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Bridging the gap

democracy between old models and new realities



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The Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy is taking place during a period of profound change. The Council of Europe has always sought to promote democracy as an essential component to protect and promote human rights and values which underpin the European democratic culture.

Which forces will shape democratic societies in the future? Will the emerging voices of the Arab Spring bring about lasting stability? And can they be a source of inspiration for reforms in established Western democracies?

The Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy brings together reformers and global leaders to identify democratic responses to the economic, social and political challenges which affect our societies today. By confronting conventional concepts with new realities, the Forum will identify how democracies can satisfy the expectations of citizens while fully respecting their different values and traditions.

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe



Democracy is a universal value. It is something that is experienced and gradually built up and deepened. It inspires dreams and sometimes desire. It is embodied in particular times and places. Strasbourg and Alsace are clearly among the places which have been shaped by history and the will of mankind. This border region, which has been fought over and torn apart several times, now illustrates peace, reconciliation and symbolic democratic values.

Our local and regional authorities in Alsace champion these values, exercise democracy and are constantly innovating so as to involve the public more and more closely.

That is why the City of Strasbourg, the General Council of Bas-Rhin and the Region of Alsace naturally agreed to join forces with the Council of Europe and France in hosting, supporting and promoting the first World Forum for Democracy.

The aim was to bring together in Alsace, at the heart of Europe, in institutions which serve the democratic ideal, men and women who share this common commitment and ideal. Elected representatives and citizens, institutions and NGOs, and players and observers from North and South will meet in Strasbourg. This first World Forum for Democracy will be an opportunity to share ideas, experiences and aspirations.

We are sure that the diversity of the participants in the Forum will make for rewarding and fruitful exchanges. We hope that they will have a major impact worldwide, thereby confirming the universal role of Strasbourg and Alsace in the area of democracy and human rights.

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# Bridging the gap democracy between old models and new realities

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- United Nations Alliance of Civilisations, New York
- USAID – US Agency for International Development, Washington D.C.
- US State Department, Washington D.C.
- Westminster Foundation for Democracy, London
- World Movement for Democracy, Washington D.C.

The first World Forum for Democracy is an initiative of the Council of Europe, whose brief since its inception in 1949 has been to promote pluralist democracy, respect for human rights and rule of law.

The Forum is part of the partnership agreement concluded between the Council of Europe and the City of Strasbourg on 7 May, 2010. Eager to associate the local population as closely as possible with the Forum's debates, the City of Strasbourg, the Bas-Rhin department council and the Alsace Region, with the support of the French Government, will organise a series of conferences, open debates and public events to extend and enrich the Forum's discussions.

Following the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Council of Europe has made a significant contribution to the democratic developments in Central and Eastern Europe, and has explored new avenues to strengthen democracy throughout the European continent.

In a globalised world, the Council of Europe as a regional organisation takes part in the international debates that hold the planet's future in the balance, on issues such as environment, the new information technologies, social cohesion, rights of minorities, gender equality or the fight against organised crime.

In view of the recent political developments in many countries, the Council of Europe wished to initiate an annual debate on the state of democracy worldwide by gathering in Strasbourg world political leaders, national and local elected representatives, civil society activists and the business world, as well as academics and journalists from the five continents.

The aim of the World Forum for Democracy is to identify new lines of action for strengthening democracy all over the world thanks to dialogue and pooling of experiences among all those who carry a share of responsibility for the handling of public affairs.

The theme of the first Forum, "Bridging the gap - Democracy: between old models and new realities" illustrates the determination of the Council of Europe to analyse the reasons why the democratic pattern prompts an obvious weariness in the oldest democracies, and at the same time fresh hopes in the peoples waging a struggle against authoritarian regimes or consolidating the recent gains of democratic revolutions.

While there is no single model of democracy applicable to all countries, there are nonetheless principles and values such as peace, freedom and the fundamental rights that are inseparable from democracy.

Beyond cultural and spiritual differences, those values are universal and underpin democratic societies. However, those values are affected by the present context of world crisis, which has exposed in the daylight the discrepancy between the secretive decisional practices of international finance and the deliberative procedures that preside over the functioning of democratic societies. It is now necessary to reinstate the democratic process at the core of our societies, beyond the strict framework of the political institutions and in that of governance of markets at an international level.

The World Forum for Democracy pays particular attention to the new generations, with the Youth Assembly organised by the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, in the same way as the debate on inclusive democracy which, at the behest of the Conference of INGOs enjoying participatory status, will form a contribution by European civil society to the proceedings of the Forum.

Democracy must adapt to the realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century which sees the citizens requesting greater participation in public decision-making, an aspiration heightened by the emergence of the new information technologies and the social networks. At the same time, there are manifold threats to the democracies: extremism of a political, nationalist and religious nature, corruption of elites, terrorism and control of the media prompt political leaders to build regulatory barriers that may encroach on the sphere of individual liberties, which are pillars of democracy. Checks and balances are therefore necessary to guard against authoritarian excesses and preserve democracy.

These are the principal thematic concerns to be addressed by the participants in the first World Forum for Democracy.

Friday **5** OCTOBER to Sunday **7** OCTOBER

## Youth Assembly

Saturday **6** OCTOBER to Saturday **20** OCTOBER

## Exhibition "Cartooning for Peace"

Aubette Grande salle  
Free entrance

### Youth and democracy: the young generation sacrificed?

Session of the Youth Assembly, organised by the Parliamentary Assembly and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

Young people face increasing difficulties in accessing and exercising their rights. Their autonomy is increasingly threatened as a consequence of economic, geographical and socio-cultural inequalities. At the same time, young people have shown their willingness to act and bring about change towards more democratic societies in which young people are valued and given the space to develop and contribute actively. 170 young people brought together by the Youth Assembly 2012 will debate on themes related to youth and democracy, such as: religion, globalisation, new social media, access to social rights, migration, inclusion of minorities, and civic education. Their recommendations will be then transmitted to the World Forum for Democracy.

