

# AFTER THE OVERLAPPING CONSENSUS

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9-18 h**



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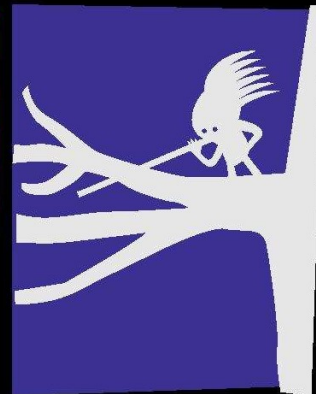
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**09:30 – 09:45**

## **Welcome**

Introduction: After the Overlapping Consensus

*Peter Niesen*

**09:45 – 10:30**

## **Subversion of Democratic Institutions**

Populism or Patrimonialism? A Weberian Approach to 21st Century Anti-Liberalism

*Jeffrey Kopstein*

**10:30 – 10:45**

## **Coffee break**

**10:45 – 12:30**

## **Decline of Communicative Power**

Is There a Future for Deliberative Democracy? Democratic Theory in the Age of Oligarchs, Autocrats, and Patriarchs

*Simone Chambers*

The Oligarchic Capture of the Public Sphere

*Markus Patberg*

**12:30 – 13:30**

## **Lunch break**

**13:30 – 15:15**

## **De-Democratization and Disobedience**

Free Expression, Anti-Pluralist Claims, and De-Democratisation

*Geneviève Nootens*

Principled Disobedience and Democracy: Distinguishing (Un)Civil Disobedience from Direct Action

*Federico Zuolo*

**15:15 – 15:45**

## **Coffee break**

**15:45 – 17:30**

## **New Regimes: Corrections of Democracy**

Of the People, for the People, but not by the People: Confucian Meritocracy as a Correction of Democracy

*Tongdong Bai*

Liberal Plebeianism as a Response to Oligarchy

*Gordon Arlen*