



Democracy: Principles and Practice, Resilience and Innovation

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Normative Ordnungen im Umbruch?"

Thursday, 9 July

15:00 - 15:15

Introduction

Rainer Forst & Thomas Biebricher (Goethe University)

15:15 - 16:15

The Public Use of Reason

Arthur Ripstein (University of Toronto)

16:30 - 17:30

Sentimentality and Objectivity [Sachlichkeit]:

A Problem History of Democracy

Astrid Séville (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

17:45 - 18:45

**Rousseau, Schmitt, and the Legitimization of Minoritarian
"Democracy"**

John McCormick (University of Chicago)

Friday, 10 July

10:15 - 11:15

Political Freedom: The Struggle of Our Time

Nadia Urbinati (Columbia University)

11:30 - 12:30

From Promises to Procedures: Equal Deliberative Responsiveness as a Criterion for Successful Democratic Representation

Claudia Landwehr (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

11:30 - 12:30 **Lunch Break**

13:15 - 14:15

Against Vulgar Democracy!

Hubertus Buchstein (University of Greifswald)

14:30 - 15:30

**Countering Democratic Regression:
Is Political Constitutionalism the Answer?**

Peter Niesen (University of Hamburg)