Friday **5** OCTOBER

Palais de l'Europe Hemicycle

2:30 pm - Official Opening of the Youth Assembly

#### Welcoming addresses by:

- Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, *President of the Parliamentary Assembly*
- Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, *Secretary General of the Council of Europe*
- Ms Maria Paschou, *Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth*

#### Keynote speech by:

- Mr Howard Williamson, *Professor of European Youth Policy, on "Young people's contribution to democracy"*

8:30 pm - World Café: "How do young people practice democracy?"

European Youth Centre Room (to be confirmed)

Saturday **6** OCTOBER

European Youth Centre Room (to be confirmed)

9:45 am and 2:30 pm

8:30 pm - Working groups  
- Artistic workshops (Democracy through music, painting, theatre etc...)  
in cooperation with local youth associations

Sunday **7** OCTOBER

European Youth Centre Room (to be confirmed)

2:30 pm - Presentation of working groups recommendations  
3:30 pm - Closing

### Drawing democracy



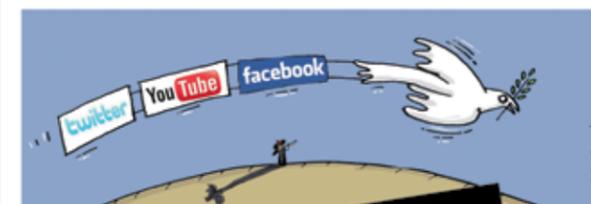
"Cartooning for Peace" is an initiative launched in New York on 16 October 2006 at the United Nations headquarters following several encounters between then United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and the French cartoonist from "Le Monde" Plantu.

On that day, twelve of the most famous press artists in the whole world met to discuss the role of press drawing and caricature as an instant medium of expression and communication without language barriers, at the service of tolerance and peace. In the wake of the fatwas levelled at caricatures of Mahomet, it was necessary to rally Christian, Jewish, Muslim and agnostic draughtsmen to circumvent all forms of censorship that have arisen over the last few years. Fundamentalism and intolerance are taking hold more or less everywhere, and a reaction was necessary though without humiliating believers. Since then, exhibitions have been exported all over the world and the number of artists belonging to the network has been growing continually (130 of 40 different nationalities to date).

Saturday **6** OCTOBER

11:30 am - Official opening of the exhibition (upon invitation)  
in presence of Mr Ali Ferzat (Syria), political cartoonist, Sakharov Prize winner 2011

Du 6 au 20 octobre  
Grande Salle de l'Aubette  
Exposition internationale  
"DESSINER  
LA DÉMOCRATIE"



100 dessins de presse



Council of Europe, Agora Building Room G03

### Inclusive democracy

Civil society debate organised by the Conference of INGOs with participatory status with the Council of Europe

The INGO Conference brings together NGO representatives from different continents for a debate on the principle of inclusive Democracy which assumes the respect of human rights and a greater involvement of women on one hand and of the media on the other hand in the process of participatory Democracy. The civil society debate will form the basis for the contributions of the civil society representatives in the discussions of the World Forum for Democracy.

3:45 pm  
5:15 pm

### - Round table “Building inclusive democracy through women”

Moderator:

- Ms Karin Nordmeyer (Germany), *Zonta International*

Speakers:

- Ms Corinne Kumar (India) *Asian Women's Human Rights Council*
- Ms Sima Samar (Afghanistan), *Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission*
- Ms Sophia Spiliotopoulos (Greece), *Lawyer, member of the Board of the Association of Women of Southern Europe (AFEM)*
- Ms Lorraine Spiteri (Malta), *Member of the Executive Council, Malta Confederation of Women's Organisations, Rapporteur*

9:30 am  
10:00 am

- Opening and introductory speech by:  
Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

5:15 pm  
5:30 pm

### - Closing by:

- Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, *President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe*
- Ms Sophie Dimitroulias, *Vice-President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, General Rapporteur*

10:00 am  
12:00 am

- Debate “Inclusive democracy and human rights”

Moderator:

- Ms Conny Czymoch (Germany), *journalist*

Speakers:

- Mr Albert Tevoedjre, *Ombudsman of the Republic of Benin*
- Ms Rita Patricio, *Amnesty International*

2:00 pm  
3:30 pm

- Round table “Building inclusive democracy through media”

Moderator:

- Mr Igor Kogut (Ukraine), *Director of the Kyiv School of Political Studies*

Speakers:

- Mr Peter Lemish (USA) *Civil Society, Communication and Media Practices Programme, Southern Illinois University*
- Mr Pavel Marozau (Belarus), *Third Way Organisation*
- Ms Lina Ben Mhenni (Tunisia), *blogger “A Tunisian Girl”, laureate of the Deutsche Welle International Blog Award in 2011*
- Ms Nadia Bellardi (Switzerland), *Community Media Forum Europe, Rapporteur*

## Universal values, global challenges and regional realities



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9:00 am

### Official opening of the Forum

by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Thorbjørn Jagland

#### - Welcome

by the Senator-Mayor of Strasbourg, Mr Roland Ries on behalf of the local authorities

#### - Statement by:

Mr Bernard Cazeneuve, Minister Delegate for European Affairs of France

#### - Keynotes addresses by:

- Mr Ban Ki-moon, *Secretary General of the United Nations*
- Mr Moncef Marzouki, *President of the Republic of Tunisia*
- Ms Tawakkol Karman (Yemen), *Nobel Peace Prize winner 2011*

10:30 am  
1:00 pm

### Do markets need democracy and vice-versa?

The American then worldwide financial crisis of 2008 had effects that spread to a good many countries now caught in lasting recession. Hundreds of millions of people are directly affected by the consequences of the decisions taken without democratic oversight by financial institutions whose heads evade all sanction. The process of European integration is challenged as regards its most emblematic achievement, the single currency, and a return to the pre-euro national currencies is advocated in some quarters.

Despite successful experiences such as Brazil and India, which have managed to pair economic development with democratic consolidation, for over a decade we have witnessed the growing dominance on the world stage of countries that do not identify with democratic values while adopting the principles of liberal market economy.

