

Exploring the Frontiers of Democratic Innovations

One-Day Conference

Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2024
Venue: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences
Kardeljeva ploščad 5
SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

PROGRAMME

09:00–9:30 Arrival of participants (coffee & a snack)

09:30–9:45

Welcome

- Andreja Jaklič, Vice-Dean for Research of the Faculty of Social Sciences (Slovenia)
- Christian Haerpfer, Project Director of TRUEDEM, Director of the Institute for Comparative Survey Research (Austria)

10:00–11:00

Keynote Speech

- Danica Fink-Hafner, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
AI – undermining or nourishing democracy?
(Keynote Speech 30 minutes + Q&A/discussion)

11:00–11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15–12:45

Roundtable

Advances and Challenges in Democratic Innovations: Experiences from the Local to European Level

Moderators: Meta Novak, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Frédéric Gonthier, Sciences Po Grenoble, Grenoble Alpes University (France)

Participants:

- Tadej Beočanin, Mayor of Ajdovščina (Slovenia)
- Sabina Lange, European Institute for Public Administration, Maastricht & Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Zdravko Petak, Ana Matan, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- Matic Primc, Organisation for Participatory Society (Slovenia)

12:45–13:45 *Lunch*

13:45–15:00 **Panel I: Challenges to Political Trust**

Moderator: Damjan Lajh, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Panellists:

- Lars Vinther Johanssen, Aarhus University (Denmark): *Trust and Corruption in the Central Administration*
- Marko Hočvar, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): *Economic Inequality, Liberal Democracy and Political Trust in the 21st Century*
- Simon Delakorda, Institute for Electronic Participation (Slovenia): *Institutional Trust in Public Policies Concerning the Digital Transformation of Slovenia*
- Jakub Charvát and Ladislav Cabada, Metropolitan University Prague (Czech Republic): *Trust, the Populist Challenge, and Legislative Power in Central Europe*

15:00–15:15 *Coffee break*

15:15–16:15 **Lecture** (*virtual*)

- Pippa Norris, Co-Principal Investigator of the TRUEDEM Project, Harvard University (USA)
A Virtuous Circle Redux: The Media & Trustworthiness in the Digital Age
(Lecture 30 minutes + Q&A/discussion)

16:15–16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30–18:00 **Panel II: European Elections and Trust in Institutions**

Moderator: Céline Belot, PACTE – Sciences Po Grenoble (France)

Panellists:

- Christian Haerpfer, Institute for Comparative Survey Research (Austria): *The Main Results of the 2024 Elections to the European Parliament: A Cross-National Analysis of the Recent EP Elections in all Member States of the European Union*
- Katjana Gattermann, Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands): *Far-Right Party Electoral Performance and Perceived Disinformation Threats in European Parliament Elections*
- Claudiu D. Tufiş, Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest (Romania): *2024 European Parliament Elections in Romania: What Happens When Politicians Combine Them with Local Elections to Keep Extremists Out of the EP*
- Aneta Világi, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University (Slovakia): *The Paradox of Pro-European Success: Insights from Slovakia's 2024 EP Elections*

18:00 *End of conference*