



RED SPINEL

2025 Annual Conference

Respond to Emerging Dissensus:
SuPranational Instruments and
Norms of European Liberal
Democracy

17-19 March 2025

***Institut d'études européennes
de l'Université libre de Bruxelles***

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Welcome

Dear Members of the RED-SPINEL community,

I am delighted to welcome you all to the Institut d'étude européennes (IEE) of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) for the RED-SPINEL 2025 Annual Conference (17-19 March 2025). Thank you for making the effort to be present in person and I look forward to some good discussions, interactive participation and most importantly, mapping out our work for the last 9 months of the project.

The RED-SPINEL 2025 Annual conference will start on **Monday, 17 March 2025** with **two expert panels** on the subject, '*Rule of law, liberal democracy, and economic governance in the EU*'. The first panel brings together representatives of the main EU institutions, who are invited to share their views on these topics. The second panel features members of the RED-SPINEL project, who will present and discuss their research findings on these issues. This panel discussion will be followed by a keynote address by Professor Gábor Halmai (EUI) on '*Illiberalism within the EU: How to Solve the Value Crisis?*'

The second day, **Tuesday, 18 March 2025**, a **day-long workshop** dedicated to one of RED-SPINEL's core deliverables, the *Palgrave Handbook of Dissensus over Liberal Democracy*, will take place. Discussions will be lead by several authors of handbook chapters and the subsequent deliberations will be chaired by the handbook's co-editors. Panels will reflect the handbook's different sections, including:

1. *Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe;*
2. *EU Institutions and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy;*
3. *The EU's Internal Policies and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy;*
4. *Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in the EU's Member States; and*
5. *External Influences on Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe.*

On **Wednesday, 19 March 2025**, the Conference will be presented with the findings of RED-SPINEL's Forecasting Survey, and host a **Forecasting exercise** on the '*Future Visions of Liberal Democracy in Europe*' aimed at exploring the implication of three possible scenarios:

1. *Modelling through with existing rule of law and democracy instruments;*
2. *Collapse of EU rule of law and democracy instruments; and*
3. *New European approaches to rule of law and democracy.*

The RED-SPINEL 2025 Annual Conference will conclude the third and final day with a **meeting of its Supervisory Board**, involving all 11 RED-SPINEL partners.

As the Principal Investigator of the RED-SPINEL project, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all our academic and non-academic partners for their support and contributions throughout the last two years. We have achieved many successes, and I look forward to the project's last 9 months when we get to showcase our work and provide substantive policy inputs.

I wish you all a fruitful RED-SPINEL Annual Conference.



Partners



17-19 March, 2025

Conference
Organising Team

Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)
Guylène Laure Chatcha Talla (IEE-ULB)
Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)

List of participants (provisional)

Gábor Halmai (EUI)
Daniel Freund (European Parliament)
Emanuele Rebasti (European Council)
Celine Gauer (European Commission)
Annemie Turtelboom (Eur. Court of Auditors)
Paul Stephenson (Maastricht University)
Maria-Luisa Sánchez Barrueco (Duesto Uni.)
Amandine Crespy (IEE-ULB)
Dimitrios Argyroulis (IEE-ULB)
Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University)
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Claudia Badulescu (IEE-ULB)
Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)
Luca Tomini (IEE-ULB)
Nathalie Brack (IEE-ULB)
Iwona Wróblewska (NCU, Torun)
Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)
Piotr Krajewski (UvA)
George Christou (University of Warwick)
Nicola Lupo Sergio (Luiss University)
Dora Hegedus (Luiss University)

Sergio Fabbrini (Luiss University)
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Saskia Hollander (Clingendael Instituut)
Andrea Capati (Luiss University)
Louise Fromont (HEC Paris)
Christina Eckes (Universiteit van Amsterdam)
Viktor Kazai (IEE-ULB)
Katarzyna Jachimowicz (NCU, Torun)
Sergiu Mişcoiu (UBB, Cluj)
Giovanni Piccirilli (Luiss University)
Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
Seda Gürkan (Leiden University)
Chiara Armeni (IEE-ULB)
François Foret (IEE-ULB)
Arnaud van Waeyenberge (HEC Paris)
Anna Gelencsér (HHC)
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Guylene Laure Chatcha Talla (IEE-ULB)
Emmi Kallio (IEE-ULB)