Thus the idea has taken shape that economic development and winning of markets are not necessarily linked with the democratic character of the public institutions. Can the western model, linking economic development and pluralist democracy, evolve to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century? How to meet the expectations of the peoples subjected to the law of rampant liberalism only benefiting an elite? How are relocations to be forestalled and contained, generating growing unemployment as they do, and how are we to prevent the social dumping that distorts free competition? Are new rules of world trade founded on democratic ethics utopian, or quite conceivable in order to confirm democracy as a common asset of mankind?

#### Chair:

- Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France), *President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

#### Moderator:

- Mr Daniel Tarschys (Sweden), *Professor of political science at Stockholm University, former Secretary General of the Council of Europe*

#### Speakers:

- Mr Sali Berisha, *Prime Minister of Albania, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*
- Mr Abdelilah Benkirane, *Head of the Government of Morocco*
- Mr Masahiro Kawai (Japan), *Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute*
- Mr Alexey Kudrin, *former Minister for Finance of the Russian Federation*
- Mr Gérard Latortue, *former Prime Minister of Haiti*
- Mr Aristides Mejía, *former Vice-President of the Republic of Honduras*
- Mr Wolfgang Schäuble, *Minister for Finance of the Federal Republic of Germany*
- Mr Martin Schulz (Germany), *President of the European Parliament*
- Mr Kenneth Wollack (USA), *President, National Democratic Institute (NDI)*

1:15 pm  
2:45 pm

### - "What democracy after the Arab Spring?" (upon invitation)

Lunch debate hosted by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Thorbjørn Jagland and the President of the European Parliament, Mr Martin Schulz

#### Introduction by Sakharov Prize winners 2011:

- Ms Asmaa Mahfouz (Egypt), *activist and blogger*
- Ms Ahmed al-Senussi (Libya), *member of the National Transitional Council*
- Mr Ali Ferzat (Syria), *political cartoonist*

#### Debate moderated by:

- Ms Sylvie Kauffmann (France), « *Le Monde* »

1:15 pm  
2:45 pm

- Lunch at the European Parliament for the participants

## A: Democracy: A universal value?

Palais de l'Europe Hemicycle

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

Two decades after the fall of communism in Europe, the bipolar world has given way to a multipolar world with the emergence of new players who may not identify with the traditional values of pluralist democracy.

The democratic reform movements in hand on the southern shore of the Mediterranean and other parts of the world take their course in specific cultural environments which do not necessarily share western democratic values and models, without any clear alternatives really having emerged.

The place of Islam in society, and relations between religion

and the State generally, secularity and separation of the public and private spheres, are more and more a subject of debate. Social mix of growing proportions, the ethnic and religious pluralism that characterise all our societies, create tensions fuelled and exploited by political forces of every allegiance. The economic crisis has merely aggravated social tensions, and some people advocate a societal model placing economic development before the rights and freedoms of the individual.

In the face of these phenomena, should the essential principles of individual rights be revisited? Are the values on which western democratic societies lie still

current? Might not respect for everyone's identity, cultural traditions or religious convictions destabilise the very foundations of the democratic models? Are there intangible principles and values that transcend diversities? What might be the parameters of a putative model for democratic society in which everyone could see themselves irrespective of social, cultural and other differences?

### Chair:

- Sir Nicolas Bratza, *President of the European Court of Human Rights*

### Speakers:

- Mr Boris Akunin (Russia), *writer, co-founder of the Voter's League*
- Ms Souhayr Belhassen (Tunisia), *President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)*
- Mr Alvaro Gil-Robles (Spain), *former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe*
- Mr Vladimir Lukin, *Human Rights Ombudsman of the Russian Federation*
- Mr Joseph Maïla (France), *Director of prospective, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs*
- Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy), *Chair of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*
- Mr Moez Masoud (Egypt), *radio and television host*
- Mr Federico Mayor (Spain), *President of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, former Director General of Unesco*
- Ms Farzana Raja, *Federal Minister, Government of Pakistan*
- Mr Jorge Sampaio, *High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations, former President of the Republic of Portugal*
- Mr Diego Garcia Sayan, *President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*

## B: Virtual values? Democracy and new social networks

Palais de l'Europe Room 5

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

The 20th century went by in expectation of the advent of McLuhan's global village. The 21st century has commenced with the emergence of Facebook which has radically altered communication practices between individuals. The technological explosion of the media has become a major factor of political change. The "SMS" revolutions have arguably taken the place of tanks?

Each individual becomes a player in the global media sphere and a purveyor of information. Citizen journalism has developed considerably on the web, challenging the traditional media.

Twitter and the other social media have opened up a new area of freedom in which all can express themselves. The totalitarian regimes have been shaken by these new media which have often precipitated and furthered political changes by uniting civil society.

At the same time, this totally subjective and immediate information, lacking detachment or analysis, may be prone to all forms of exploitation or manipulation.

Should this new freedom be regulated? Or rather should the development of the blogosphere be given free rein at the risk of going off the rails and overstepping the mark? Can

and should the actors of the blogosphere be subjected to a code of conduct? What is the attitude to take when political leaders censure or manipulate these new media? What stance should the economic players adopt, between collusion and compromise for the sake of preserving commercial interests, and resistance on the ground of democratic values and principles?

After the "2.0 revolutions", how can peaceful protest move on to management of affairs? How are the burdens and responsibilities of power to be shouldered without betraying the values carried by these revolutions?

