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Democracy and Civil
Society in Europe -
Dahrendorf Conference
2019

December 4-5, 2019

Room: A 300

Dahrendorf Conference 2019

Today, Ralf Dahrendorf's critical observations are needed more than ever. His thoughts and analyses concerning the development of the European Union and the role of the nation state continue to be relevant. His studies on democracy in Western and Eastern Europe are of special importance at a time when democracy is faced with rising challenges. Likewise, his speeches, writings, and warnings on the relevance of the civil society and current forms of inequality in educational and life opportunities allow for in-depth reflections on social trends. Occasioned by the tenth anniversary of Ralf Dahrendorf's death, the Dahrendorf Conference aims to honour his legacy but also to facilitate critical discussions about the problems of our age. Organized by institutions at which he worked, the Conference will provide a space for coming together and negotiating present-day challenges in society—an effort that Ralf Dahrendorf surely would have endorsed. Selected experts from academia and politics will explore the following questions:

- What is the relevance of Ralf Dahrendorf's work for the social and political sciences?
- Which of his contributions have stood the test of time and continue to be relevant today?
- Is democracy indeed in crisis?
- Is European integration in crisis?
- Does Eastern Europe illiberalize?
- Can civil society save democracy?
- Has education become a liberal-democratic right?

In five panels on key issues, participants will revisit Ralf Dahrendorf's work with these questions in mind.

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Arrival and snacks

1 p.m. – 1.10 p.m.

Welcome speeches

Jutta Allmendinger for WZB, Oxford,
Dahrendorf Forum

Wolfgang Rohe for Stiftung Mercator

1.10 p.m. – 1.40 p.m.

Keynote: Ralf Dahrendorf and the Crisis of Liberalism Today

Timothy Garton Ash, University of Oxford

1.40 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Questions from the Plenum

2 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

Panel: Crisis of Democracy and the Role of the Nation State

(Convenor: **Sascha Kneip**, WZB)

Panellists:

Daniel Ziblatt (Harvard/WZB)

Cornelia Koppetsch (TU Darmstadt)

Discussant: **Wolfgang Merkel** (WZB)

3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Panel: Civil Society: Today

(Convenor: **Norbert Sendzik**, WZB)

Panellists:

John Keane (University of Sydney/WZB)

Krisztina Arató (ELTE Budapest)

Discussant: **Helmut K. Anheier** (Hertie School)

6 p.m.

Reception

Thursday, December 5, 2019

9.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

Panel: Eastern Europe – a new illiberal 'Sonderweg'?

(Convenor: **Reinhard Blomert**, WZB)

Panellists:

Ivan Krastev (IWM Vienna)

Katharina Bluhm (FU Berlin)

Discussant: **Radek Markowski** (SWPS University Warsaw)

11.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.

Panel: European Integration and Democracy

(Convenor: **Christian Rauh**, WZB)

Panellists:

Helmut K. Anheier (Hertie School)

Kalypto Nicolaidis (University of Oxford)

Discussant: **Michael Zürn** (WZB)

1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Lunch break

2.15 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Panel: Education as a Civil Right

(Convenor: **Michael Wrase**, WZB)

Panellists:

Claudia Buchmann (The Ohio State University)

Barbara Ischinger (former Director of Education of OECD, Paris)

Discussant: **Jutta Allmendinger** (WZB)

4 p.m.

End of the conference