westminster), Giulia Pastorella (London Schol of Economics), Asger Sørensen (Aarhus Universitet), Paul Linden-Retek (Yale Law School), Federica Martini (ECAV - Ecole Cantonale d'Art du Valais, Sierre).

This workshop will be addressed to doctoral or advanced graduates from the universities within the Europaeum network. Is being organized jointly by Europaeum, the Institute of Political Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Institute of Political Science of the Faculty of Arts at Charles University. All local costs will be covered (but not travel). Applications in the form of a CV (max. 2 pages), one or two letters of recommendation, a letter of motivation, and a brief abstract of the proposed paper should go to the Europaeum Office. We are now accepting applications. Deadline for applications: beginning of November

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