### Chair:

- Ms Kim Campbell, *former Prime Minister of Canada, Chair of the World Movement for Democracy*

### Speakers:

- Mr Pavol Demeš (Slovakia), *Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund*
- Ms Denise Dresser, *Professor of Political Science, Mexico Autonomous Institute of Technology*
- Ms Barbara Lochbihler (Germany), *Chair of the subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament*
- Ms Asmaa Mahfouz (Egypt), *activist and blogger, Sakharov Prize winner 2011*
- Mr Nils Muižnieks, *Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights*
- Mr Jerzy Pomianowski (Poland), *Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- Ms Ana Maria Rodriguez Rivas (Spain), *Professor of Journalism and Communication, King Juan Carlos University, Madrid*
- Mr Luca Volontè (Italy), *Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Chair of the Group of the European People's Party*
- Mr Aalam Wassef (Egypt), *blogger and video producer*
- Mr Mikhail Zygar (Russia), *Editor-in-Chief, "Dozhd" TV channel*

## C: One size fits all? Democracy and globalisation

Palais de l'Europe Room 1

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

The model of democracy founded on freely elected representation of the people, forged through the centuries, is increasingly confronted with new realities that dispute its foundations – and even legitimacy in some cases. The higher and higher rates of abstention in elections, the emergence of dissenting – and sometimes extremist – political forces bear witness to growing discredit of the traditional forms of democratic representation.

At the same time participation in the common destiny is avidly sought with citizen enlistment in all kinds of associations and interest groups, and with an explo-

sion of communication through the social networks. Will Twitter supplant the ballot paper?

Longing for participation in civic life is a positive factor to be encouraged and sustained. However, gathering together the individual interests expressed in civil society cannot supplant representation of the public interest, a responsibility of the public institutions which must transcend personal interests.

How can the democratic debate be redirected towards the institutions of democratic representation? How are these institutions to adapt in order to meet the new challenges?

Are the institutions of democratic representation equipped to meet the new challenges of globalisation? How are these institutions to adjust to the transnational dimension of the problems and the interests at stake? Does the national (and even European) framework still suffice to tackle and solve the problems? Which structures and mechanisms are needed to reintroduce democratic choice at world level?

### Chair:

- Mr Gianni Buquicchio, *President of the Commission for Democracy through law ("Venice Commission")*

### Speakers:

- Mr Jorge Castañeda, *former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico*
- Mr Ashraf Ghani (Afghanistan), *Chairman of the Institute for State Effectiveness*
- Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland), *Member of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Chair of the Socialist Group*
- Mr Willie Kwansing (Fiji), *Secretary General, Chamber of Commerce and Industry*
- Mr Janez Lenarčič (Slovenia), *Director of the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*
- Mr Mario Soares, *former President of the Republic of Portugal*
- Ms Jozefina Çoba Topalli (Albania), *speaker of the Parliament*
- Mr Keith Whitmore (United Kingdom), *President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

8:00 pm

- Dinner at the "Musée d'Art moderne et contemporain de Strasbourg" (upon invitation)

9:00 am  
12:00 am

## A. Democracy: a universal value?

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### A.1. Public sector/private sector: religion in the democratic public domain

Much of the tension in our present-day societies is linked with problems of perception hence representation of cultural differences. The public institutions and civil society should redefine their relationship in order to foster the development of more inclusive societies in which cultural and religious diversity could mean an asset rather than a problem.

#### Chair:

- Mr Marc Scheuer, *Director of the Secretariat of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations*

#### Speakers:

- Ms Amel Grami (Tunisia), *Professor at the University of Manouba*
- Mr Joseph Maïla (France), *Director for Prospective, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs*
- Mr Moez Masoud (Egypt), *radio and television Host*
- Mr Moncef Ben Slimane (Tunisia), *President of "Lam Echam!"*
- Mr Akuila Yabaki (Fiji), *Executive Director of the Citizens Constitutional Forum*

Palais de l'Europe Room 5

9:00 am  
12:00 am

### A.2. Multiple identities and "living together"

Living together, while reconciling cultural diversity and social cohesion, is one of the major present challenges at the local and national level as well as on broader planes of interaction such as the two shores of the Mediterranean. Social dialogue and international co-operation should be equal to this challenge.

#### Chair:

- Mr Alvaro Gil-Robles (Spain), *former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe*

#### Speakers:

- Mr Roosevelt Gould (Liberia), *National Director of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission*
- Ms Aline Karim (Lebanon), *journalist*
- Mr Vincent de Paul Emah Etoundi, *Member of the National Assembly of Cameroon*
- Mr Helge Lunde (Norway), *Executive Director of International Cities of Refugee Network (ICORN), Stavanger*
- Mr Mogoeng Mogoeng (South Africa), *Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court*
- Mr Alberto Moreno Pérez (Colombia), *Judicial Field Officer, United Nations Development Programme*
- Ms Alexandra Veleva, *Programme Advisor, International Organisation of Francophonie*
- Mr Leen Verbeek (Netherlands), *Queen's Commissioner of the province of Flevoland, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

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9:00 am  
12:00 am

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B.1. Civil resistance and democratisation

From South Africa to Serbia last century, from Tunisia to Syria and Burma today, all democratisation movements throughout the world started off with the affirmation of a civil society aware of its rights and wanting the will of the people to be respected. How can people denied a voice be supported while respecting State sovereignty? Is a new conception of sovereignty in the 21<sup>st</sup> century coming into being?

Chair:

- Mr Maciej Bartkowski (USA), *Senior Director for Education and Research, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC)*

Speakers:

- Mr Ahmed al-Senussi (Libya), *Member of the National Transitional Council, Sakharov Prize winner 2011*
- Mr Ivan Marovic (Serbia), *co-founder of OTPOR movement*
- Ms Luisa Trujillo (Colombia), *writer and researcher*
- Mr Dismas Kitenge Senga (DR Congo), *President of the NGO "Groupe LOTUS RDC" ICNC experts*
- Ms Lhadon Tethong, *Director of "Tibet Action Institute"*
- Mr Aalam Wassef (Egypt), *blogger and video producer*

9:00 am  
12:00 am

C. One size fits all? Democracy and globalisation

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C.1. Consequences of the economic and financial crisis on democratic institutions

The world economic and financial crisis has weakened the democratic institutions by affecting their legitimacy as a consequence of the leaders' inability to provide lasting and socially acceptable solutions to the crisis. What is to be done to restore the legitimacy of the institutions of democratic representation at all levels? How can we reinsert in democratic institutions an ever-broader fringe of the population which has turned away from it?

