

Democracy and Representation Challenges:



An interdisciplinary workshop

3 and 4 October 2024

Organized by the Observatory of Representation. International Centre for the study of State, Citizenship and Democracy

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This two-day online workshop is meant as an introduction to the work of the **Observatory of Representation. International Centre for the study of State, Citizenship and Democracy**. Formally established in January 2024, this Inter-University and multidisciplinary Centre focusses on political representation and its place in relation to the state and democratic citizenship.

On Thursday 3 October, we shall discuss the idea of representation from a multi-disciplinary perspective. This will be introduced by Professor Michel Troper and based on a book published as part of the Centre's collaboration: **La Représentation politique. Anthologie** (eds) Manuela ALBERTONE, Michel TROPER, Paris: Classiques Garnier, 2018.

On Friday 4 October, we have organized two round tables: one focusing on the role that elections play or ought to play in democratic representation; the other on the ways of enlarging democratic representation through more informal and virtual moments.

Thursday 3 October 2024, 2.30 pm – 4.20 pm UK time (3.30 pm - 5.20 pm CET)

Opening remarks and chair: Prof Helen Berry (HASS, Exeter)

The interdisciplinary study of representation

Introduction by Prof Michel Troper (Paris X Nanterre) followed by discussion

Presentation of the Observatory of Representation

Manuela Albertone (University of Turin)

Gianluca Cuniberti (Director of the *Observatory*, University of Turin)

Pierre Brunet (University Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne)

Sonia Scognamiglio (University of Salerno)

Dario Castiglione (University of Exeter)

Friday 4 October 2024, 2.30 – 5.30 UK time (3.30 pm - 6.30 pm CET)

Panel #1: 2.30 pm – 3.45 pm (3.30 – 4.45 CET)

Representative Democracy as Electoral Democracy: How, and how much does voting matter?

Yann-Arzel Durelle-Marc (Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, TBC): TBC

Richard Bellamy (University College, London): *'Against Lottocracy'*

Ricardo Vasquez Dazarola (Copenhagen Faculty of Law): *'AI Tools and Disinformation'*

Pasquale Pasquino (NYU and CNRS Paris): *'Representative democracy: a conceptual analysis'*

Chair: Andy Schaap (University of Exeter)

Break

Panel #2: 4pm – 5.30pm UK time (5 pm - 6.30pm CET)

Representing the 'voiceless' in democracy: conceptual and institutional problems and solutions

Catherine Dupré (Law, University of Exeter): *'Democracy's invisible humanity'*

Pierre Brunet (Paris La Sorbonne): *'Who should speak for Nature ? Judges, MP's, NGOs, Scientists or Citizens?'*

Laura Montanaro (Politics, University of Essex): *'Civil Society Representation'*

Samuel Hayat (Sciences Po CEVIPOV): *'After ventriloquism: the problem of speaking for yourself in social movements'*

Chair: Christine Bicknell (Law, University of Exeter)

A short version of the papers can be found on

<https://sites.exeter.ac.uk/humanrightsanddemocracyforumblog/>

and in the CPT's webpages (<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/research/centres/cpt/>)

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