

Renewing Democracy in Europe

How can democracy be rejuvenated in the post-Brexit, post-Orban, post-Kaczynski and post-Sebastian Kurz Europe?

Time and place: Mar. 21, 2018 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM, The Norwegian Nobel Institute, Henrik Ibsens gate 51, Oslo

Does the current populist turn signal the end of the cosmopolitan dream of a post-nationalist Europe? What are possible visions of a more cooperative, transparent and, at the same time, stronger and more secure continent?

This conference has a double-fold aim: 1) to brainstorm possible solutions to current challenges; 2) to initiate a forum for renewal of European democracy that includes a broad dialogue between scholars, politicians, civil society and the media.

Chairs: Nina Witoszek, UiO and Christopher White, Bjørknes University College

Keynote speakers:

Morning session:

- Radek Sikorski, former Polish Foreign Minister, lecturer at Harvard University
- Laszlo Rajk, former Hungarian dissident, prof. of architecture, Budapest University;

Short Break

- Comments
 - Bernt Hagtvet, professor of political science, Bjørknes College/NEST, UiO
 - Ingrid Brekke, journalist and leading Eastern European correspondent, *Aftenposten*
- Questions from the audience

12.00- 13.00 Break

Afternoon session:

- Eva Joly, MEP, European Parliament
- Barbara Nowacka, Polish feminist and politician of the United Left

Short Break

- Comments
 - Igor Devold, Polish-Norwegian film-director, lecturer at NTNU, pro-democracy activist
 - Catherine Moe Thorleifsson, researcher at the Center for Research on Extremism, University of Oslo
- Questions from the audience