Monday, 17th March - PM

Rule of law, liberal democracy, & economic governance in the EU

14:00- 15:30 A Practitioner's Perspective

Chair: Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)
~Spaak Room~

Daniel
Freund
(European
Parliament)

Emanuele
Rebasti
(European
Council)

Celine
Gauer
(European
Commission)

Annemie
Turtelboom
(European
Court of Auditors)

15:30- 16:00 Coffee break
~Foyer~

16:00- 17:30 An Academic's perspective

Chair: László Andor (FEPS)
~Spaak Room~

Paul
Stephenson
(Maastricht
University)

Maria-Luisa
Sánchez
Barrueco
(Deusto Law
School)

Amandine Crespy
(ULB)
&
Dimitrios
Argyroulis (ULB)

Paul
Dermine
(ULB)

17:30- 18:00 Coffee break
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18:00- 19:30 Keynote Address

Chair: Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)
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*Illiberalism within the EU:
How to Solve the Value Crisis?*

By Gábor Halmai (EUI)

Palgrave Handbook of Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Co-edited by Ramona Coman, Claudia Badulescu (IEE-ULB), Thomas Christiansen, & Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)
with the support of Pauline Thinus (IEE-ULB) - [Editorial Assistant]

Tuesday, 18th March - AM

9:00 - 10:00 About the Handbook and the Core Concepts

Chair: Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University)

Discussants: Gábor Halmai (EUI) & Ece Özlem Atikcan (University of Warwick)
-Spaak Room~

- **Introduction**

by Ramona Coman, Claudia Badulescu (IEE-ULB), Thomas Christiansen, & Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)

- **Conceptualizing Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe**

by Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)

- **EU Responses to Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in the EU Neighbourhood**

by Luca Tomini (IEE-ULB) & Claudia Bădulescu (IEE-ULB)

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee break

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10:15 - 11:45 Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe

Chair: Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)

Discussant: Nathalie Brack (IEE-ULB)

-Spaak Room~

- **Militant Democracy and Dissensus**

by Iwona Wróblewska (UN, Torun)

- **International Relations and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy,**

by Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)

- **Human Rights and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**

by Piotr Krajewski (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

- **Artificial Intelligence and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**

by George Christou (University of Warwick)

11:45 - 12:00 Coffee break

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Palgrave Handbook of Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Tuesday, 18th March - PM

12:00 - 13:00 EU Institutions and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Chair: Claudia Bădulescu (IEE-ULB)
Discussant: Amandine Crespy (IEE-ULB)
-Spaak Room~

- **Dissensus over Liberal Democracy and Democratic Arrhythmias in the EU**
by Nicola Lupo (Luiss University)
- **Impact of Crises on EU Modes of Governance and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**
by Sergio Fabbrini (Luiss University)
- **The Commission and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**
by Thomas Christiansen & Dora Hegedus (Luiss University)
- **The European Social Dimension and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**
by Adriano Dirri (Luiss University)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

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14:00 - 15:00 EU Internal Policies & Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Chair: Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University)
Discussants: László Andor (FEPS,) & Paul Dermine (IEE-ULB)
-Spaak Room~

- **EU Spending Conditionality and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**
by Pauline Thinus (ULB) & Saskia Hollander (Clingendael)
- **Macro-Economic Governance and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**
by Andrea Capati (Luiss University)
- **Economisation and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy**
by Louise Fromont (HEC Paris)
- **Strategic Climate Litigation and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy,**
by Christina Eckes (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break

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Palgrave Handbook of Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Tuesday, 18th March - PM

15:15 - 16:15 Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in the EU's Member States

Chair: **Ramona Coman** (IEE-ULB)
Discussant: **Luca Tomini** (IEE-ULB)
~Spaak Room~

- **Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Hungary**
by Viktor Kazai (IEE-ULB)
- **Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Poland**
by Maciej Serowaniec, Katarzyna Jachimowicz, & Malgorzata Lorencka (UNC, Torun)
- **Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Romania**
by Sergiu Mişcoiu (UBB)
- **Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Italy**
by Giovanni Piccirilli (Luiss University)

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break

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16:30 - 17:30 External Influences on Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe

Chair: **Claudia Bădulescu** (ULB)
Discussant: **Georges Christou** (UoW)
~Spaak Room~

- **Africa and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe**
by Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
- **Turkey and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe**
by Seda Gürkan (Leiden University and ULB) & Ece Özlem Atikcan (UoW)

RED-SPINEL Forecasting workshop

... Wednesday, 19th March - AM ...

