

an international conference in honor of John Markoff

Democracy in Europe, Democracy Beyond Europe

Wednesday, January 25 - Friday, January 27, 2023



Sponsored by the European Studies Center and held at
the Sociology Department, University of Pittsburgh

Location of all in-person events:

Sociology Colloquium Room, 2432 Posvar Hall

Virtual link to all events:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/96801236998>

Schedule

Wednesday, January 25

12-1:30PM ET (virtual)

Sidney Tarrow (Cornell University, USA):
“Three takes on Democracy and
Movements: Markoff, Tilly, and Frank”

Moderated by Suzanne Staggenborg (Pitt, Sociology)

Preceded by words of welcome by Lisa Brush, chair of sociology



Schedule

Thursday, January 26

10:30-12PM ET (virtual)

Donatella della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy): “Social Movements in the European Crises: Still time for a Critical Europeanism?”

Moderated by Fernando Tormos-Aponte (Pitt, Sociology)

12-1PM ET Lunch Break

1:00-2:30PM ET (in-person)

Asef Bayat (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA): “Democracy and Everyday Life”

Moderated by Sahar Hosseini (Pitt, History of Art and Architecture)

2:30-3PM ET Break

3-4:30PM ET (in-person)

Panel on Democratic Alternatives I:

- Hillary Lazar (University of Pittsburgh, USA): “Democracy and the Anarchist Turn in 21st Century Activism”
- Benjamin Case (University of Pittsburgh, USA): “Ballot Initiatives as a Window into Democracy in Crisis”

Moderated by Mark Paterson (Pitt, Sociology)

4:30-5:30PM ET (in-person)

Jessica Greenberg (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA): “Can the Rule of Law save European Democracy?”

Moderated by Nancy Condee (Pitt, Director of Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies)



Schedule

Friday, January 27

11-12:30PM ET (in-person)

Amber Reed (Spelman College, USA):
“The Politics of Nostalgia: South Africa and Beyond”

Moderated by Joshua Bloom (Pitt, Sociology)

12:30-2PM ET (virtual; includes lunch for in-person attendees)

Panel on Histories of Democracy: “Democracy and Executive Might in 19th Century Europe and the Americas”

- Eduardo Posada–Carbo (University of Oxford, UK): “Simón Bolívar”
- Guy Thomson (University of Warwick, UK): “Benito Juarez”
- Stephen Sawyer (American University in Paris, France): “Napoleon III and the Third Republic”
- Joanna Innes (University of Oxford, UK), Commentator

Moderated by Mark Philp (University of Warwick, UK)

2-2:30PM ET Break



Schedule

Friday, January 27

2:30-4PM ET (in-person)

Panel on Democratic Alternatives II:

- Jackie Smith (University of Pittsburgh, USA): “Globalization and the Future of Democracy Today”?
- Ben Manski (George Mason University, USA): “The other world that is necessary: The imperative of Next System Studies”

Moderated by Nathan Katz (Pitt, Sociology)

4-5:30PM ET (in-person)

Roundtable: Democratic Histories, Democratic Futures:

- John Markoff (University of Pittsburgh, Sociology)
- Diego Holstein (University of Pittsburgh, History)
- Michael Goodhart (University of Pittsburgh, Political Science)
- Mohammed Bamyeh (University of Pittsburgh, Sociology)

Moderated by Randall Halle (Pitt, German/European Studies)

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