

HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT DEMOCRACY?

Results of the European
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9.00–9.10	Welcome speeches. Prof. Andrzej Rychard - Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, dr. Michał Kotnarowski – (IFIS PAN, Warsaw) National Coordinator of the European Social Survey in Poland
9.10–9.50	Is there a crisis of democracy in Europe? – keynote lecture of prof. Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI Florence)
09.50–10.20	Europeans' Understandings and Evaluations of Democracy – European Social Survey round 10 data booklet presentation – prof. Monica Ferrin (University of A Coruña), prof. Enrique Hernandez (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
10.25–11.30	Roundtable discussion: How do we feel about democracy in Europe – participants: prof. Pedro Magalhaes (University of Lisbon), prof. Bernhard Wessels (WZB Berlin & Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), prof. Dietlind Stolle (McGill University, Montreal), prof. Magdalena Grabowska (IFIS PAN, Warsaw), chair: prof. Andrzej Rychard (IFIS PAN)
11.30–11.50	Break
11.50–12.20	What went wrong with the 'what went wrong' question? – lecture of prof. Radosław Markowski (SWPS University & IFIS PAN, Warsaw)
12.20–13.10	Europeans' views on democracy – panel session, chair – dr. Michał Kotnarowski (IFIS PAN, Warsaw): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic views, democratic evaluations, and vote – prof. Pedro Riera (UC3M, Madrid) • The relationship between views and evaluations of democracy - dr. Irene Palacios (University of Murcia & University of Cambridge) • Support for democracy and support for autocracy: two sides of the same coin? – dr. Sergio Martini (University of Siena)
13.10–13.25	Why do we need studies like the European Social Survey? – prof. Mariano Torcal (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)
13.25–13.30	Short conclusions – dr. Michał Kotnarowski (IFIS PAN, Warsaw)
13.30–14.00	Networking
14.30	Finish

Conference participants

Mónica Ferrín is Intalent and Ramón y Cajal researcher at the Faculty of Sociology, University of A Coruña. Before moving to A Coruña, she worked at Collegio Carlo Alberto in Turin, and at the University of Zürich. Her research focuses on citizens' democratic attitudes and gender inequality in public involvement. She is the sponsor of the European Social Survey Round 10 module on 'Europeans' understandings and evaluations of democracy'. She is also interested in understanding the gender gap in public participation. Her research has appeared in the *European Journal of Political Research*, *West European Politics*, or the *International Journal of Press/Politics*.

Magdalena Grabowska is sociologist, and a professor at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She is the author of the book *Broken genealogy: Social and political women's activism after 1945 and contemporary women's movement in Poland* (2018), and a co-author of a Feminist Fund report *Where there is an oppression, there is a resistance* (2022). Her academic interests span the history of emancipation movements, postcoloniality and post-socialism, and transnational feminisms. She also conducts activist research on violence and sexual violence against women, reproductive rights, women's equality, and feminist and queer social mobilizations.

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Michał Kotnarowski is a sociologist and political science scholar. He is an assistant professor at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology Polish Academy of Sciences. His research interests include electoral behaviour, comparative politics, and social research methodology. He has authored and co-authored several books and more than a dozen articles. He has published in *Party Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Acta Politica*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *European Sociological Review*. Since 2021, he has been the National Coordinator for Poland in the European Social Survey. Dr. Kotnarowski also participated in many other research projects, including the Polish General Election Study, the POLPAN Polish Panel Survey, and COST Action: True European Voter. He has held fellowships from the National Science Center and Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

Hanspeter Kriesi is a part-time professor for Comparative Politics at the European University Institute in Florence. Previously, he held the Stein-Rokkan Chair at this university and he has been teaching at the universities of Amsterdam, Geneva and Zurich. His wide ranging research interests include the study of various aspects of democracy, political communication, political mobilization and opinion formation. 2017 he has received the Mattei-Dogan Prize, 2022 honorary doctorates from the University of Lucerne and the Mid-Sweden University in Sundsvall. Together with colleagues from the LSE and the University of Milano he is currently working on an ERC Synergy project on the impact of the recent multiple crises on the resilience of the European Union.

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Irene Palacios is an Assistant Professor at the University of Murcia (Spain) and a Research Associate at the Cambridge Centre for the Future of Democracy. She holds a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute in Florence and has been a Postdoctoral researcher at Maastricht University. She is the author of two books on citizens' attitudes about the quality of democracy in Spain and several journal articles. Her main research interests are located in the field of democratic attitudes, quality of democracy and political institutions from a comparative perspective.

Pedro Riera joined the Department of Social Sciences of the University Carlos III of Madrid in 2015, after having served as lecturer at the School of Government and Public Policy of the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) between 2013 and 2015. He obtained tenure in 2017 and became associate professor (i.e., profesor titular) of political science in 2019. His main areas of interest are comparative voting behaviour and electoral systems with a quantitative approach. His research has been published at the *European Journal of Political Research*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Political Behavior*, and *Party Politics*, among others

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Bernhard Weßels is a professor of political science at the Humboldt University Berlin, and he was the acting director of the research unit "Democracy and Democratization" at the WZB until its closure in 2022. He was the principal investigator of the German CSES election study since 1996 and has co-directed the German National Election Study from 2009 to 2020. He is directing the DFG-financed manifesto project and Work Package 4 of the EU-funded OPTED project. His research interest includes comparative political behavior, interest intermediation, and political representation.

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