08:45-09:15 Presentation of the Forecasting Exercise

Chair: Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
-Spaak Room~

Presentation of Forecasting Report
by SURVATION

Outline of the Subsequent Forecasting Workshop
by Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)

9:15 - 9:30 Coffee break
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9:30 - 13:00 Forecasting Workshop

Chair: XXXX (SURVATION)
-Spaak Room~

9:30-10:25 - Scenario I

Muddling through with existing rule of law and democracy instruments

10:25 - 10:35 Coffee break
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10:35-11:30 - Scenario II

The collapse of EU rule of law and democracy instruments

11:30 - 11:40 Coffee break
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11:40-12:35 - Scenario III

New European approaches to rule of law and democracy

12:35 - 12:45 Coffee break
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12:45-13:00 - Wrap-Up & Conclusions



RULE OF LAW, LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, AND ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE EU

Time: Monday, 17 March 2025 : 14:00 - 17:30

Location: Spaak Room - Institut d'études européennes (ULB)

Steering Committee

Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB), Paul Dermine (IEE-ULB),
& Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)

Objective

The crises that have confronted the European Union (EU) over the past decade have reshaped its modes of governance and policies (Fabbrini 2015; Schmidt 2022) as well as the preferences of political, social, and legal actors at both the national and the supranational levels. Not only the responses to the Eurozone, migration or the rule of law crises, but also the methods by which decisions are taken, have been contested. Amid the Eurozone crisis, the consensus over the values on which the EU is founded – the respect for human rights and human dignity, personal freedoms, democracy, equality, the rule of law, minority rights as enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) – has eroded. Pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, solidarity, and equality have been under strain. As Ferrara and Kriesi (2022) argue, while EU integration has advanced at an unprecedented rate (Ladi and Wolff 2020), this evolution has often been associated with a heightened degree of political fragmentation inside the EU.

Against this backdrop, liberal democracy has found itself at the centre of increased contestation. Both the practice and the ideal of liberal democracy have faced significant challenges from actors across the ideological spectrum. Liberal democracy has become a polarizing issue and a matter of political competition and dissensus. While some actors aim to preserve or reconfigure liberal democracy, others seek to replace it with non-democratic political regimes. Some of the actors target the democratic tradition and the forms of expression of the popular will, others the liberal tradition, meaning rights, the rule of law and the separation of powers (Coman and Brack, forthcoming).

In response to the rule of law crisis in Hungary and in Poland and to safeguard the EU's common values within its borders, hard and soft instruments have been established. New forms of conditionality emerged, allowing the suspension of EU funds when breaches to the rule of law affecting the EU budget are observed (Regulation 2020/2092) or when the Charter of Fundamental Rights is not respected (Regulation 2021/1060 laying down common provisions for EU funding programs). The conditionality regime born from different crises has resulted in a complex legal regulatory device (Vita 2020; Fasone and Simoncini 2023; Dermine 2024) where conditions are interdependent, and each type of conditionality reinforces the others (Coman and Puleo 2024) and brings together the rule of law, liberal democracy and economic governance.

RULE OF LAW, LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, AND ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE EU (CONT.)

Time: Monday, 17 March 2025 : 14:00 - 17:30

Location: Spaak Room - Institut d'études européennes (ULB)

Core Questions

The questions at the core of the two panels outlined below are as follows:

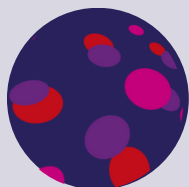
- How have EU institutions responded over the past decades to increased dissensus over liberal democracy and its core values, as well as the rule of law and respect for human rights including the rights of persons belonging to minorities?
- How does dissensus reshape EU's internal policies and instruments such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the European Semester, the Regulation on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the EU budget or Cohesion Policy? What is the impact?
- What are the implications of dissensus for the EU's capacity to act?

