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SUPRANATIONAL DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE

A dialogue among scholars, civil society, and creative thinkers about global democratic solutions to global challenges.

VI Edition

Brindisi May 2- 3, 2022

The University of Salento will host a new edition of this unique event at Palazzo Nervegna, Brindisi, Italy, on 2-3 May 2024. This event aims to gather scholars from different backgrounds, international officials, representatives of civil society, and innovative thinkers to discuss the most significant challenges that humanity is currently facing.

In this dark time, the international community is increasingly concerned about war and the way it is shaking the very roots of civil coexistence, challenging the very foundations of international law. Against this backdrop, building peace and mutual understanding among peoples while working on adopting shared choices and embracing common interests remains the only possible option for those who believe that a different world is possible.

Nowadays, the most debated issues, such as climate change, ocean plastic pollution, loss of biodiversity, migration, wars, famines, and the threat to democracy stemming from the distorted and manipulative use of communication on the Internet, do have a global dimension. They are well beyond the reach of national states and sometimes the European Union itself, which nevertheless represents the most advanced phenomenon of democracy in the supranational sphere.

Global institutions, created many decades ago for a world of sovereign nations, are not perfect. The globalisation of finance, markets and social media, as well as the issues posed by climate change and pandemics require adopting a perspective capable of embracing a different perspective both for rights and governance.

The Supranational Democracy Dialogue event kicked off in 2018 (with previous editions' recordings available on YouTube) have become a point of reference for a network of scholars and civil society organisations willing to discuss together solutions instead of problems. The event is the only one in the world aimed at establishing a dialogue on democracy and global governance challenges and, more generally, participation and active citizenship in the international sphere beyond borders. The 2024 edition will be devoted to building a peaceful coexistence grounded on shared values, with a session focused on promoting those supported by the EU and a global one on governance and democracy. In the afternoon, a more practical approach will be adopted. Four thematic working groups will discuss the most controversial aspects

concerning: (i) Democracy and technology; (ii) Climate and environmental emergencies; (iii) War and peacebuilding, and (iv) The approach of the European elections, respectively. For each group, facilitators/experts will lead a brainstorming session aimed at involving all participants in the debate so that scholars, activists, and international officials will be able to interact with each other and the public to broaden the perspective of the current debate and encouraging the proliferation of new ideas outside the box.

Since the event's main source of inspiration is the United Nations 2030 agenda, it is worth highlighting that sustainable development goals are all intertwined. In particular, Goal 17 ("Partnership for the goals") is critical to unlocking each of their potential. Democracy and good governance are necessary tools to achieve them all.

What makes the event particularly interesting is also the network of entities supporting it - such as the UNGSC, the UNHRD, the Democracy without Borders bases, the Robert Triffin International Foundation, the Atlas movement, the CesUE study centre, the online magazine

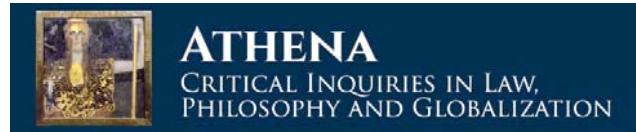


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Euractiv.it, the Democracy School, the Groups on International Law of International Organizations (SIDI DIEcon) and Human Rights (DIEDU) of the Italian Society of International Law and the European Union (SIDI), and the Forum on the International Projection of the European Union (PIUE) of the Italian Association of European Union Law Scholars (AISDUE).

Among partners, we are particularly grateful to the Maison Jean Monnet - European Parliament Training Center in Paris, to the Democracy and Culture Foundation, which every year organizes the Democracy Forum in Athens (in partnership with the New York Times, where innovative democracy is discussed at the transnational and supranational levels), and to the scientific journal Athena -Critical Inquiries in Law, Philosophy and Globalization, which publishes the best contributions on the matters that will be discussed during the event. While hoping that the event in Brindisi organised by the University of Salento will become increasingly well-known for developing activities complementary to those of the Athens Democracy Forum its very existence confirms the strong will to create an international hub where ideas related to peace and international cooperation themes can proliferate and pave the way for innovative and mutually agreed solutions.



