

# IS DEMOCRACY IN DANGER IN THE INFORMATION AGE?



**6 > 8 / Strasbourg**  
**November 2019**



World Forum  
for  
Democracy

Programme of Special Events  
for the Schools of Political Studies

# Overall Forum Structure

	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November
AM	9.30-10.30 <b>Time for Facts</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>	9.30-17.00 <b>Visits to ECtHR</b>	9.30-10.30 <b>Visits to ECtHR</b>
	10.40-11.00 <b>Opening Session</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>	9.00-11.00 <b>1st Series of Labs and Forum Talks</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe</i>	9.00-10.30 <b>Plenary Session 4</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>
	11.00-12.30 <b>Plenary Session 1</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>	11.30-13.00 <b>2nd Series of Labs and Forum Talks</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe</i>	10.30-11.30 <b>Plenary Session 5</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>
			11.30-13.00 <b>Closing Session</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>
Lunch	12.30-14.00 <b>Lunch/Networking Lunch</b> Restaurant of the European Parliament	13.00-14.30 <b>Lunch/Networking Lunch</b> Restaurant of the European Parliament	13.00-14.00 <b>Lunch</b> Restaurant of the European Parliament
PM	14.00-16.00 <b>Plenary Session 2</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>	14.30-16.30 <b>3rd Series of Labs and Forum Talks</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe</i>	15.00-16.00 <b>SPS Diploma Ceremony &amp; Family Photograph</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>
	16.30-18.30 <b>Plenary Session 3</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle</i>	17.00-18.30 <b>Carte Blanche: Cartooning for Peace/ Conversation with David Patrikarakos</b> <i>Palais de l'Europe</i>	
Evening		19.30 <b>Debate by ASPS</b> <i>ERAGE, 4 rue Brulée</i> Public Event	

 SPS Special Events
  WFD Sessions

For more details about the main Forum programme, please consult the Forum brochure or visit the official website: [www.coe.int/world-forum-democracy](http://www.coe.int/world-forum-democracy)

# Welcome to the Council of Europe

**The Secretariat of the Schools of Political Studies warmly welcomes the over 450 participants from the Schools who are here in Strasbourg for the Eighth World Forum for Democracy.**

- The Forum intends to be a place where you – young democratic leaders – are exposed to cutting-edge ideas and first-rate discussion on issues relating to democracy. This year's forum will focus on democracy in the information age. The questions we must address in 2019 are to what extent is the information reliable, whether this helps or hinders citizens in taking part in democratic processes, and what lessons we should learn for ensuring the free flow of information in the future.
- The Forum is a place to exchange your experiences and to address your questions on the topics under review. We encourage you to share your knowledge and to use this event as an opportunity for mutual learning.
- In addition to the main Forum programme, a series of meetings and events has been designed specifically for the Schools. This brochure provides information on the following elements:

- ▶ Networking lunches;
- ▶ Visits to the European Court of Human Rights;
- ▶ The Diploma ceremony and the “family photograph”;
- ▶ Side Event in the City: Debate by the Association of Schools of Political Studies (ASPS)

- You will also find an insert with a list of the Schools' participants at the Forum. Please use it to meet people from other Schools and to network.
- The Schools' Secretariat looks forward to meeting you and hopes you will take full advantage of all these events as well as of the Forum itself. Enjoy, network, and help build a bright future for all!







## Networking Lunches

**The Networking Lunches are open only to those participants who have registered in advance. They will take place on *Wednesday 6 November 12.30-14.00* and *Thursday 7 November 13.00-14.30* in the Restaurant of the European Parliament.**

The idea behind the Networking Lunch is to create an informal environment in which you can meet other young professionals from other Schools with similar interests and ambitions. You will have the chance to share experiences of democracy in your own country as well as to exchange opinions on the topic of this year's forum. Tables in the European Parliament restaurant will be organised by language and by field of activity.

You have been assigned to a table in the European Parliament for one of the dates mentioned above. Please consult the table plans when you enter the restaurant.

*The participants who have not registered in advance will have lunch in the main part of the restaurant.*

## SPS Diploma Ceremony and Family Photograph

**Friday 8 November from 15.00 to 16.00**

The diploma ceremony will take place in the Hemicycle, Palais de l'Europe, in the presence of **Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.**

The group photograph will be then taken in the Hemicycle in the Palais de l'Europe at the end of the Diploma Ceremony.