Format

The half-a-day conference includes two panels. Panelists will initially be given 15 minutes to share some of their insights on the transversal questions of their choosing. Each panel is to conclude with a 30-minute Q&A shepherded by the session chair

- The first panel brings together practitioners from across four main EU institutions - i.e. the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Council, and the European Court of Auditors. Panelists are invited to share their views on the aforementioned transversal questions.
- The second panel features several academics from within and beyond the RED-SPINEL project. They will present and discuss their research findings on the different issues raised by the aforementioned transversal questions.





PRACTIONERS' PERSPECTIVE

14:00 - 15:30

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Chair:



Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)
RED-SPINEL Principal Investigator



Daniel Freund

*Member of the European Parliament
Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance*



Emanuele Rebasti

*Head of Unit - Legal Service - Directorate for Justice and Home Affairs
Council of the European Union*



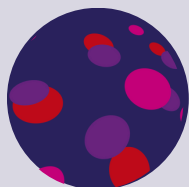
Celine Gauer

*Director General of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force
European Commission*



Annemie Turtelboom

*Member of the European Court of Auditors
Dean of Chamber II*



ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

16:00 - 17:30

~Spaak Room~

Chair:



László Andor (FEPS)
FEPS Secretary-General
Former European Commissioner



Paul Stephenson
Professor - Maastricht University



Maria-Luisa Sánchez Barrueco
Professor - Duesto Law School



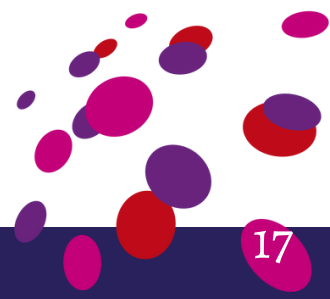
Amandine Crespy
Professor - IEE-ULB / RED-SPINEL



Dimitrios Argyroulis
Post-Doctoral Researcher - IEE-ULB / RED-SPINEL



Paul Dermine
Professor - IEE-ULB



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*Illiberalism within the EU: How to
Solve the Value Crisis?"*

Time: Monday, 17 March 2025 : 18:00 - 19:30

Location: Spaak Room - Institut d'études européennes (ULB)

Chair



Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)

Speaker



Gábor Halmai

European University Institute (Florence, Italy)

Gábor Halmai is professor emeritus and scientific director of the project 'TRust, Independence, Impartiality and Accountability of of Legal Professionals under the EU Charter – part 2 (TRIIAL 2) in the Center for Judicial Cooperation of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

19:30 Reception



PALGRAVE HANDBOOK OF DISSENSUS OVER LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

Time: Tuesday, 18 March 2025 : 9:00 - 17:30

Location: Spaak Room - Institut d'études européennes (ULB)

Co-Editors

Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB), Claudia Bădulescu (IEE-ULB),
Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University), & Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)
with the support of Pauline Thinus (IEE-ULB) [Editorial Assistant]

Objective

This research workshop is an important milestone in producing the RED-SPINEL's scheduled handbook. The handbook's co-editors - *Ramona Coman*, *Thomas Christiansen*, *Marta Simoncini*, and *Claudia Bădulescu* - set it up to both take stock of the relevant findings within RED-SPINEL and discuss a first set of draft chapters.

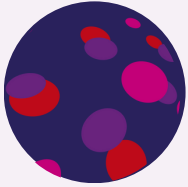
This handbook will revolve around the concept of dissensus over liberal democracy, "*defined as a conflict between different types of actors, either about the key principles of liberal democracy (its institutions or polity), their implementation through specific policies, or both. Dissensus encapsulates a conflict which drives actors "apart" (dis-) about the sense (-sensus) of liberal democracy*" (see Coman R. & Brack N., Dissensus Over Liberal Democracy: Concept-Building and Typology, *European Political Science*, 2025).

The handbook's 63 chapters are encouraged to build on this central definition and its implications.