Chair:

- Mr Mikolaj Dowgielewicz (Poland), *Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank*

Speakers:

- Mr Vijay Anand (India), *co-founder and President of "5<sup>th</sup> Pillar"*
- Mr Ralf Fücks (Germany), *President, Heinrich Böll Foundation*
- Mr Masahiro Kawai (Japan), *Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute*
- Mr Evan Papp (USA), *US Agency for International Development*
- Mr James Sirleaf, *General Manager, Corporate and Institutional Banking, First International Bank of Liberia*
- Mr Igor Soltes (Slovenia), *President of the Court of Auditors*
- Ms Francesca Traldi (Italy), *Director of international relations, Magna Carta Foundation*

9:00 am  
12:00 am

B.2. Internet, new media and democratic (r)evolutions

The advent of the Internet and of the new media (the 2.0 society) constitutes the greatest democratic revolution of the recent years, having shaken numerous authoritarian regimes that try to control them by whatever means. While influencing political decisions more and more, they are not immune to manipulations or to dissemination of untruths. So should this new area of freedom be regulated?

Chair:

- Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy), *Chair of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

Speakers:

- Mr Sébastien Abgota (Benin), *journalist, International Advisor in communication*
- Mr Mohammad al-Abdallah (Syria), *journalist and blogger*
- Mr Hasan Al Mustafa (Saudi Arabia), *journalist*
- Mr Hervé Barraquand (France), *Specialist of the programme "Media", "Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie"*
- Mr Luis Fernández (Mexico), *Foundation "Participando por Mexico"*
- Mr Yannick Harrel (France), *Cyber Strategy consultant and lecturer*
- Mr Alexandre Heully (France), *Executive director of the European magazine cafebabel.com*
- Ms Sharon Hom, *Executive Director of "Human Rights in China"*
- Mr Venance Konan (Ivory Coast), *journalist and writer*

9:00 am  
12:00 am

C.2. The crisis threat to social cohesion?

Faced to an aggravation of unemployment and of poverty among ever larger populations resulting from the economic and financial crisis, there is a strong temptation to look for scapegoats, especially migrants. How can we make it understood that the way out of the crisis is not less solidarity and democracy but more justice and sharing, in particular towards the youngest?

Chair:

- Mr Gilles Finchelstein (France), *Director General of the Jean Jaurès Foundation*

Speakers:

- Mr Khalil Al Assali, *Correspondent, "Gulf News"*
- Mr Luca Belgiorno-Nettis (Australia), *Founder, « The newDemocracy Foundation »*
- Ms Kim Campbell, *former Prime Minister of Canada, Chair of the World Movement for Democracy, Member of the Club de Madrid*
- Mr Olusegun Obasanjo, *former President of Nigeria, Member of the Club de Madrid*
- Mr Goran Svilanovic (Serbia), *Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities*

12:30 pm

- Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

## Media responsibility and potential to foster democracy

The panel will discuss new trends in political participation, new and old media; their impact on democracies and on freedom of expression. Moderated by Melissa Eddy of the International Herald Tribune, it will assess the dual problem of stifled media freedom on the one hand, and non-transparent relationships between government and media on the other.

Freedom of expression is a fundamental right, enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights. A free press is vital for any democracy. Elected politicians have a duty to ensure that journalists can work freely and without fear of State repression. But the onus is not on governments alone. Pluralistic societies are at risk when media try to exert influence on governments to gain economic advantage and business ties between journalists and politicians remain undisclosed.

### Chair:

- Ms Melissa Eddy, "International Herald Tribune"

### Speakers:

- Mr Eynullah Fatullayev, *journalist and editor-in-chief of the weekly "Realny Azerbaijan" and daily "Gündəlik Azərbaycan"*
- Mr Ali Ferzat (Syria), *political cartoonist, Sakharov Prize winner 2011*
- Ms Tawakkol Karman, *political Activist, journalist and 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner*
- Mr Moez Masoud, *television and radio presenter, religious leader and political activist from Egypt*
- Ms Ksenia Sobchak, *Russian political journalist*
- Mr Alexei Venediktov, *journalist and editor-in-chief of the Moscow-based "Ekho Moskvy" and President of "Echo TV Russia"*
- Ms Jillian York, *Director of International Freedom of Expression at the US-based Electronic Frontier Foundation, free-expression activist, journalist and travel-writer*

### - Issues for discussion include:

- How should governments and international organisations protect media freedom? Hands off or hands on?
- Is Wikileaks a threat to journalism?
- Where is the line between private and public?
- What role can social media play in established democracies?
- What can the old democracies learn from emerging voices of the young democracies?

## A. Democracy: a universal value? p.12

### A.3. Can democracy be imposed?

The fundamental principle of democracy and its legitimacy lies in free expression of the citizens' choice. Does a duty of interference exist when the democratic aspirations of a people are put down – sometimes with bloodshed – by oppressive regimes? Should international law be revised to legitimise a right of democratic interference that might go as far as armed intervention if required?

#### Chair:

- Mr Jacques-Paul Klein (USA), *former Under Secretary General of the United Nations*

#### Speakers:

- Mr Faiysal Alikhan (Pakistan), *Founder and Executive Director of the NGO Foundation for Integrated Development Action (FIDA)*
- Mr Mustafa al-Kadhimi (Iraq), *"Al-Esbui'a" magazine*
- Mr Guy Buchsensmidt (Belgium), *Chief of Staff, Eurocorps*
- Mr Zbigniew Janas (Poland), *politician, former member of the "Solidarity" movement*
- Ms Jeanne Kapinga (DR Congo), *civil activist*
- Ms Vanessa Ortiz (USA), *Transition Program Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development*
- Ms Rabiataou Serah Diallo (Guinea), *President of the National Transitional Council (CNT)*
- Mr Adejare Somorin (Nigeria), *International Initiative for Peace*

### A.4. Testing democracy against extremism

The 21<sup>st</sup> century opened with the great hope of a new democratic wave washing over every continent. These new democracies were confronted with various forms of extremism imperilling their survival. Older democracies too have been confronted with this phenomenon since the economic and social crisis undermining them. What democratic responses could be made to the onset of division: is exclusion the best way to combat extremist forces, or is it better to combat them by including them in the democratic process?

