

**REDEM Conference on
“Strengthening Electoral Participation”**

Organized by Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona
May 2-4, 2022

Program

Monday May 2nd

09.15h: Welcome and opening words

09.30 – 11.15: **1st Panel: Have non-electoral participatory processes any impact on strengthening electoral participation?**

Chair: José Luis Martí

- Pierre-Etienne Vandamme (Université Catholique Louvain), “Can Democratic Innovations Save Electoral Representation? A Theoretical Framework”
- Yanina Welp (Graduate Institute, Geneva), “The Effects of Participatory Democracy, Beyond False Oppositions and Reductionisms”
- Laurentiu Gheorghe (University of Bucharest), “Switching from activists to politicians in Romania - ethical, practical and electoral challenges”

11.15 – 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.15: **1st Panel (cont.): Have non-electoral participatory processes any impact on strengthening electoral participation?**

Chair: Annabelle Lever

- Victoria Kristan and José Luis Martí (Pompeu Fabra University), “Non electoral citizen engagement and the quality of electoral participation”
- Jakob Garret (Università degli studi di Genova), “Local Schools as National Microcosms: How Participation at Schools Engenders National Political Consciousness”
- David Farrell (University College Dublin), “The importance of context in determining how mini-publics can influence maxi-publics: the Irish experience”

13.15 - 14.30: Lunch Break

14.30 - 16.00: **Keynote Address:** Jane Mansbridge (Harvard University), “Why and How to Increase Turnout”

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00: **2nd Panel: Democratic innovations**

Chair: Ismael Peña López

- Annabelle Lever (Sciences Po Paris) and Chiara Destri (University of Frankfurt), "Democratic Equality: What Does It Require?"
- Henrik Serup Christensen (Abo Academy, Finland), "Unequal inequalities? How participatory inequalities affect democratic legitimacy"

Tuesday May 3rd

9.30am – 11.30: **3rd Panel: The role of political parties in strengthening electoral participation**

Chair: Andrej Kristan

- Fabio Wolkenstein (University of Viena), "How Can Political Parties Integrate Today?"
- Francisco García Gibson (London School of Economics), "Climate Change and Compromises in Party Coalitions"
- Dimitrios Efthymiou (Goethe University Frankfurt), "Are all populists against immigration? Distinguishing between 'thick' and 'thin' conceptions of populism"
- Berta Barbet (Institut d'Estudis d'Atogovern de Catalunya), "Why are they not representing their people? Incorporating the notions of agenda and schemes of thinking into the study of party's substantive representation"

11.30 – 12.00: Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.15: **4th Panel: Democracy, elections and the youth: The role of young activism and participation**

Chair: Chiara Destri

- Alexandru Volacu (University of Bucharest), "Age and Electoral Participation. A Proposal for the Expressive Enfranchisement of Children"
- Carles Feixa and Roger Soler (Pompeu Fabra University), "From the Camp to the Parliament. Youth Political Participation after the 15M movement"
- Alejandro Cozackow, "Ten years of lowering the voting age in Argentina (2012-2022). Lessons and challenges on young people's political rights, political mobilization and political parties"

13.15 - 14.30: Lunch Break

14.30 - 16.30: 5th Panel: The role of think tanks, civil society organizations, and social movements in strengthening electoral participation

Chair: José Luis Martí

- Carys Roberts, IPPR (UK)
- Richard Wike, Pew Research Institute (US)
- Sophie Porschlegel, European Policy Center (EU)
- Juha Leppanen, Demos Helsinki (Finland)

16.30 – 17.00: Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.45: 6th Panel: Strengthening European and other transnational elections: Should we emancipate transnational representation from national representation, and if so, how?

Chair: Michele Gavazzi

- Nahuél Maisley (University of Buenos Aires), “Citizen participation and electoral representation in Latin American supranational institutions”
- María Díaz Crego (European Parliament Think Tank), “Transnational electoral lists: a way to further Europeanise elections to the European Parliament?”
- Paola Bergallo (Torcuato di Tella University, Buenos Aires), TBD

Wednesday May 4th

09.30 – 10.30: **Democratic innovations (cont.)**

- Sebastián Linares (Universidad Nacional del Sur, Argentina), “In Defense of Solid Democracy”

10.30 – 11.00h: Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00h: 7th Panel: Elections and the pandemic emergency: ethical challenges and lessons learned

Chair: Andrej Kristan

- Ismael Peña López (Director of the Catalan School of Public Administration), “Ethics and Legitimacy of Institutions Solving Wicked Problems: The Catalan Elections During the COVID-19 Crisis”
- Toby S. James (University of East Anglia), “Electoral integrity and COVID19 pandemic: lessons from an international crisis”
- Teresa Nunes Violante (Max Planck Institute), “Voting in the pandemic. The Case of Portugal”

13.00 – 13.15h: Closing remarks