

# Democracy & its Futures

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What are the major problems facing democracies? What are the connections between these problems? What are the democratic ways to resolve these problems and reconcile all affected by them?

The workshop brings together scholars who have presented enlightening responses to these three questions from a wide variety of perspectives. They will engage in a comparative and critical dialogue oriented to reciprocal elucidation, mutual understanding and democratic ways forward. The United Nations suggests that the proliferation of

dialogues of this type is the democratic and effective way of resolution and reconciliation.

‘Democracies’ include state-based representative government, Indigenous democracy, community-based democracy, democratic contestation, global democracy, and earth or Gaia democracy of all living beings.

The dialogue will take place over two days. Initially among the invited scholars, then with graduate students, and then with the wider public. We hope this will serve as an exemplar of how to address these problems democratically and non-violently.

## Guest speakers:

### David Held

*Professor of Politics and International Relations, and Master of University College, at Durham University*

### Chantal Mouffe

*Professor of Political Theory, University of Westminster*

### Boaventura de Sousa Santos

*Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Coimbra (Portugal), and Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.*

### David Owen

*Professor of Social and Political Philosophy, University of Southampton*

### Antje Wiener

*Professor of Political Science & Global Governance, Universität Hamburg*

### Jeanne Morefield

*Professor of Politics, Whitman College*

### Robin Celikates

*Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Universiteit van Amsterdam*

### Karuna Mantena

*Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University*

### Fonna Forman

*Associate Professor of Political Science/Director, UCSD Center on Global Justice, UC San Diego*

### Anoush F. Terjanan

*Associate Professor, Department of History, East Carolina University*

### Lasse Thomassen

*Reader, School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary, University of London*

## UVic Speakers:

### John Borrows

*Professor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law*

### Jeremy Webber

*Professor, Faculty of Law*

### Peymen Vahabzadeh

*Professor, Department of Sociology*

### Val Napoleon

*Associate professor, Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance*

### Heidi Stark

*Associate Professor, Political Science*

### James Tully

*Emeritus professor of Political Science and Law*

### Oliver Schmidtke

*Professor of Political Science and Director Centre for Global Studies*

### Pablo Ouziel

*Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science and Centre for Global Studies*



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