

The Grafting of Democracy : Long Term Paradoxes

Première Rencontre européenne d'analyse des sociétés politiques

Analysing Political Societies : First European Meeting

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9h 19h

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The spread, the mimicry, the exportation, the introduction, and the invention of the concept of liberal democracy associated with Western political philosophy in different parts of the world has given rise to sustained debate and writing over the past thirty years. These various reactions are inspired by the fact that these various forms of grafting have undergone political transformations: setbacks of military and of one-party regimes in Latin America, Asia and Africa; the collapse of the Soviet Empire; so-called democratic conditionalities imposed by development aid donors; the American plan of a Greater Middle East; the European Neighbourhood Policy; or the way the “market democracy” and its economic and institutional engineering have become commonplace.

But the short time of democracy – on the world scale – is embedded in local, national or regional *longues durées*. The graft of democracy is intelligible from this latter temporality. Three multidisciplinary workshops run by researchers from various European countries will scrutinize the social and historical embedding of ideas, processes, and democratic practices through the often paradoxical relationships they maintain with religious phenomena, authoritarian institutions and procedures, as well as identity claims to autochtony.

A debate with Jean-Michel Severino, General Manager of Agence Française de Développement, will help to better locate the issue of democracy from the point of view of a new set of themes regarding development aid and global public goods.

Lastly, Henry Laurens, Professor at Collège de France, will deliver a lecture on the relationship between democracy and war in the Middle East.

Program

8h45: Welcoming

9h: Opening and introduction, by Jean-François Bayart (Paris)

9h30 - 11h30

Workshop I : The religious paths to pluralism

Chair : Giovanni Levi (Venice)

with Denis Lacorne (Paris), Murray Last (London), Serif Mardin (Istanbul & Washington),
Didier Péclard (Bern) et Mohamed Tozy (Casablanca & Aix-en-Provence)

11h30 - 11h45 : Coffee break

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The grafting of democracy and the issue of development

Debate with Jean-Michel Severino, General Manager of Agence française de développement

Discussant: Bruno Théret (Paris)

12h30 - 14h : Buffet lunch

14h - 16h

Workshop II : The authoritarian fabric of democracy

Chair : Guy Hermet (Paris)

with Francisco Gutierrez (Bogota), Tim Harper (Cambridge), Antoine Kernen (Lausanne &
Geneva), Victor Pérez Diaz (Madrid), Tak-Wing Ngo (Leiden) et Ania Tizziani (Paris)

16h - 16h15 : Coffee break

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Workshop III : Political problematics of autochtony

Chair : Ayse Bugra (Istanbul)

with Martina Avanza (Paris), Simona Cerutti (Torino & Paris), Armando Cutolo (Siena),
Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam) et John Lonsdale (Cambridge)

18h15 - 19h

Keynote Speaker

The grafting of democracy and war in the Middle East

by Henry Laurens, Professor at Collège de France

Free entrance, according to available seats

But for organisation purposes, please register at fasopo2@yahoo.fr

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Will participate to the meeting: whole day morning afternoon

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