

**Democracy in the Construction of Europe, 1945-2020.**  
**18-19 March 2021**  
**School of International Studies, University of Trento**



**18 March 2021**

**2.00 pm: Welcome and Introduction**

Sara Lorenzini (University of Trento)

**2.15 – 3.45 pm: Keynote Address**

Martin Conway (University of Oxford): *Historical Engrainages? The Interrelationship of European Unification and Democracy*

**4.15 – 6.00 pm: Democracy in the Early Integration Processes**

Chair and Discussant: Antonio Varsori (University of Padua)

Wolfram Kaiser (University of Portsmouth): *Clash of Three Cultures: Transnational Governance in the European Communities*

Bertrand Vayssière (University of Toulouse): *Federalists and the Beginnings of the Council of Europe: Converting Institutions and Opinion to Supranationality (1949-1951)*

Mechthild Roos (University of Augsburg): *Democratisation through Deliberation: The Beginnings of the European Parliament*

**19 March 2021**

**9.00 – 11.00 am: European Institutions and Policies in Transition**

Chair and Discussant: Lorenzo Mechi (University of Padua)

N. Piers Ludlow (London School of Economics): *Creating a Rod for Its Own Back – Why Did the European Commission Remain So Keen on a Stronger European Parliament, 1958-2000*

Gabriele D'Ottavio (University of Trento): *Italian RAI-TV and European Integration in the 1950s: Popularizing the European Project in a Non-Pluralist Media System*

Umberto Tulli (University of Trento): *An Unexpected Problem? The Hague Summit and the Democratic Deficit*

Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (University of Glasgow): *The EMU and Democratic Legitimacy*

### **11.30 am – 01.00 pm: Promoting Democracy in the Other “Europes”**

Chair and Discussant: Alessandra Bitumi (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Carlos López Gómez (Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid): *Spanish Democrats toward Europe. The Spanish Transition*

Christian Salm (European Parliament Research Service): *Setting Democratic Principles: The European Parliament and the Transitions to Democracy in Greece, Portugal and Spain in the mid-1970s*

Benedetto Zaccaria (Ca' Foscari, University of Venice): *The European Commission and the “Internal” Rationale of the Copenhagen Criteria*

### **3.00 – 5.00 pm: Democratic deficit and legitimacy after the Maastricht Treaty**

Chair and Discussant: Vincent Della Sala (University of Trento)

Lukáš Hamřík (Masaryk University, Brno), *The Personalization of Politics in the EU institutions: A Threat or an Opportunity for the EU Governance?*

Donatella Viola (University of Calabria), *The European Parliament and the Democratic Deficit of the European Union*

Kalypso Nicolaïdis (University of Oxford), *Imagining the Peoples of Europe*

### **5.30 pm: Final roundtable**

**The conference will be livestreamed only.**

**REGISTRATION:** Online registration will open on Thursday **4 March 2021**. Please register at this link: [https://webapps.unitn.it/form/en/Web/Application/convegni/sis\\_confdemoc2021](https://webapps.unitn.it/form/en/Web/Application/convegni/sis_confdemoc2021)  
Registration requests will be checked and approved once a day, after the approval you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Organizing Committee:** Sara Lorenzini, Umberto Tulli, Gabriele D'Ottavio.

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