

Thursday, 09 April 2026

101096176 ICDD-ERC

# Institutional Changes for Democratic Dialogue

09:00

Registration and Welcome

Coffee offered by UPF

09:15-10:55

## First Session

- **Cristina Lafont & Nadia Urbinati:** *Elections and Freedom: Strengthening Electoral Democracy through Institutional Change*

**Discussant: Jahel Queralt**

- **Rosalind Dixon:** *Responsive Constitutionalism and Democratic Participation*

**Discussant: José Luis Martí**

11:00-12:45

## Second Session

- **Siri Gloppen:** *Pathways to Political Voice: Institutional innovation and democratic inclusion of the Sámi in Norway.*

**Discussant: Roberto Gargarella**

- **María Paula Saffon:** *Collective rights as democratic pivots*

**Discussants: Fernanda Torres & Nicola Abate**

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

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14:30-18:00

## Third Session

- **Joel I. Colón-Ríos:** *Revisiting the Imperative Mandate*

**Discussant: Siri Gloppen**

- **Helene Landemore:** *Institutionalizing Open Democracy*

**Discussant: Cristina Lafont**

- **Discussions and proposals**

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- **John Dryzek:** *Deliberative Capacity for More Democratic Constitutionalism*  
Discussant: **Joel I. Colón-Ríos**
- **Roberto Gargarella:** *Is there any way out of here? Recovering the democratic content of constitutionalism*  
Discussant: **Joel I. Colón-Ríos**

11:00-12:45

## Fifth Session

- **John A. Ferejohn:** *Separation of Powers and Democracy*  
Discussant: **María Paula Saffon**
- **Richard Bellamy:** *Avoiding the Tyranny of the Majority through Democracy*  
Discussant: **José Luis Martí**

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**Helene Landemore**, Yale University (online)  
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**John Dryzek**, University of Canberra (online)  
**Joel I. Colón-Ríos**, University of Essex  
**María Paula Saffon**, Universidad Torcuato Di tella  
**Nadia Urbinati**, Columbia University  
**Richard Bellamy**, University College London  
**Roberto Gargarella**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
**Rosalind Dixon**, Columbia University (online)  
**Siri Gloppen**, University of Bergen

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**José Luis Martí**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
**Roberto Gargarella**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
**Nicola Abate**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
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