

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

WORKSHOP

Networks and Democracy

Interdisciplinary Workshop for Undergraduate and Doctoral Students

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UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE, FROHBURGSTRASSE 3, ROOM 3.A05

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In the last decades the impact and the effects of networks within the political system have increasingly gained attention in social sciences. While sociologists put emphasis on network theories which try to describe certain forms of communication within society, political scientists aim to explain policy transfer and diffusion through the lenses of the network governance approach. Against this background, the workshop «Networks and Democracy» focuses on the reciprocal influences and effects of networks and democracy by asking: To what extent can networks promote democratisation processes? What are the implications of networks for our understanding of democracy? Are networks per se democratic or do they bolster clientelism? Who benefits from network governance and who does not? These and similar questions will be discussed by experts from sociology and political science who shed light on them from a broad range of theoretical perspectives and with reference to empirical findings from several regions in the world.

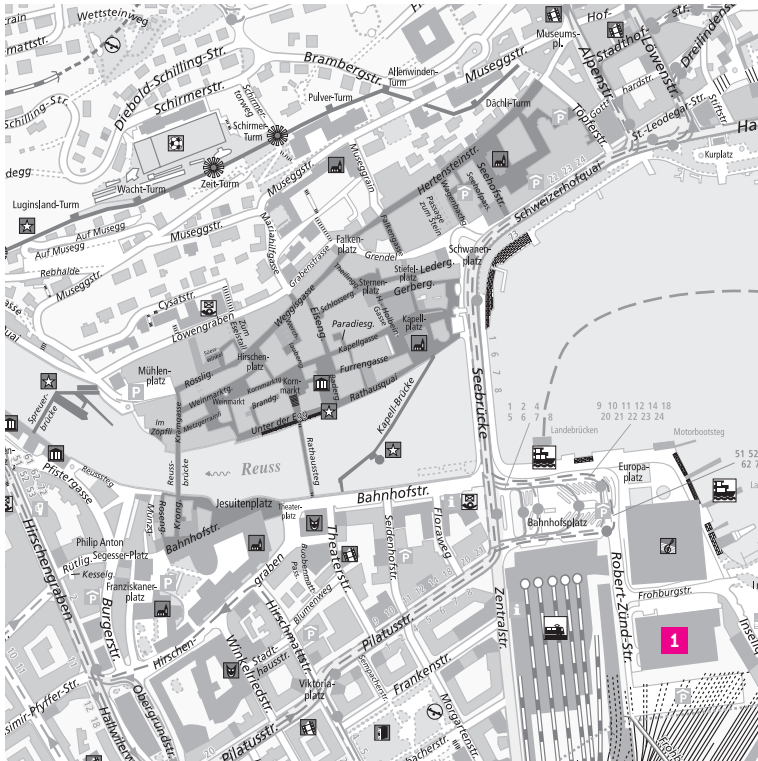
We are grateful for the financial support by the *Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences* (GSL), which enables undergraduate and doctoral students to pursue and discover their interest in an interdisciplinary forum.

Participation is free of charge. For organisational reasons, we would kindly ask for a previous notice of intention to attend the workshop by e-mail.

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Program

- 09.00 – 09.15 Introduction
- Session 1: Network Governance**
Discussant: Sandra Lavenex (University Lucerne)
- 09.15 – 10.15 Jonathan Davies (De Montfort University)
Network Governance Theory: A Gramscian Critique
- 10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45 – 11.30 Myriam Oehri (University Lucerne)
Between «mesa de diálogo» and «fake tripartite scenario»: EU and US Governance of Labor Provisions in Mexico
- 11.30 – 12.30 Tina Freyburg (European University Institute Florence)
Learning Democratic Governance: A Comparative Analysis of the Democratizing Potential of EU Functional Cooperation in Arab Liberalized Autocracies
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
- Session 2: Networks in the Political System**
Discussants: Pascal Goeke (University Zurich) and Evelyn Moser (University Lucerne)
- 14.00 – 15.00 Isabel Kusche (University Osnabrück)
Clientelistic Networks and Democracy
- 15.00 – 16.00 Philipp Rückheim (University Lucerne)
Democracy with/-out limits? The function of in- and exclusion via networks in modern political system
- 16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break
- 16.15 – 17.00 Final discussion
- Apéro



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