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VIII
edition

SUPRANATIONAL DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE

CULTURE, EDUCATION, WELL-BEING

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APRIL 23, 2026

10.00 A.M - INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

CHAIR AND INTRODUCTION:

Susanna CAFARO, Università del Salento

AUTHORITIES:

Mayor of Brindisi; Rector - Università del Salento;
President of the Province; Apulia Region
Representative; Director of the Department of Law -
Università del Salento

PARTNERS GREETINGS:

Marti GRAU SEGÙ, Maison Jean Monnet

Mauro SPEDICATI, Association for Supranational
Democracy

Karl BAUMANN, Institute for the Development of a Global
Democratic Republic (IDGR)

Ghislaine BOUILLET-CORDONNIER, Albatross Foundation
and Finding Happy

SESSION I - DEMOCRACY AND CULTURE

CHAIR: Mauro SPEDICATI, Association for Supranational
Democracy

KEYNOTE SPEECH: Council of Europe, The Culture of
Democracy

Alessandro VALENTI, Screenwriter - **Regenerating
Individuals to Regenerate Communities: the Role of
Culture**

Ghislaine BOUILLET-CORDONNIER, Albatross Foundation
and Finding Happy - **Smiley Ball Game**

SESSION II - DEMOCRACY AND EDUCATION

CHAIR: Silvia SOLIDORO, Università del Salento

Riya SAINI, Indira Gandhi National Open University -
**A Culture- and Education-Driven Approaches to
Strengthening Democratic Engagement Beyond
Borders**

Daniel CHIGUDU, Ruhr University Alliance, University
of South Africa - **Democratic Citizenship in the
Anthropocene: Reimagining Civic Education for
Climate Vulnerable Youth in Africa**

Stefania ATTOLINI, Université Catholique de Lyon -
Teaching Environmental Democracy

Michele FIORILLO, Scuola Normale Superiore -
Supranational Civic Education

Carmela D'ANGELO & Corey MAGYAR, International
School of Brindisi - **The Brindisi Model: International
Education as Democratic Agency in Europe's Periphery**

13.15 p.m Lunch break

2.30 P.M - POSTER SESSION

International School of Brindisi

SESSION III - DEMOCRACY AND WELL-BEING

co-organized with IDGR

CHAIR: Karl BAUMANN, IDGR

Antonio PARENTI, European Commission - **European
Union and Well-Being**

Lars MÜNTER, Nordic Wellbeing Academy - **Health Equity
as a Democratic Imperative: The European Health
Union Initiative**

Nina SØNDERBERG, Nordic Wellbeing Academy - **More
than Health Data; a European Health Democracy
System?**

Edoardo MONTIN, European Health Future Forum - **Future
Forward: The Hackathon on Health & Education That
Reboots Democracy**

SESSION IV - DEMOCRACY AND INCLUSION

co-organized with the University of Padova

CHAIR: Matteo BASSOLI, University of Padova

Matteo BASSOLI, University of Padova - **Navigating
Turbulent Waters: A Comparative Analysis of Local
Responses to "Refugee Crises" in Barcelona and Milan
through Homestay**

Polina ZAVERSHINSKAIA, University of Padova
- **Examining the Institutionalisation of the
Commemoration of the Roma and Sinti Genocide
within the European Union**

Elisa DE MATTEIS & Tommaso GREPPI, University of
Padova - **Analysis of Media Trajectories on Refugees in
Europe (2015-2025): A Time Series Clustering Approach**

Dinner

APRIL 24, 2026

9.30 A.M - GREETINGS

Georgia TRAMACERE, European Parliament

CHAIR: Saverio DI BENEDETTO, Università del Salento

KEYNOTE SPEECH: Jan WOUTERS, KU Leuven University
- **The Promise of EU Democracy: Reconnecting
European Citizens**

SESSION V - DEMOCRACY AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

CHAIR: Claudia MORINI, Università del Salento

Magdalena SMIESZEK, Cosmocitizens Foundation -
**Democracy Beyond Borders in the Age of AI: Toward a
Cosmocitizen Culture**

Henry DE WAELE, Radboud University Nijmegen &
University of Antwerp - **Extrapolating the Right to
Petition to Reinforce Supranational Democracy -
An Enhanced EU System as a Global Role Model?**

Kateřina KOČÍ, Ljubljana University - **Markéta
Votoupalová & Danijel Crnčec: Public Participation in
the Development of NECPs: Evidence from EU External
Energy and Climate Governance in Energy Community
Countries (presented by Danijel Crnčec)**

Lucia D'ASTA, LUM University - **Digital Democracy and
European Constitutionalism: Rethinking Participation
and Governance in the Information Society**

SESSION VI - DEMOCRACY AND INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION

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CHAIR: Francesco SPERA, Università del Salento

Karl BAUMANN, IDGR - **Planetary Participation:
Democracy Beyond Borders for Climate and
Sustainable Development**

Jaap HOEKSMa, Free University of Amsterdam - **The
European Road to Democratic Sovereignty**

Roberto CASTALDI, eCampus University - **Towards a
Democracy Defence Sovereignty**

Cesare CECCATO & Amanda RIBICHINI, Young European
Federalists (JEF) - **Federalist Peace Forum**

Alice PISAPIA, Universitas Mercatorum - **Re-shaping EU's
Competences for Digital Sovereignty**

13.15 p.m Lunch break

2.30 PM - GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE PANEL TOPICS

FACILITATORS: Francesco Viggiani, Elisabetta Marzo,
Jacopo Lillo, Isabella Salsano, Fabiana Magnolo,
Eduardo Giugliano, Federica Brancaccio, Giulia
Perrone, Michele Pieroni

3.30 PM - PLENARY SESSION

Group Reports

CONCLUSIONS AND FAREWELL: Susanna CAFARO

