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**Illusions of democracy and the media:
contested visions and political dynamics**
18-22 May 2015 – SOAS University of London (room 102, Brunei)

Programme

Monday, May 18, 2015

9.30 – 10.00 Greetings: Annabelle Sreberny, Claudia Padovani, Gareth Stanton

10.00 – 12.00 CONCEPTUALIZING DEMOCRACY AND ITS CRISES

Chair: Jae-Ho Kang

Speakers:

Massimiliano Tomba: "Democracy in the Clash of Temporalities"

Jan Aart Scholte: "Global Democracy: Oxymoron or Opportunity?"

Natalie Fenton: "Media, power, politics and this thing called democracy"

Stefania Milan: "The crisis of participatory governance"

12.15 – 13.15 Student presentations

Chair: Lynn Mario de Sousa

Presenters:

Amin Hasemi on Iran

Morten Toustrup on Libya

13.15 – 14.30 lunch break

14.30 – 17.00 DEMOCRACY, CRISIS AND RESISTANCE

Chair: Francesca Helm

Speakers:

Sophia Katatzi-Whitlock: "Is economic-financial subjugation of an EU member state compatible with democracy and with the European project?"

Maria Prentoulis: "In the name of the people': new political actors after the euro crisis"

Eugenia Sapiera: "Radical Journalism in Post-Democracy"

Bart Cammaerts: "The Mediation of Anti-Austerity Resistance: Production, Representation and Reception"

Lynn Mario de Souza: "Opposition, Resistance and (mis-) Information: a reading of the street demonstrations in Brazil"

17.30 screening **AGORA'** (film on Greek experience by Yorgos Avgeropoulos, Small Planet Documentary Production House)

Tuesday, May 19

9.30 – 11.30 DEMOCRACY BEYOND THE WEST: POLITICAL CHANGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: Massimiliano Fusari

Speakers:

Gholam Khiabany: "The struggle for democracy in Iran and the rediscovery of America"

Dina Matar: "Digital narratives and the Syrian Uprising: Political Activism and Identity Struggles"

Gilbert Achcar: "Democratic Transition and the Arab Uprising"

12.00 – 13.00 Student presentations

Chair: Gholam Khiabany

Presenters:

Lisa Rose on Local self-government in Rojava after (and during) the Syrian uprising of 2011

Tamara Taher on Rethinking the 'agency' of change in the Middle East

Shira Pinczuk on Middle east

13.00 – 14.00 lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 DEMOCRACY BEYOND THE WEST: NEW CHALLENGES

Chair: Massimiliano Tomba

Speakers:

Gareth Stanton: "Bloggers in the crossfire: social media and political unrest in Bangladesh"

Somnath Batabyal: "Illusions of Empowerment: Indian elections and the role of television"

Matti Pohjonen: "Slowly an egg learns to walk: Mapping online political discussions in Ethiopia"

16.00 – 17.00 Students' presentations and discussion

Chair: Claudia Padovani

Presenters:

Mohammed Taha on Egypt

Eliana Quiroz on Public deliberation and collective action in Internet in Bolivia

Wednesday, May 20

9.30 – 11.30 INTERNET AND DEMOCRACY: SURVEILLANCE, PRIVACY AND PARTICIPATION

Chair: Gareth Stanton

Speakers:

Veronica Barassi: "Contested Visions: Corporate social media, political activism and the quest for 'democracy' "

Arne Hintz: "Leaking Social Change: Reflecting on Leak Activism from WikiLeaks to Snowden and beyond"

Murali Shanmugavelan: "Notes on Surveillance, Privacy and Participation: *letters from the field site based on everyday practices*"

12.00 – 13.00 Student presentations

Chair: Francesca Helm

Presenters:

Kajalie Shehreen Islam on The use of religion-based rhetoric in anti-liberation discourse during Bangladesh's independence movement

Firas Khatib on Palestinians in Israel and the Arab Satellite Era

13.00 – 14.00 lunch break

Afternoon **Free for students**

14.00 – 15.30 Potential academic collaboration: Organizing entities to discuss future partnerships

Thursday, May 21, 2015

9.30 – 13.00 DEMOCRACIES, EDUCATION and KNOWLEDGES

Chair: Annabelle Sreberny

Speakers:

Mino Conte: "After democracy and education? Today's governance of school systems and

Lynn Mario de Sousa: "Neo-liberal Complicity and Official International Mobility Policies for Higher Education in Brazil"

Michael Bailey: "The Strange Death of the Liberal University: the Case for Collective Action"

13.00 – 14.00 lunch break

14.00 – 17.00 Student presentations

Chair: Mino Conte

Presenters:

Francesca Morazzin on Europeanisation of civil society in Poland: the case of NGOs promoting interculturalism

Julia di Campo on Pedagogical tools to promote gender education at PhD schools

Andrea Petracchin on (Towards) an International Declaration on Internet Human Rights and Freedoms?

17.30 DRINKS and Late-opening of Brunei Gallery (B102): Massimiliano Fusari: ***Tent-makers of Cairo***

Friday, May 22, 2015

9.30 – 12.30 DEMOCRACY, POLITICS AND THE GLOBAL

Chair: Lynn Mario

Speakers:

Annabelle Sreberny: "*Charlie Hebdo*, media/event and globalised political conversation"

Gaia Giuliani: "Je suis Charlie Hebdo: constructions of Otherness in contemporary Europe"

Claudia Padovani: "Norms, democratic transformations and the global: insights from feminist conversations"

Marianne Franklin: "(Global) Internet Governance and its (Civil) Discontents"

12.30 – 14.00 lunch break

14.00 – 15.00 STUDENTS: feedback on their participation the School for all seasons

15.15 – 16.30 CLOSING SESSION: comments and general discussion, future initiatives

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