## Meetings at the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)

**All participants must arrive at the main entrance of the ECtHR Building 15 minutes before each meeting to go through the security checks. Please do not forget to bring your badge.**

Participants from	Date & Time	Judge/Lawyer	Meeting Room
Albania (with Kosovo*)	Thursday 7 Nov. 14.30 - 15.30	Ylli Peco, Lawyer	Press Room
Armenia	Thursday 7 Nov. 11.00 - 12.00	Armen Harutyunyan, Judge	Small Hearing Room
Azerbaijan	Thursday 7 Nov. 11.00 - 12.00	Khagani Guliyev, Lawyer	Press Room
Belarus	Friday 8 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Emilia Ramazanova, Lawyer	Press Room
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Thursday 7 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Faris Vehabović, Judge	Seminar Room
Bulgaria	Tuesday 5 Nov. 14.30 - 15.30	Yonko Grozev, Judge	Small Hearing Room
Croatia	Thursday 7 Nov. 14.30 - 15.30	Ksenjia Turković, Judge Franka Viljac Herceg, Lawyer	Main Hearing Room
Georgia	Thursday 7 Nov. 11.00 - 12.00	Lado Chanturia, Judge	Main Hearing Room
Greece	Thursday 7 Nov. 16.00 - 17.00	Nicolas Sansonnetis, Head of Division, Registry of the Court	Press Room
Kosovo* (with Albania)	Thursday 7 Nov. 14.30 - 15.30	Ylli Peco, Lawyer	Press Room
Moldova	Thursday 7 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Valeriu Grițco, Judge	Press Room
Montenegro	Friday 8 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Slobodanka Karisik, Lawyer	Main Hearing Room
Morocco (with Tunisia)	Friday 8 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Gaëlle Taille Sheen and Lydie Limou, Lawyers	Room 20 RC Jardin
North Macedonia	Thursday 7 Nov. 16.00 - 17.00	Jovan Ilievski, Judge	Small Hearing Room
Romania	Thursday 7 Nov. 14.30 - 15.30	Cristina Vezan, Lawyer	Small Hearing Room
Russian Federation	Thursday 7 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Dmitry Dedov, Judge	Small Hearing Room
Serbia	Tuesday 5 Nov. 14.30 - 15.30	Branko Lubarda, Judge	Main Hearing Room
Tunisia (with Morocco)	Friday 8 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Gaëlle Taille Sheen and Lydie Limou, Lawyers	Room 20 RC Jardin
Turkey	Thursday 7 Nov. 11.00 - 12.00	Saadet Yüksel, Judge	Seminar Room
Ukraine	Thursday 7 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Ganna Yudkivska, Judge	Main Hearing Room
Visegrád	Friday 8 Nov. 9.30 - 10.30	Boglárka Benko, Lawyer	Seminar Room

*\*All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.*

# Public Debate

## Fake News! Fake Democracy? What Next?



Disinformation has been with us ever since humans began to speak but today it spreads like wild fire manipulating democratic processes and fuelling mistrust of the media, politics, experts and much more.

How can we counter fake news? Where do you get your information? What should governments be doing? And the media? And what about you?

### Speakers:

**Nils Muižnieks** (Latvia): President of the Association of Schools of Political Studies (ASPS), Former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (2012-2018)

**Ana Gomes** (Portugal): Portuguese diplomat and MEP (2004-2019)

**David Buchan** (UK): Former East European, Brussels and Paris correspondent for the Financial Times

**Emir Zulejhić** (Bosnia and Herzegovina): Editor of a fact-checking platform called Raskrinkavanje

**Aleksandr Shmelev** (Russia): Political Scientist, journalist and founder of Sapere.online

### Moderator:

**Jack Hanning**, Secretary General of the ASPS

**Thursday 7 November 2019  
at 19.30  
ERAGE, 4 rue Brûlée**

Interpretation in English,  
French & Russian



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## Your views matter!

We hope you have enjoyed the Forum and are interested to hear your impressions or ideas for improvement. Please take a few minutes to complete the form that will be sent to you shortly after the Forum.





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