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MAY 2-3, 2024 – PALAZZO GRANAFEI-NERVEGNA, BRINDISI

MAY 2, 2024

9 a.m. – Registration of Participants

9.30 a.m. – Welcome Greetings

Fabio POLLICE, Rector of University of Salento

Giuseppe MARCHIONNA, Mayor of the Brindisi Municipality

Maria D'APRILE, Liaison Officer UNGSC – Brindisi

Luigi MELICA, Head of the Law Department – UNISALENTO

Mariano LONGO, Head of the Human and Social Sciences Department –
UNISALENTO

Anna Chiara STEFANUCCI, Head of EUROPE DIRECT Taranto

10 a.m. – Introductory Speech

Susanna CAFARO, EU World LAB Jean Monnet Chair Holder

10.30 a.m. – Session I – **The Founding Principles of the European Union and
their Global Impact**

Chair:

Claudia MORINI, University of Salento

Speakers:

Massimo PENDENZA, University of Salerno – The future that Europa has left
behind. Has the Europe's 'cosmopolitan normative vision been
betrayed?

Oleksiy KANDYUK, Institute for Social Research "Chronos", Kyiv – Evolution
under Pressure: How Russia's War in Ukraine Transforms European Union.

Mar INTROINI, G100 Global Networking – EU's Loss of Values: Following a

War Agenda instead of a Peace One.

Francesco SPERA & Polina ZAVERSHINSKAIA, University of Salento & University of Leipzig – Shared Values under Threat: How the Russian invasion of Ukraine impacted the EU Member States’ Memory Laws: the German and Italian Experiences.

Alice PISAPIA, Insubria University – The Solidarity Principle as a Founding Principle of the EU in the Health Sector.

Lunch break

3 p.m. – Parallel Brainstorming Sessions

- I. **Democracy and Technology** – facilitators: Valerie SAINTOT - University of Gloucestershire & Marco LIUZZI - United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC).
- II. **Addressing Environmental Concerns** – facilitators: Erik MANSSON - Karlstad University & Fabiana MAGNOLO – Università del Salento.
- III. **War & Peace: Governance for a Reconciled World** – facilitators: Silvia SOLIDORO - Università del Salento & Andrea RUBINO – Naukleros ONLUS.
- IV. **EU current Challenges and European Elections** – facilitators : Marti GRAU SEGU - Maison Jean Monnet - European Parliament & Stefania ATTOLINI – Université Catholique de Lyon

5 p.m. – Plenary Groups’ Reports

MAY 3, 2024

10.00 – Session II – **Global Governance & Democracy**

Chair:

Saverio DI BENEDETTO, University of Salento

Speakers:

Anthony KEFALAS, Democracy and Culture Foundation – The Building Blocks of Democracy

Vassily ZAGREDTINOV, Lomonosov MSU – The Founding Principles of the European Union and their Global Impact

Wolfgang PAPE, European External Action Service – Omnilateralism for Holistic Global Governance.

Maria VARAKI, King’s College London - Digital peace and War; moral and legal dilemmas.

Paolo Davide FARAH, West Virginia University and University of Pittsburgh

(USA), gLAWcal (UK)- Global Environmental Litigations with States and Multinational Companies.

Bledar KURTI, Albanian University – Security and Democracy as Shared Values on Global Governance for Peace and Development.

Matteo FULGENZI, Università del Salento – Glocal” Diplomacy in Pursuit of SDG 16 for World Peace and Security.

Lunch Break

15.00 – Keynote Concluding Speech

Monica FRASSONI, President European Alliance to Save Energy and European Center for Electoral Support - Democracy and Climate: a Test for Europe and the World - Democracy and Climate: a Test for Europe and the World.

Online at <https://bit.ly/supranationaldemocracy2024>

Registration link <https://forms.gle/7pZHsYpBg9r9ucV79>

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