#### Chair:

- Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey), *former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

#### Speakers:

- Mr Zbigniew Bujak (Poland), *co-founder of the "Solidarity" movement*
- Ms Alimata Diarra (Mali), *Human Rights lawyer, Malian Association of Human Rights (AMDR)*
- Ms Claudia Mosquera Rosero-Labbé, *Professor at the National University of Colombia*
- Mr Donatus Obi (Nigeria), *International Initiative for Peace*
- Ms Asiya Sasykbaeva (Kyrgyzstan), *Deputy Speaker of the Kyrgyz parliament*
- Mr Hassan Shire Sheikh (Uganda), *Executive Director, "The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project"*
- Mr Rajith Keerthi Tennakoon (Sri Lanka), *freelance journalist, Executive Director of the Center for Human Rights*

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

**B. Virtual values?  
Democracy and new social networks** p.13

**B.3. Participatory democracy: the citizen, an active political actor**

Alongside elective and representative democracy, and complementing it, there have developed diverse forms of participatory democracy enabling the citizens (and non-citizens too) to take part in the decisions that influence and determine their day-to-day life. Can and should we lay down rules for the functioning of the various pressure groups and for their action vis-à-vis political decision-makers?

Chair:

- Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, *President of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe*

Speakers:

- Ms Maite Azuela (Mexico), *founder of the movement "Dejemos de Hacernos Pendejos"*
- Mr Andrew Bradley, *Director, Office of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) to the EU*
- Mr Moses Chinhengo (Zimbabwe), *Judge, International Commission of Jurists*
- Mr Richard Giragosian (Armenia), *Director of the Regional Studies Centre, Yerevan*
- Ms Inès Hammami (Tunisia), *Vice-President of "Lam Echam!"*
- Mr Jean-Pierre Liouville (France), *Vice-President of the Lorraine Regional Council, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*
- Ms Hadiza Mahaman (Niger), *Association for the Defense of Human Rights of Niger (ANDDH)*
- Mr Christian Saves (France), *political scientist, senior civil servant*
- Ms Olena Tregub (Ukraine), *journalist and political analyst*

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

**C. One size fits all? Democracy and globalisation** p.14

**C.3. Which democratic governance in a globalised world?**

With economic and financial decisions being often taken at the supranational level, the nation state is gradually losing in relevance. Its effectiveness in action is reduced, heightening the alienation of the citizen. If the course of economic and financial globalisation cannot be stopped, how are we to guard against global deregulation – and social dumping – with dire political consequences? What power should be given to the international organisations in charge of regulating the economy? What supranational political power is foreseeable today and tomorrow?

Chair:

- Mr Wendelin Etmayer (Austria), *Ambassador, author on international affairs*

Speakers:

- Mr Youssef Ali Abdelrahman (Egypt), *Governor of Giza, Co-president of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)*
- Ms Maryam al-Khawaja (Bahrain), *Vice President of Centre for Human Rights*
- Ms Pelagie Belomo Essono (Cameroon), *Catholic University of Central Africa*
- Ms Maria Leissner (Sweden), *Secretary General of the Community of Democracies*
- Mr Igor Rogov (Kazakhstan), *President of the Constitutional Council, Member of the 'Venice Commission'*
- Ms Sima Samar (Afghanistan), *Chair of the Independent Human Rights Commission*

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

**B.4. Becoming a citizen: education and democratic culture**

Civic education is not confined to the education system. The media – particularly the new media – have an essential responsibility in the matter. Education is before anything else information. An enlightened and informed citizen will be a responsible citizen able to assume his/her responsibilities in the operation of the democratic institutions. How to accommodate civic education in school curricula? How to use the new media for training responsible citizens?

Chair:

- Mr Jean-Paul Costa (France), *President of the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg), former President of the European Court of Human Rights*

Speakers:

- Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy), *Chair of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe*
- Mr Youcef Boukoucha (Algeria), *National Secretary for Youth, "Front of socialist forces in Algeria"*
- Mr Paul Bromberg (Colombia), *former Mayor of Bogota*
- Mr Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon, *Undersecretary for Political Affairs, Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines*
- Mr Koffi Kounte (Togo), *President of the National Commission for Human Rights*
- Mr Krzysztof Stanowski (Poland), *President of the Management Board of Solidarity Fund PL*
- Mr Dadang Trisasongko (Indonesia), *"Indonesian Corruption Watch"*
- Mr Steven Wagenseil (USA), *former First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

3:00 pm  
6:00 pm

**C.4. Towards a new democratic ethic?**

The gangrene of corruption, the inability of political leaders to deliver solutions to the citizens' problems, the discredit of policies, the citizens' growing disinterest in public affairs, compel new ethics, new morality in politics. What can be done to rehabilitate the political function and the attraction for public affairs? How is undue permeability between the business world and political leaders to be avoided? Which code of conduct should be imposed on each?

Chair:

- Mr Roman Jakic (Slovenia), *Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

Speakers:

- Ms Shaaзка Beyerle (USA), *Senior Advisor, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict*
- Mr Geo Sung Kim (South Korea), *Founding President of Transparency International – Korea*
- Mr Andrei Kolesnikov (Russia), *journalist, "Novaya Gazeta"*
- Ms Hélène Lambatim (Chad), *Vice-President of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council*
- Mr Marin Mrcela (Croatia), *President of the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)*

“Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century” round tables

Bringing together the main stakeholders in democratic life, the parallel round tables on “Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century” will allow exchanges of experience and good practices in the strengthening of democratic practices in a world characterized by a questioning of models of democratic governance.

The parallel round tables for Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are organized in partnership with the City of Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin Department, Alsace region, as well as several foundations and international NGO's.

