



## Democracy disfigured or reconfigured? Political imaginaries, popular participation, and social change in the Americas

**Date: 20-21 February 2025**

Venue: Großer Senat, Neue Aula  
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz, 72074 Tübingen

**Thursday, 20 February 2025**

**09:15 am**    **Welcome Address** (Katerina Hatzikidi and Esteban Morera Aparicio)

**09:30 am**    **Session 1.** Democracy, populism, authoritarianism: Historical and theoretical considerations.

Chair: **Heike Drotbohm** (University of Mainz)

**Rodrigo Patto Sá Motta** (Federal University of Minas Gerais): 'Democracy under attack: Conservative-neoliberal discourses and imagery in Brazil and the US and their authoritarian implications (2016-2024)'.

**Ana Grondona** (University of Buenos Aires): 'Individualisation as a historical process and the issue of contemporary authoritarianism. Gino Germani's insights to map our current crises'.

**Carlos de la Torre** (University of Florida): 'Fascism and Populism'.

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**11:00 am Coffee Break**

**11:30 am Session 2.** Reconfiguring the boundaries between the religious, the cultural, and the political.

Chair: **Irene Husser** (University of Tübingen)

**Rocío Bravo** (University of Tübingen): 'Antagonistic narratives and nested communities in indigenous Oaxaca: Identity, belief, and community dynamics'.

**Elina I. Hartikainen** (University of Oslo): 'Grafting "religious freedom", destabilizing liberal politics in Brazil'.

**Juán Carlos Rodríguez Raga** (University of the Andes): 'The youth and democracy in Latin America: Evidence from the Americas Barometer-LAPOP'.

**13:00 pm Lunch Break**

**15:00 pm Session 3.** Neoliberal subjectivities and new political actors: Class(less) perspectives?

Chair: **Ernesto Medina** (University of Zaragoza)

**Luciana Chamorro** (University of Michigan): 'Revolution, populism, and the displacement of class struggle in Nicaragua'.

**Andreza de Souza Santos** (King's College London): 'Propensity to join a military career in times of crisis in Brazil'.

**René Ramírez Gallegos** (CLACSO, UNAM): 'From class struggle to "people against people": A political economy analysis of the emergence of right-wing ideologies in Latin America and the Caribbean'.

**16:30 Coffee Break**

**17:00 Michael Butter** (University of Tübingen): 'Populism, Conspiracy Theory, and Democracy'.



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**Friday, 21 February 2025**

**9:30 am Rolf Frankengerger** (University of Tübingen): 'The Far Right in Germany. Developments, Challenges, and research strategies'.

**10:30 am Coffee Break**

**11:00 am Martina Schulze** (University of Tübingen): Consolidating a network: Funding opportunities

**12:30 pm Lunch Break**

**15:00 pm Working Groups – Session I**

**16:30 pm Coffee Break**

**17:00 pm Working Groups – Session II**

**18: 30 pm Closing Remarks**

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