

Digital Technologies and the Stakes for Representative Democracy

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Friday, 10 June 2022

Hall of the Senate, Hellenic Parliament

18:00-18:20 Welcome address

Constantine An. Tassoulas

President of the Hellenic Parliament

18:20-19:00 Keynote address

Chair: Bruno Dias Pinheiro

Konstantinos Papageorgiou, Burke's "Speech to the Electors of Bristol" revisited

19:00-19:30 Coffee break

19:30-21:00 Parliamentary legitimacy in the new era

Chair: Marion Guillart

Javier de Piniés, The future of Law in modern representative democracies

Vassiliki Christou, Digitalization and the rise of an 'individualized' democracy? A defense for party representation

Panagiotis Doudonis, Has technology weakened parliamentary legitimacy?

Anthony Teasdale, Will all politics be digital? The future of representative and participatory democracy in Europe

Saturday, 11 June 2022

Hall of the Senate, Hellenic Parliament

9:30-11:00 Parliamentary experience

Chair: María López Moreno de Cala

Arne Koitmäe, The impact of e-voting on participation and turnout

Giovanni Rizzoni, Digitalizing the knowledge support functions for Parliaments: The Italian experience

Luis Manuel Miranda López, How did the remote voting system work in the Spanish Parliament during the COVID 19 pandemic: Original regulation and necessary reforms

Bruno Dias Pinheiro, The impact of technology in interparliamentary cooperation: How is the digital transition enhancing the role of national Parliaments in the EU?

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:45 The need for adjustment I

Chair: Giovanni Rizzoni

Christos Papastylianos, Individual rights and the threat of disinformation and polarisation

Costas Stratilatis, The concept of representation and the New Media

Ismi Kriari, Parliaments' response to novel technological challenges: organs and procedures

17:00-18:30 The need for adjustment II

Chair: Etienne Bassot

María López Moreno de Cala, Remote voting in a digital era:

Are Parliaments prepared for an extensive application to the detriment of the attendance required by the Constitution?

Achilles C. Emilianides, AI and Parliament efficiency

Stephan Lewandowsky, Democratic rights and online platforms: Pressure points and solutions

18:30-19:00 Coffee break

19:00-20:30 Round Table

Chair: Nikos K. Alivizatos

Eva Kaili

Alexandre Quintanilha

Riina Sikkut

Christos-Georgios Skertsos

Sunday, 12 June 2022

Vouleftikon, Nafplion Workshop

Plenary session: Conclusions – Next steps?

Chair: Ismini Kriari

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