

Democracy Today

Friday + Saturday, 17th - 18th of April 2009

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 am - 10:00 am Introductory Remarks:
Andrew Arato and Carlos Forment

Session I: Emerging Forms of Democratic Life
10:00 am - 11:30am

The Metamorphoses of European Democracy
Pierre Rosanvallon, Collège de France

Venezuela's Emerging Social-Based Democratic Model
Steve Ellner, Universidad de Oriente de Venezuela

Discussant: Nadia Urbinati, Columbia University

Session II: Legitimacy, Legality, and Democratic Regimes
11:45 am - 1:45 pm

Illegitimate Democratic Law and Legitimate Undemocratic Law
Mattias Kumm, New York University Law School

Legitimacy and Legality in Constitutional Change: Iraq and Turkey
Andrew Arato, Dorothy Hart Hirshon Professor of Political and Social Theory;
New School for Social Research

Democracy and Disgust: Proposition 8 and the Limits of "Moral Politics"
Kendall Thomas, Columbia University Law School

Discussant: John Vanderlippe, New School for Social Research

Session III: Contesting Democratic Rights
3:15 pm - 5:15 pm

Electoral Populism Where Property Rights are Weak:
Land Politics in Contemporary sub-Saharan Africa
Catherine Boone, University of Texas-Austin

Neoliberal Democracy? Challenges for Political Rights in the Middle East.
Jillian Schwedler, University of Massachusetts--Amherst

Argentine Citizenship in the Wake of Neoliberalism:
Worker Recuperated Factories
Carlos Forment, New School for Social Research, Universidad Nacional de
San Martin

Discussant: Douglas Chalmers, Columbia University

Location:

65 Fifth Avenue
Mezzanine Floor, Machinist Room
New York, New York

Conveners:

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Session I: Political Institutions and Democracy
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

History and Democratization in China
Yao Yang, Beijing University

The Politics of Establishing Inclusive Democracy in Nepal
Ashok Gurung, New School for Social Research

The Elusiveness of Power in Contemporary Indian Democracy
Sanjay Ruparelia, New School for Social Research

Discussant: Sanjay G. Reddy, Barnard College, Columbia University

Session II: Reenchantment of Democracy
12:15 am - 2:15 pm

A Democratic Demiurge? The Local Politics of Assembly in Bolivia
Robert Albro, American University

The Politics of Hope in Nigeria: Miracles and Democracy-to-come
Ruth Marshall, University of Toronto

On Barack Obama
Jeffrey Goldfarb, New School for Social Research

Discussant: Ronald Kassimir, New School for Social Research

Session III: Symbolic and Virtual Boundaries of Democracy
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Attacking Mumbai: Politics and Anti-Politics in South Asia
Faisal Devji, New School for Social Research

Virtually Civilized: Metaverse, Haiku and the Roles of Weak-tie Public
Spheres
Eiko Ikegami, New School for Social Research

Discussant: Victoria Hattam, New School for Social Research

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