Against this backdrop, this handbook aims to address the following questions:

- *What forms does dissensus over liberal democracy take in the European Union, in different institutional arenas, both at the national and supranational levels?*
- *How have EU institutions responded over the past decades to increased dissensus over liberal*
- *democracy and its core values, including the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of minorities?*
- *How does dissensus reshape the EU's internal policies and main policy instruments?*
- *What are the implications of dissensus over liberal democracy for the EU's capacity to act beyond its borders through its external policies and instruments?*
- *How do external actors - including states and non-state actors - influence dissensus over liberal democracy in the EU and its neighbourhood?*

Over the course of the workshop's five panels, 16 draft chapters (co-)authored by RED-SPINEL members will be presented and discussed. The initial draft of the chapters are expected to be submitted by the 12th of March 2025 and subsequently circulated to all named participants in advance of the workshop. **Authors will be given a maximum of 5 minutes to present their chapter's argument and how it relates to the handbook's central concept - i.e. dissensus - before having the chair, the discussant(s), and audience members provide comments and suggestions during a 30-40 minutes-long Q&A.**



OPENING PANEL

09:00 - 10:00

~Spaak Room~

Chair



Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University)

Discussants



Gabor Halmai (EUI)



Ece Özlem Atikcan
(University of Warwick)

Introduction by the co-editors

*Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB), Claudia Badulescu (IEE-ULB),
Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University), & Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)*

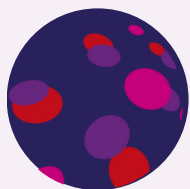
Conceptualizing Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe

Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)

EU Responses to Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in the EU neighbourhood

Luca Tomini (IEE-ULB) & Claudia Bădulescu (IEE-ULB)





DISSENSUS OVER LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

10:15 - 11:45

~Spaak Room~

Chair



Marta Simoncini (Luiss University)

Discussant



Nathalie Brack (IEE-ULB)

Militant Democracy and Dissensus

Iwona Wróblewska (UNC Torun)

International Relations and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

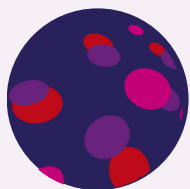
Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)

Human Rights and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Piotr Krajewski (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

Artificial Intelligence and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

George Christou (University of Warwick)



EU INSTITUTIONS & DISSENSUS OVER LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

12:00 - 13:00

~Spaak Room~

Chair



Claudia Bădulescu (IEE-ULB)

Discussant



Amandine Crespy (IEE-ULB)

Dissensus over Liberal Democracy and Democratic Arrhythmias in the EU

Nicola Lupo (Luiss University)

Impact of Crises on EU Modes of Governance and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Sergio Fabbrini (Luiss University)

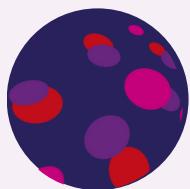
The Commission and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Thomas Christiansen & Dora Hegedus (Luiss University)

The European Social Dimension & Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Adriano Dirri (Luiss University)





THE EU'S INTERNAL POLICIES AND DISSENSUS OVER LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

14:00 - 15:00

~Spaak Room~

Chair



Thomas Christiansen (Luiss University)

Discussants



László Andor (FEPS)



Paul Dermine (IEE-ULB)

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Pauline Thinus (IEE-ULB) & Saskia Hollander (Clingendael)

Macro-Economic Governance and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

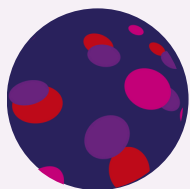
Andrea Capati (Luiss University)

Economisation and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Louise Fromont (HEC Paris)

Strategic Climate Litigation and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy

Christina Eckes (Universiteit van Amsterdam)



EU INSTITUTIONS & DISSENSUS OVER LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

15:00 - 16:00

~Spaak Room~

Chair



Claudia Bădulescu (IEE-ULB)

Discussant



George Christou (University of Warwick)

Africa and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe

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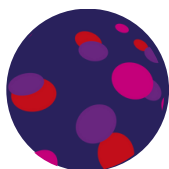
FORECASTING WORKSHOP

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~ Spaak Room - Institut d'études européennes (ULB)

PART I - FINDINGS PRESENTATION

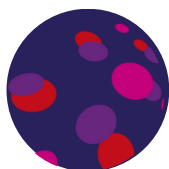
08:45- 09:15



- Presentation of the RED-SPINEL Forecasting Exercise by Ramona Coman & Frederik Ponjaert (15 min)
- Presentation of Forecasting report by Survation (10 min)
- Question & Answers (5 min)

PART II - FORECASTING WORKSHOP

09:30- 13:00



9:30-10:25

SCENARIO 1 - MUDDLING THROUGH WITH EXISTING RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY INSTRUMENTS



10:35-11:30

SCENARIO 2 - COLLAPSE OF EU RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY INSTRUMENTS



