

# 8. SYMPOSION DÜRNSTEIN

7 – 9 MARCH  
2019

Democracy!  
Disgrace or Opportunity

Stift Dürnstein, Dürnstein 1, 3601 Dürnstein

## Schedule

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### Thursday, 7 March 2019

05:00 – 05:30 PM  
**Advance reception**

05:30 – 06:00 PM  
**Admission**

06:00 – 06:30 PM  
**Opening**

06:30 – 07:10 PM  
**Lecture** Experiment: how we may achieve sustainable political decisions  
Dominik Berger, Volker Visotschnig, BK-Business KONSENS

07:10 – 07:20 PM  
**Lecture** The alternative to democracy is democracy  
Ursula Baatz, Curator of the Symposion Dürnstein

07:20 – 08:50 PM  
**Lecture** Opening discussion: en route to postnational Europe. Where does the path lead to?  
Franz Fischler, President of the Forum Alpbach Ulrike Guérot, Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy at the Danube University Krems and Founder of the European Democracy Lab  
Moderation: Claudia Reiterer, Journalist, ORF

Moderation of the opening evening and the opening discussion: [Claudia Reiterer](#), Journalist, ORF

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### Friday, 8 March 2019

**Freedom of speech and democracy**  
Moderation: Oliver Tanzer, FURCHE – Head of Department Foreign Affairs and Economy

09:00 – 09:20 AM

**Morning impulse with Propst Maximilian and H. Stephanus CanReg in the abbey church**

09:30 – 10:30 AM

**Lecture** The promise of democracy and the fragility of democratic order

Hans Vorländer, University Professor, Center for the Study of Constitutionalism and Democracy, Dresden  
University of Technology

10:30 – 11:00 AM

**Break**

11:00 – 11:20 AM

**Lecture** Liberation from maturity

Ingolf Blühdorn, University Professor, Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna

11:20 – 11:40 AM

**Lecture** How ‚defect‘ may democracy be?

Irene Etzersdorfer, Professor for Political Science, University of Vienna, Visiting Professor at the Danube  
University Krems

11:40 – 12:00 PM

**Lecture** Scenarios of a digital democracy

Maximilian Stern, Co-founder Staatslabor, CH

12:00 – 01:30 PM

**Discussion** Discussion

01:00 – 02:30 PM

**Break**

01:40 – 02:30 PM

**Guided Tour** Guided tour through the Dürnstein abbey with H. Petrus Stockinger CanReg: New additions

02:30 – 03:15 PM

**Lecture** Islam versus democracy or Islamic democracy

Hamideh Mohagheghi, Islamic Theologian, Paderborn University

03:15 – 04:30 PM

**Lecture** The right to freedom of religion and worldview– compass of a democratic policy of religion?

Marianne Heimbach-Steins, University Professor, Institute of Christian Social Sciences, University of  
Münster

04:30 – 05:00 PM

**Break**

05:00 – 06:30 PM

**Panel** Democracy, religion, civil society; a case of conflict?

Ursula Baatz Nadim Mazarweh, Islamic Theologian, The University College of Christian Churches for  
Education Vienna/Krems (KPH) Michael Kuhn, COMECE, Brussels Lisz Hirn, Philosopher & Publicist, Vienna  
Barbara Rauchwarter, Protestant Theologian, Forum der Zivilgesellschaft, Vienna Eleonore Lappin-  
Eppel, Historian, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Member of the Jewish Community Vienna (IKG)

Moderation and facilitation of the discussion on both days: Joachim Schwendenwein, 21st – Sustainable Futures, Organizational

Consultant

Simultaneous translation of the lectures and discussions in German and English

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## **Saturday, 9 March 2019**

09:00 – 09:20 AM

**Morning impulse with Propst Maximilian and H. Stephanus CanReg in the abbey church**

09:30 – 10:30 AM

**Lecture** The postdemocracy after the crises

Colin Crouch, Professor em., Warwick Business School, The University of Warwick, GB

10:30 – 11:00 AM

**Break**

11:00 – 12:00 PM

**Lecture** Afghanistan and its fragile democracy

Suraya Pakzad, Voice of Woman of Afghanistan, Herat, AFG

12:00 – 01:00 PM

**Lecture** Citizen participation – practical examples Sociocracy – a new form of democracy

Nonno Breuss, Schäfer & Breuss GbR, expert for Change Management Barbara Strauch, Soziokratie Zentrum Österreich

01:00 – 02:00 PM

**Break**

02:00 – 02:30 PM

**Lecture** How to strengthen direct democracy? Experiences from Switzerland

Ueli Mäder, University Professor em., University of Basel, Department of Social Sciences, CH

02:30 – 03:00 PM

**Lecture** Swiss democracy as a complex democracy

Renè Rhinow, University Professor em., for Constitutional Law

03:00 – 03:30 PM

**Break**

03:30 – 04:00 PM

**Lecture** The naked democracy

Isolde Charim, Philosophen und Publicist, Vienna

04:00 – 05:30 PM

**Discussion** Closing discussion

Ursula Baatz Isolde Charim Colin Crouch Nonno Breuss Ueli Mäder Renè Rhinow Barbara Strauch

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