

Anxieties of Democracy Program

Workshop 1, Oxford May 21-23

To be held at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

The Performance of Democracies

Preliminary program (March 29)

Sunday May 21

- 17.30-18.00 Registration: Blavatnik School of Government
- 18.00 -18.30 Ira Katznelson: *Welcome and presentation of the Anxieties of Democracy Research Program*
- 18.30-18.50 Bo Rothstein: More welcome and *presentation of the Performance of Democracy Project*
- 18.50-19.10 Gustaf Arrhenius: Presentation of the project *The Boundary Problem in Democratic Theory*
- 19.10-19.30 Short presentations by participants
- 19:45 Dinner at Restaurant Branca, 111 Walton Street

Monday May 22

- 09.00-09.15 Welcome from Dean Ngaire Woods, Blavatnik School of Government
- 09.15-11.00 Panel 1.
Chair: Bo Rothstein
Roberto Foa: *Does Democratisation Build or Undermine State Capacity?*
Philip Howard and Samantha Bradshaw: *Social Media and Democracy in Crisis*
Staffan I. Lindberg: *Where is democracy being dismantled and how?*
Discussant: Ira Katznelson
Discussant: Claus Offe
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break and/or optional guided tour of the Blavatnik School Building
- 11.30-13.15 Panel 2.
Chair: Ira Katznelson
Johannes Lindvall: *Urgent and Long-Term Problems for Government Action*
Jane Mansbridge: *Recursive Communication Throughout the Representative System*
Ian Shapiro: *Political Competition and Democratic Governance*
Discussant: Nancy Bermeo
Discussant: Staffan I. Lindberg

- 13.15-14.00 Buffet Lunch, BSG
- 14.00-15.45 Panel 3
 Chair: Staffan I. Lindberg
 Daniel Bell: *Control of corruption in political meritocracy vs electoral democracies*
 Bo Rothstein: *Epistemic Democracy and the Quality of Government*
 Claudia Landswehr: *Can experts make statistical victims count? Social investment, justice and the legitimation of non-majoritarian agencies in democracy*
 Discussant: Gustaf Arrhenius
 Discussant: Ian Shapiro
- 15.45-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.45 Panel 4
 Chair: Nancy Bermeo
 Evan Lieberman: *Is Democracy Working in Africa?*
 Marina Povitkina: *Democracy, corruption and public goods provision*
 Anna Persson: *The Democratic Roots of Corruption*
 Discussant: Daniel Bell
 Discussant: Francis Fukuyama
- 18.00-18.45 Drinks Reception, Terrace Level 4, BSG
 18.45 Barbecue Dinner, Terrace Level 4, BSG

Tuesday May 23

- 09.00-11.00 Panel 5
 Chair: Gustaf Arrhenius
 Michelle D'Arcy and Marina Nistotskaya: *No State, No Development: Institutionalized Infrastructural Power as a Necessary Condition for Development*
 Monika Bauhr: *Why Support Bailouts? Democratic failure, Corruption and International redistribution*
 Yanilda Maria Gonzales: *Police: The Blind Spot of Democracy*
 Marcia Grimes: *The Importance of Bureaucratic Autonomy for Democratic Accountability*
 Discussant: Roberto Foa
 Discussant: Jane Mansbridge
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15-13.00 Panel 6

Chair: Desmond King

Amy Alexander: *The Impact of Democracies' Sensitivity to Gender Equality on Corruption: 1900-2012*

Stefan Dahlberg: *Populist parties, party system polarization and public evaluations of the performance of democracy*

Georgios Xezonakis: *Economic inequality and the 2015 Greek Referendum*

Discussant: Kelly McMann

Discussant: Michelle D'Arcy

13.00-13.45 Buffet Lunch, BSG

13.45-15.45 Panel 7

Chair: Evan Lieberman:

Desmond King & Bo Rothstein: *Rhetoric, fact, truth and fake news: The Health of Liberal Democracy after the 2016 US Presidential Election*

Karthik Ramanna: *Thin Political Markets: The Soft Underbelly of Capitalism*

Thomas Saalfeld: *Do legislators get absorbed into a 'bubble' – and, if so, why and with what effect?*

Kelly McMann: *Democracy and Corruption: A Global Time-Series Analysis*

Discussant: Amy Alexander

Discussant: Anna Persson

15.45-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.15 General discussion – what do we know, where do we go?

18.45 Drinks Reception, Senior Common Room, Nuffield College, 1 New Road

19.15 High Table Dinner, Nuffield College, 1 New Road

Format: Presenters: Preferable 10, absolute maximum 15 min. Discussants 15 min each.

Papers to be delivered to Daisy Grieve (Daisy.Grieve@bsg.ox.ac.uk) by **May 10th**.