11:40-12:35

SCENARIO 3 - NEW EUROPEAN APPROACHES TO RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY



12:45- 13:00

WRAP-UP - MAIN CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

FORECASTING WORKSHOP

Time: Wednesday 19 March, 2025 : 08:45- 13:00

~ Spaak Room - Institut d'études européennes (ULB)

Goals

The half-day Forecasting workshop is set up to meet three key objectives:

1. Present the initial findings of the RED-SPINEL Forecasting Survey co-organised with SURVATION;
2. Host a co-creation workshop aimed at exploring possible implications of three scenarios drawn from the aforementioned survey; and
3. Programme the subsequent steps towards the production of RED-SPINEL Foresight Report on '*Future Visions of Liberal Democracy in Europe*' which will compile the findings of both the survey and the scenario-building workshop.

The scheduled half-a-day scenario-building workshop co-hosted by SURVATION and RED-SPINEL will be the center piece of RED-SPINEL's 2025 Annual Conference's third day. It will bring together both the RED-SPINEL community and experts drawn from the Brussels-based European policy-making community with an eye on discussing the likely implications for EU policy instruments in the fields of democracy and the rule of law in light of three possible future scenarios.

Format

The half-day Forecasting workshop will involve an initial 30-minute orientation session followed by three 45-minute long scenario building sessions. Attendees are invited to participate in all three sessions with the objective to collectively flesh out the different scenario's and what their possible implications might be for EU policies.

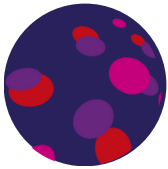
Each 55-minute scenario session will:

- follow a roundtable format with +/- 20 participants. Participants are invited to intervene in the discussions about the presented scenario's implications, notably for EU policies;
- respect the principals of the Chatham house rules;
- be recorded (audio only) for later analysis with an eye on the drafting of an anonymised foresight report;
- be facilitated by an expert from Survation, the polling company assisting the project with the data collection associated with the forecasting exercise;
- have the Survation facilitator distributing and presenting a written scenario outline including some discussion points; and
- start with the chair quickly presenting these 2-page-long scenario outlines, before opening the floor for discussions.

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Time: Wednesday, 19 March 2025 : 14:00-15:50

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14:00-14:05 - Opening

- Opening remarks
- Adoption of the Agenda



14:05-14:25 - Exchange of views on the RED-SPINEL project implementation

- REA comments on the 2024 Mid-Term Review – Ramona Coman (IEE-ULB)
- Status of Deliverables and Milestones – Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
- Open Access – Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)



14:25-15:00 - Exchange of views on the RED-SPINEL Work Programme (April 2025 – January 2026)

-Key Deliverables and Milestones (including publications)

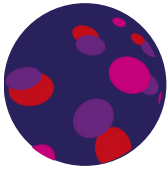
- WP 1: Ramona Coman (WP lead, IEE-ULB)
- WP 2: Marta Simoncini (WP lead, Luiss University)
- WP 3: Luca Tomini (WP lead, IEE-ULB)
- WP 4: Christina Eckes (WP lead, Amsterdam Universiteit)
- WP 5: Arnaud Van Waeyenberge (WP lead, HEC, Paris)
- WP 6: Chloé Brière (WP lead, IEE-ULB)
- WP 7: Andrew Bradley & Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)

-RED-SPINEL Podcasts – Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)

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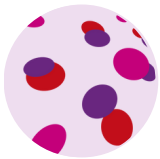
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15:00-15:10 - Approval of the following updated RED-SPINEL documents

- Data Management Plan – Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
- Gender Action Plan – Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)
- Ethics Action Plan – Andrew Bradley (IEE-ULB)



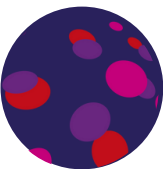
15:15-15:45 - Discussion of upcoming (new) Horizon Europe projects

With the participation of the IEE President François Foret (IEE-ULB President)



15:30-15:45 - RED-SPINEL final reporting

- Scheduling – Andrew Bradley & Frederik Ponjaert (IEE-ULB)



15:45-15:50 - Miscellaneous

- Any other Business
- Scheduling of next meeting



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