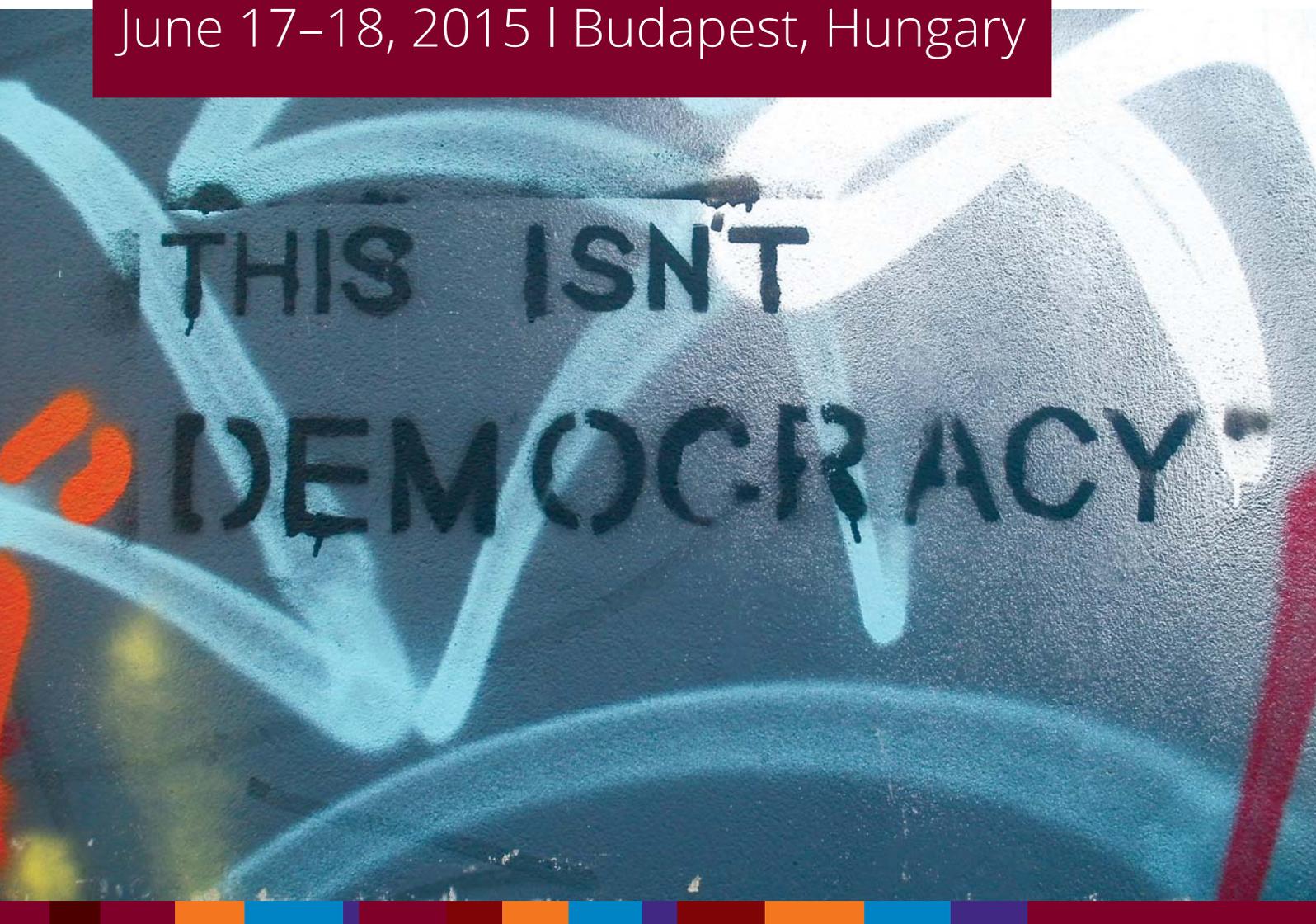


# **Democracy Shunned: Debates and Prospects**

June 17–18, 2015 | Budapest, Hungary



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After the vaulted expectations of the immediate Cold War period, models of liberal democracy are under intense strain. Popular disaffection, corruption, institutional sclerosis, and electoral manipulation are symptoms of “democracy shunned,” a challenge impacting new and old democracies alike.

The School of Public Policy (SPP) at Central European University (CEU) has invited distinguished speakers to explore the origins, current debates, and challenges of this democratic deterioration.

This event is part of *Frontiers of Democracy*, a far-reaching CEU initiative that aims to promote open debate, discussion, and the exchange of ideas with a diversity of views about the nature of democracy today.

