



# Grassroots Unrest in Europe and the Erosion of Liberal Democracy

Friday, November 3, 2023 | 8:30 – 17:30 | ESIA Room 602



**8:30**

## Opening Remarks

**Marlene Laruelle, The George Washington University**

**8:45 – 9:15**

**Keynote speech by Clara Mattei, The New School, author of *The Capital Order: How Economists Invented Austerity and Paved the Way to Fascism***

**9:15-10:45**

## Panel I: Central Europe, a Laboratory for Challenges to Democracy and Liberalism

**Chair:** Luke March, *University of Edinburgh*

**Petra Guasti, Charles University**

Mobilisation For and Against Liberal Democracy in Central Europe

**Aleš Michal, Charles University**

Dynamics of the Demand Side of Contemporary Czech Anti-System Protest Mobilization

**Ben Stanley, Center for the Study of Democracy**

Lip-service Liberalism? Declared and Revealed Attitudes to Democracy in Poland

**Keith Prushankin, Freie Universität Berlin**

How to Break a State: How Populists Challenge the Liberal Order in Post-Communist Central Europe

**10.45 – 11:15**

## Coffee break

**11:15 – 12:45**

## Panel II: Drivers of Dissent

**Chair:** Gulnaz Sibgatullina, *University of Amsterdam*

**Josh Vandiver, University of Colorado**

Grassroots Masculinism

**Mikko Salmela, University of Copenhagen, Gulnaz Sharafutdinova, Kings College London, and**

**Christian von Scheve, Freie Universität Berlin**

What is Collective Ressentiment?

**Sang Kyung Lee, The George Washington University**

Inequality and the Crisis of Democracy

**Jose Pedro Zúquete, ICS University of Lisbon**

The Great Reset, its Opponents, and Democracy

**12:45 – 13:30 Lunch**

**13:30 – 14:00**

**Keynote speech by James Ball, Demos, author of *The Other Pandemic: How QAnon Contaminated the World***

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Panel III: The Minorities Mirror: The Core Tension of Exclusivness/Inclusivness**

**Chair:** Petra Guasti, *Charles University*

**Luke March, University of Edinburgh**

Movement Parties and the Radical Left: New Radical Democracy or Transitional Forms of Party Organisation?

**Gulnaz Sibgatullina, University of Amsterdam**

Opportunism or Ideological Convergence? Evolving Stances of European (Far-Right) Parties Toward Muslims

**Courtney Blackington, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Disseminating Disgust: Disgust Rhetoric & Protest against Stigmatized Minority Groups

**Roman Hlatky, University of North Texas**

Revenge Revisited: The Representation of Ethnic Minorities, Resentment, and Radical Right Electoral Success

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Panel IV: Conceptual Perspectives**

**Chair:** Marlene Laruelle, *The George Washington University*

**Antonio Campati, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan**

Illiberalism and Political Representation: The Pluralism and the future of Liberal Democracy in Europe

**Mikhail Zabotkin, Freie Universität Berlin**

Friend or Foe? Conservative Parties, Populism, and Liberal Democracy

**Alexander J. Klein, Freie Universität Berlin**

To Exclude or to Enlighten? On the Use of Civilizational Discourse by Liberal EU Actors

**Jack Thompson, University of Amsterdam**

Identifying Informal Illiberalism: Toward a Typology of Norm Erosion