9:30 am  
12:00 pm

- Active citizenship in emerging democracies

Chair:

- Ms Antonella Cagnolati (Italy), *Director of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*
- Ms Nawel Rafik-Elmrini (France), *Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of European and International relations*

Speakers:

- Mr Imed Ammar (Tunisia), *Tunisian League of Human Rights*
- Ms Zohra Bibou (Algeria), *Human Rights activist*
- Mr Hamid Chabat (Morocco), *Mayor of Fes*
- Mr Mohamed Edaomar (Morocco), *Mayor of Tetouan*
- Mr Mostafa El Bied (Morocco), *journalist*
- Mr Kaabi Faical (Tunisia), *Deputy Mayor of the City of Kairouan, in charge of international relations*
- Mr Omar Hejira (Morocco), *Mayor of Oujda*
- Mr Tariq Kabbage (Morocco), *Mayor of Agadir*
- Ms Lydia Madero, *Permanent Observer of Mexico to the Council of Europe*
- Mr Youssuf Mohamed Benyoussuf (Libya), *Chairman of Misrata Municipal Council*
- Mr Jules Patenaude (Canada), *expert in public consultations*
- Mr Bouden Radhouan (Tunisia), *Kairouan City Council Chairman*
- Mr Mohamed Salah Fliss (Tunisia), *former Mayor of Bizerte*
- Mr Rachid Sassi (Morocco), *Delegated Mayor of Rabat*
- Mr Mohamed Sefiani (Morocco), *Mayor of Chefchaouen*
- Mr John Warmisham (United Kingdom), *Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities*
- ... The elected representatives of the partner cities from the “Club de Strasbourg”

Partners:

City of Strasbourg / The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

9:00 am  
12:30 pm

- Democracy without borders?

Hôtel du Département Plenary Room

Chair:

- Mr Guy-Dominique Kennel (France), *President of the “Conseil Général du Bas-Rhin”*

Moderators:

- Mr Joachim Beck (Germany), *Director of Kehl “Euro-Institut”*
- Ms Annette Gerlach (Germany), *Anchor, Arte*

Speakers:

- Mr Andy Carl (United Kingdom), *Executive Director of the “Conciliation resources”*
- Ms Nadia Cuk (Serbia), *Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade*
- Mr Vincent Devauchelle (France), *Deputy Director, EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse*
- Mr Luis Fernandez (Mexico), *Foundation “Participando por Mexico”*
- Mr Michel Foucher (France), *Diplomat, “Institut des Hautes études de défense nationale”*
- Mr Yves Le Tallec (France), *Vice-President of the “Conseil Général du Bas-Rhin”*
- Mr Ilgar Mammadov (Azerbaijan), *Director of the Baku School of Political Studies*
- Mr Andy Pollack (Ireland), *Director of the Center for Cross Border Studies, Dublin*
- Mr Philippe Receveur (Switzerland), *Minister of Ecology and Infrastructure, Canton of Jura and expert in cross-border cooperation*
- Mr Hassan Shire Sheikh (Uganda), *Executive Director, “The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project”*

Partners:

General Council of Bas-Rhin / Regional Council of Alsace / Association of Local Democracy Agencies / Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Round table followed by a buffet at the “Hôtel du Département”

9:30 am  
12:00 pm

- Civil society, a key player for living together

Palais de l'Europe Room 1

Moderator:

- Ms Rokhaya Diallo (France), *journalist with RTL, Association “Les Indivisibles”*

Speakers:

- Ms Nuzhat Jafri (Canada), *Member of the Administration Council of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW), Executive Director, Office of the Fairness Commission*
- Mr Aristotle Kallis (United Kingdom), *Professor of Modern History at Lancaster University*
- Mr Habib Kazdaghli (Tunisia), *Professor of Modern History, Dean of the Faculty of Literature, Arts and Humanities at Manouba University*
- Mr Jean-Paul Makengo (France), *President of the General Conference of the European Coalition of Towns against Racism (ECCAR), Deputy Mayor of Toulouse*
- Mr Christoph Spreng (Switzerland), *Coordinator of the Conference of INGOs for intercultural dialogue*
- Mr Veysel Filiz (France/Turkey), *Member of the Bureau of the Conference of INGOs, Rapporteur*

Partner:

Conference of INGOs with participative status with the Council of Europe

9:30 am  
12:00 am

- Is representative democracy in crisis?

Palais de l'Europe Hemicycle

Chair:

- Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France), *President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

Speakers:

- Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg), *Member of the Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe, Chair of the ALDE Group*
- Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland), *Member of the Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe, Chair of the Socialist Group*

Partner:

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

9:30 am  
12:00 am

- European governance, democracy and globalisation

Chair:

- Mr Sylvain Schirmann, *Director, "Institut d'études politiques de Strasbourg"*

Moderator:

- Mr François-Gilles Le Theule, *Director of European Affairs, "Ecole Nationale d'Administration" (ENA)*

Speakers:

- Mr Dominique Lagrange (France), *Deputy Director, National Institute of Territorial Studies (INET)*
- Mr Fabrice Larat (France), *Director, Center of administrative expertise and research (CERA) of ENA*
- Mr Michel Mangenot (France), *Lecturer, University of Strasbourg*
- Ms Laure Ognois (Germany), *Director of International Relations, "Deutsche Universität für Verwaltungswissenschaften", Speyer*
- Mr Mario Soares, *former President of the Republic of Portugal*

Partner:

Pôle européen d'administration publique

2:30 pm  
5:00 pm

- Responsible leadership

Chair:

- Ms Catherine Lalumière (France), *former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, President of the European Association of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe*

Moderator:

- Mr Enrique Uribe (Colombia), *Professor at the University of Strasbourg*

Speakers:

- Mr Salomon (Cameroon), *Member of Parliament and President of the Front of Defense for Youth in Central Africa*
- Mr Alain Fontanel (France), *Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of Finance*
- Mr Yehuda Lancry (Israel), *former Ambassador to France and the United Nations*
- Ms Elena Nemirovskaya (Russia), *Founder and Director, Moscow School of Political Studies*
- Mr Frank Prochaska (USA), *Professor, Colorado Technical University*
- Mr Sylvain Waserman (France), *Director General, "Network Gas of Strasbourg"*

Partner:

Association of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe

12:00 am

- Commemoration of the 10th World Day against the Death Penalty

"Abolish the death penalty. It's better world without it"



2:30 pm  
5:00 pm

- Migrations: solidarity in crisis?

