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# POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, MAJORITY RULE, AND ELECTORAL POLITICS

MAY 30–JUNE 1, 2019  
INSTITUT FÜR DIE WISSENSCHAFTEN VOM MENSCHEN, VIENNA

## SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

12.30–1.30pm Lunch

1.30–3.30pm Popular Sovereignty and Neoliberalism

**EWA ATANASSOW** (Political Thought, Bard College, Berlin  
& Visiting Fellow, IWM)

*Popular Sovereignty on Trial*

**BENJAMIN LEE** (Anthropology and Philosophy, New School)

*Neoliberalism, Financialization and the Politics of Volatility*

Chair: **DILIP GAONKAR** (Rhetoric & Public Culture,  
Northwestern University)

3.30–4.00pm Coffee

4.00–5.30pm Keynote Address

**MICHAEL IGNATIEFF** (Political Philosophy, Rector of the  
Central European University)

*Democracy Against Democracy: The Electoral Crisis of  
Liberal Constitutionalism*

Chair: **SHALINI RANDERIA** (Anthropology and Sociology,  
Rector of IWM)

### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

9.30–10.00am Coffee

10.00am–12.00pm Democracy and Degeneration

**CHARLES TAYLOR** (Philosophy, McGill University)

*Three Modes of Democratic Degenerations*

**CRAIG CALHOUN** (Social Sciences, Arizona State University)

*Shifting Social Foundations of Democracy*

Chair: **CLAUDIO LOMNITZ** (Anthropology, Columbia  
University)

12.00–1.00pm Lunch

### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

1.00–3.00pm Democracy and Contestation

**DILIP GAONKAR** (Rhetoric and Public Culture, Northwestern  
University)

*The Structure of Democratic Degenerations*

**NILUFER GOLE** (Sociology, École des hautes études en  
sciences sociales, EHESS)

*Populism and Pluralism: Public Space at Stake*

Chair: **LUDGER HAGEDORN** (Philosophy, Permanent Fellow,  
IWM)

3.00–3.30pm Coffee

3.30–5.30pm Democracy at Crossroads in Latin America

**CLAUDIO LOMNITZ** (Anthropology, Columbia University)

*Mexico: The National-Popular Tradition in the Era of  
Climate Change*

**LUCIANA CHAMORRO ELIZONDO** (Anthropology, Doctoral  
Candidate, Columbia University)

*Populist Authoritarianism and Minority Rule in Post-  
Revolutionary Nicaragua*

Chair: **AYSE CAGLAR** (Social and Cultural Anthropology,  
Permanent Fellow, IWM)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

9.30–10.00am Coffee

10.00am–1.00pm Theorizing and Historicizing Indian Democracy

**ARUDRA BURRA** (Philosophy, Indian Institute of Technology)

*Popular but Not Sovereign: Nationalism, Electoral Politics,  
and the Government of India Act, 1935*

**AISHWARY KUMAR** (History, Stanford University & Visiting  
Fellow, IWM)

*The Idolatry to Come: Constitutional Theory and the  
Majority's Two Bodies*

**MUKULIKA BANERJEE** (Anthropology and the South Asia  
Centre, London School of Economics)

*The Challenges of Cultivating Democracy*

Chair: **DEVAL DESAI** (Law, Postdoctoral Research Fellow,  
Albert Hirschman Center on Democracy, Graduate Institute,  
Geneva)



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