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Democracy at Crossroads: The European and Indian Experience

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Democracy, Diversity and European Identity in the European Union

Centre for European Studies

School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Venue: Room 344, SIS II Building, JNU, New Delhi (Hybrid Mode)

Programme

Day I: 26 September 2023

INAUGURAL SESSION

10.00 AM – 11.45 AM (IST) / 06.30 AM – 08.15 AM (CET)

- Welcome Address by Chair : **Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli**
Dean, School of International Studies (SIS), JNU
- Introduction to the Conference : **Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar**
Professor, Jean Monnet Chair
Chairperson, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU
- Special Address : **H.E. Daniela-Mariana Sezonov Tane**
Ambassador of Romania to India, Nepal and Bangladesh
- Special Remarks : **Mr. Seppo Nurmi**
Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Delegation of EU to India and Bhutan
- Special Remarks : **Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu**
Joint Secretary, Central Europe Division,
Ministry of External Affairs, GoI
- Keynote Address : **Prof. Madhavan K. Palat**
Editor & Trustee, Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund,
Professor (Retd.), Centre for Historical Studies, JNU
- Vote of Thanks : **Lyimee Saikia**
Research Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

High Tea from 11.45 AM to 12.15 PM

WORKING SESSION I

12.15 PM – 01.15 PM (IST) / 08.45 AM – 09.45 AM (CET)

Theme: Populism and Liberal Democracy

Chair: **Prof. Kumar Suresh**, Professor & Head, Department of Educational Administration,
National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

The Discontents of Liberalism: Populism, Nationalism, and Illiberal Democracy
Prof. Vidhu Verma, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU

Liberal Democracy and Varieties of Populism
Prof. Amit Prakash, Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU

Relooking at Populism and Democratic Resilience in Europe
Dr. Ankita Dutta, Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

Lunch Break from 01:15 PM to 02:30 PM

WORKING SESSION II

02.30 PM – 03.45 PM (IST) / 11.00 AM – 12.15 PM (CET)

Theme: Democracy in Practice

Chair: **Prof. Sanjay Kumar Pandey**, Professor, Centre for Russian and
Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

Developmental Democracy in Neoliberal Times
Prof. Samir Kumar Das, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Rule of Law: A Prerequisite for Democracy
Prof. Peter Schiffauer, Deputy Director, Dimitris-Tsatsos-Institut for European Constitutional
Sciences, Honorary Professor, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences, Fern-
Universität, Hagen, Germany

Risk Governance and Digital Political Campaigning: A Framework for Analysis
Dr. Gabriela Borz, Senior Lecturer, School of Government and Public Policy, University of
Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

Democracy at the Ballot Box: Reading Spain's Recent Electoral Conundrum
Dr. Meenakshi Sundriyal, Assistant Professor, Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian & Latin
American Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies (SLL&CS), JNU

Tea Break from 03.45 PM to 04.00 PM

WORKING SESSION III

04.00 PM - 05.30 PM (IST) / 12.30 PM – 02.00 PM (CET)

Theme: Democratic Experiences around the World

Chair: **Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra**, Founder & Chairperson,
Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies (KIIPS), Formerly Pro-Vice Chancellor, JNU and
Professor, School of International Studies, JNU

Israel Fights for its Soul when its Democracy is at Crossroads
Prof. P.R. Kumaraswamy, Professor & Chairperson, Centre for West Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

Democracy and Violent Conflicts in Africa: Recent Issues and Challenges
Dr. Jamal M. Moosa, Associate Professor, Centre for African Studies, SIS, JNU

Trends and Patterns of Electoral Democracy in Latin America
Dr. Priti Singh, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American
Studies, SIS, JNU

Re-thinking the Right: Democratic Decline in the 'Developed' World
Yash Sharma, Research Scholar, School of Public and International Affairs, University of
Cincinnati, Cincinnati, US

Dichotomising Values and Goals: Democratic Experiences in South Asia
Prof. Sanjay K. Bhardwaj, Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

Day II: 27 September 2023

SPECIAL SESSION

10.00 AM – 10.45 AM (IST) / 06.30 AM – 07.15 AM (CET)

India and EU: The Dialectics of Democracy and Human Rights post-G20 Summit

- Speaker : **Amb. Bhaswati Mukherjee**, Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands
- Chair : **Prof. Ummu Salma Bava**, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Centre for
European Studies, SIS, JNU

Tea Break from 10.45 AM to 11.00 AM

WORKING SESSION IV

11.00 AM – 12.15 PM (IST) / 07.30 AM – 08.45 AM (CET)

Theme: Democracy and Challenges to Inclusion

Chair: **Dr. Mousumi Basu**, Associate Professor, Centre for International Politics,
Organisation & Disarmament, SIS, JNU

Disability Question in the UK and India: Welfare, Accommodation and Rights
Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social
Sciences, JNU

Democracy, Diversity, and Integration in India and Europe
Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

Artificial Intelligence and Democracy: The EU's Experience
Dr. Sakti Prasad Srichandan, Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

*'What Next?': Analysing France's Recent Amendment on Abortion Rights as a Response to Global
Trends*

Sanskriti Rajkhowa, Research Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

WORKING SESSION V

12.15 PM – 01.15 PM (IST) / 08.45 AM – 09.45 AM (CET)

Theme: Perspectives on Democracy

Chair: **Dr. Ankita Dutta**, Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

*Deliberative Democracy as a Remedy for the Crisis of Democracy: The European and Indian
Experience*

Dr. Samuel Nannoni, Vice President, Prossima Democrazia - Laboratori Deliberativi, Florence,
Italy

European Union and Democracy Promotion
Dilge Bengu Ozcoskun, Research Scholar, Riga Stradiņš University, Faculty of European Studies,
Doctorate Study Program, Social Sciences (Political Sciences), Latvia

Vaad: An Epistemology of Debate in Democracy
Abhishek Tripathi, Research Scholar, Sapienza University, Rome

Lunch Break from 01.15 PM to 02.15 PM

WORKING SESSION VI

02.15 PM – 03.45 PM (IST) / 10.45 AM – 12.15 PM (CET)

Theme: Democratic Trajectories in Europe and India

Chair: **Prof. Jayati Srivastava**, Professor, Centre for International Politics,
Organisation & Disarmament, SIS, JNU

Welfare, Security and Democracy in the Nordic Region
Prof. Haldor Byrkjeflot, Professor, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of
Oslo, Norway

The Rise of (Far) Right in Europe
Dr. George N. Tzogopoulos, Senior Research Fellow, Centre international de formation européenne
(CIFÉ), Nice, France

European Union's Democratic Conundrum
Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Chairperson, Centre for European Studies,
SIS, JNU, New Delhi

Recent Trends in India's Federal Experience
Prof. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

Negotiating Identities in Liberal Democracy: Citizenship and French Muslims
Dr. Antony Dawson D'silva, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Maharaja's
College, Ernakulam, Kerala

VALEDICTORY SESSION

03.45 PM – 04.15 PM (IST) / 12.15 PM – 12.45 PM (CET)

Valedictory Address : **Amb. Manjeev Singh Puri**
Former Ambassador to EU, Belgium, Luxembourg and Nepal

Closing Remarks : **Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar**
Professor, Jean Monnet Chair,
Chairperson, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

Vote of Thanks : **Harsh Pandey**
Research Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU

High Tea from 04.15 PM to 04.30 PM