



Demos-cracy for a Fragmented Polity: Considerations from Europe and Switzerland University of St.Gallen, 13-14th February 2014



In an age of globalisation and a developing plethora of supranational institutions, it has become increasingly important to explore what demands of justice arise beyond the nation-state level and what political structures these demands require. Philippe Van Parijs has been focusing on these issues in relation to the European Union in a project that will culminate in a text entitled *Europe's Destiny*. In this two-day workshop, he will engage a number of commentators and critics on the subject of democracy in a fragmented polity that cannot rely on a unified demos. The workshop draws together thinkers with a wide range of experience in considering this problem at both the European level and in the case of Switzerland. Through engagement with these different experiences, the workshop aims to build a better understanding of how democracy can operate in a 'fragmented polity'.

Programme

Thursday 13th February

- 12:30 - Welcome
- 13:00 - Keynote: Philippe Van Parijs on 'Demos-cracy for a Fragmented Union'
- 15:00 - Panel One: 'Democracy in the EU & Switzerland: empirical issues'

Friday 14th February

- 09:30 - Panel Two: 'Democracy in the EU & other fragmented polities: normative issues'
- 13:00 - 15:30 Public Panel: 'Democracy in the EU, Switzerland, & Belgium': A debate on current practice & feasible futures with Philippe Van Parijs and Micheline Calmy-Rey

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