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# PROGRAM

*Moderator:* Julia Buxton, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Programs and Professor of Comparative Politics, School of Public Policy

## Wednesday, June 17

1:00 – 1:30 Welcome and Introduction

**1:30 – 3:00 Panel 1: Democracy’s Strengths: Origins and Misconceptions**

*Speaker:* Sheri Berman, Professor of Political Science, Barnard College

*Discussants:* András Bozóki, Professor, Department of Political Science, CEU;  
Michael Dorsch, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, CEU

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break

**3:30 – 5:00 Panel 2: Disfigurement of Representative Democracy**

*Speaker:* Nadia Urbinati, Kyriakos Tsakopoulos Professor of Political Theory and Hellenic Studies, Columbia University

*Discussants:* Uwe Puetter, Professor, Department of Public Policy, CEU;  
Lea Sgier, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, CEU

5:00 – 5:30 Coffee Break

**5:30 – 7:00 Panel 3: Emerging Expulsion Logics: Where Does it Leave Democracy?**

*Speaker:* Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

*Discussants:* Gina Neff, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy, CEU;  
Charlotte Steinorth, Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies, CEU

7:00 – 7:30 Reception

## Thursday, June 18

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and Pastries

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introduction

**9:15 – 10:45 Panel 4: The Challenge of Hybrid Regimes**

*Speaker:* Valerie Bunce, Aaron Binenkorb Professor of International Studies and Professor of Government, Cornell University

*Discussants:* Matthijs Bogaards, Visiting Faculty, Department of Political Science, CEU; Renáta Uitz, Professor, Department of Legal Studies, CEU

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:30 Concluding Panel: What Lies Ahead**

Sheri Berman, Valerie Bunce, Julia Buxton, Saskia Sassen, and Nadia Urbinati

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# BIOGRAPHIES

Sheri  
Berman

is a professor of political science at Barnard College. Her main interests are European politics and political history, democracy and democratization, globalization, and the history of the left. Berman has published two books examining the role played by social democracy in determining political outcomes in 20th century Europe. Her forthcoming book, *Democracy and Dictatorship: Europe from the Ancien Régime to the Collapse of Communism*, investigates the development of different types of political regimes in Europe. She has taught courses entitled Political Development; Making Democracy Work; and Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe.

Matthijs  
Bogaards

is a visiting professor in the Department of Political Science at Central European University. He joined CEU from Jacobs University Bremen, where he was a professor of political science for 11 years. A graduate of Leiden University, the Netherlands, Bogaards has studied and worked abroad for the past 20 years, earning a PhD in political science from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. He has published widely on political parties and electoral systems from a comparative perspective, and on the challenges of democracy in divided societies. His latest book explores the experience of consociational parties in seven countries.

András  
Bozóki

is a professor in the Department of Political Science at Central European University. His main research interests include democratization, political ideas, Central European politics, elites, public discourse, and the role of intellectuals. Bozóki served as president of the Hungarian Political Science Association. He is a member of the executive council of the European Confederation of Political Science Associations (ECPSA). He was a founding editor of the *Hungarian Political Science Review* (1992–99), and since 2000 has been a member of the editorial staff. In 1989, Bozóki participated in the Hungarian roundtable negotiations; in 2003–04, he was advisor to the prime minister, and in 2005–06, he served as minister of culture.

Valerie  
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Buxton

is a professor of comparative politics and associate dean for academic affairs and programs at the School of Public Policy at Central European University. She is a specialist on South America and the region's rapidly evolving political, economic, and security architecture. Outside of her geographic specialization, Buxton has thematic expertise on democratization and transition processes, post-conflict recovery, and conflict analysis, including conflict sensitive design and policy implementation, as well as gender and gender sensitive design. A published expert on the drug trade, Buxton has a particular interest in the impact of narcotic drugs and counter narcotics policies on development, peace building, poverty, and human rights.

Michael  
Dorsch

is an assistant professor at the School of Public Policy at Central European University. He is an applied economist whose research and teaching interests are mainly in public economics and political economics. His current research investigates the political economy of development, with a particular interest in the economic causes and consequences of political instability, civil conflict, and democratization. In his previous research, Dorsch has explored topics such as the political economy of special-interest legislation in the United States, the role of social mobility in the political economy of taxation, and the economics of pro-environmental behavior.

Gina  
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is an associate professor at the School of Public Policy at Central European University. She is a media and communication scholar whose work centers on the social and organizational impact of new communication technologies. Trained as an organizational sociologist, her research is at the intersection of concerns about work, technologies, communication, and organization. Her book *Venture Labor: Work and the Burden of Risk in Innovative Industries* (MIT, 2012) won the Best Book Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on Communication and Information Technologies. With Carrie Sturts Dossick at the University of Washington, she runs the Project on Communication Technology and Organizational Practices.

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Saskia  
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Lea  
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is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Central European University. She joined CEU from the University of Geneva where she was a lecturer in qualitative methodology and gender and politics, scientific coordinator of the CUSO Doctoral Programme in Political Science, and coordinator of the master's programs in political science and in public administration. In 2014, Sgier was a visiting lecturer at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Since 2013, she has co-chaired the ECPR Standing Group on Political Methodology. Her primary fields of interest are interpretive methodologies, gender quotas in politics, women in politics, and dementia policy.

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Renáta  
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