Chair:

- Mr Denis Huber, *Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Council of Europe*

Speakers:

- Mr Olivier Beer, *UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg*
- Ms Pernilla Bergkvist (Sweden), *politician, Sigtuna*
- Mr António Braga (Portugal), *Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*
- Mr Chenjerai Hove, *ICORN guest writer, Zimbabwe/Stavanger, Norway*
- Ms Geneviève Jacques (France), *Member of the International Board of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and of the National Council of CIMADE*
- Mr Helge Lunde (Norway), *Executive Director, International Cities of Refugee Network (ICORN), Stavanger*
- Mr Chris Nash (United Kingdom), *Asylum Aid/European Network on Statelessness*

Partners:

North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Lisbon / International Cities of Refugee Network (ICORN), Stavanger

12:30 pm

- Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

2:30 pm  
5:00 pm

- Money and Democracy

Chair:

- Mr Miklos Marschall (Hungary), *Deputy Managing Director, Transparency International*

Moderator:

- Mr Laurent Hincker (France), *Lawyer at the Strasbourg and Paris Bar, President of the Association of Education and European Law Research of Human Rights (AFREDH)*

Speakers:

- Mr Vijay Anand (India), *Co-founder and President of "5th Pillar"*
- Ms Annie Enriquez Geron (Philippines), *Secretary-general Public Services Labour Independent Confederation, PSLINK*
- Ms Anne Koch (United Kingdom), *Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, Transparency International*
- Ms Tinatin Ninua (Georgia), *Political Corruption Programme Coordinator, Transparency International*
- Mr Georges Mpaga (Gabon), *President of the Board of Directors, "Réseau des organisations libres de la société civile pour la bonne gouvernance au Gabon (ROLBG)"*
- Mr Srirak Pliapat (Thailand), *Regional Director for Asia-Pacific, Transparency International*
- Ms Alexandra Rotaru (Ivory Coast), *Project Manager, Advanced Research & Intelligence Services (ARIS)*

Partner:

Transparency International

At the end of the Round table presentation of the First Falcone Prize for Justice to Roberto Saviano (Italy), writer

2:30 pm  
5:00 pm

- Europe – a global actor?

Chair:

- Mr Jean-Dominique Giuliani (France), *President of the Robert Schuman Foundation*

Speakers:

- Ms Kinga Brudzinska, *Polish Institute of International Affairs*
- Ms Carine Dartiguepeyrou (France), *Consultant in Development Strategy*
- Mr Michel Foucher (France), *Diplomat, "Institut des Hautes études de défense nationale"*
- Mr Maxime Lefebvre (France), *Deputy Director of prospective, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs*
- Mr Simon Serfati (USA), *Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.*

Partners:

Robert Schuman Foundation / European Mouvement - France

2:30 pm  
5:00 pm

- Moving beyond electoral democracies

Chair:

- Mr Dirk Verhofstadt (Belgium), *attorney and media expert*

Speakers:

- Mr Anne de Boer (Netherlands), *Co-ordinator, European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)*
- Mr Luis Fernandez (Mexico), *Foundation "Participando por Mexico"*
- Mr Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon, *Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines*
- Mr Mohamed Kamel Jendoubi (Tunisia), *President of the Independent Electoral Commission*
- Ms Véronique de Keyzer (Belgium), *Member of the European Parliament, Committee of Development and Foreign Affairs Committee*
- Mr Abdul Ela Mady (Egypt), *Vice-Chair of the Constituent Assembly*
- Ms Malgorzata Wasilewska (Poland), *European External Action Service (EEAS), Democracy and Electoral Observation*

Partner:

European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)

5:00 pm  
7:00 pm

- Regionalisation and democracy

Opening by:

- Mr Philippe Richert (France), *President of the Regional Council of Alsace*
- Ms Michèle Sabban (France), *President of the Assembly of European Regions*
- Mr Jean-Pierre Liouville (France), *Vice-President of the Lorraine Regional Council, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

Moderator:

- Mr Andreas Kiefer (Austria), *Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

Speakers:

- Mr Jameleddine Gharbi (Tunisia), *Minister of Regional Development and Planning*
- Mr Kim Jae Hyo (South Korea), *Secretary General of the Association of North East Asia Region (NEAR)*
- Mr Antoine Malone (Canada), *Québec Government Office in Paris*
- Mr Oriano Otocan (Croatia), *President of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)*
- Ms Hande Özsan Bozatli (Turkey), *Chair of the Committee on "Culture, Education and Youth" of the Assembly of European Regions*
- Mr Leen Verbeek (Netherlands), *Queen's Commissioner of the province of Flevoland, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

Partners:

Regional Council of Alsace / Assembly of European Regions  
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

7:30 pm

- Dinner at the "Maison de la Région Alsace"

11:00 am  
12:45 pm

- Statement by Ms Nawal El Saadawi (Egypt)

Writer, winner of the North-South prize (2004)

- Debate with the participants

12:45 pm  
1:00 pm

- Closing of the Forum

by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe



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## The International Human Rights Film Festival



Created 4 years ago by the Association [A] lliance Ciné, the International Human Rights Film Festival (FIFDH) of Strasbourg presents each year, in different locations of Strasbourg and neighbourhood, documentaries followed by discussions with filmmakers, academics and members of associations.

Held during the Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy, the 2012 edition of the Festival, organised with the support of the City of Strasbourg, the General Council of Bas-Rhin, the DRAC Alsace and the International Institute of Human Rights, will have a particular significance.

Detailed programming and schedules are available in all places of projection of the festival:  
[www.festival-droitsdelhomme.org/strasbourg/](http://www.festival-droitsdelhomme.org/strasbourg/)

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## Arte Festival



Organised with the support of the City of Strasbourg

ARTE Festival, organised by the Strasbourg based European cultural channel, will offer a series of previews that deal with the state of the world and the vision of democracy under different latitudes.

On Saturday, ARTE news teams will present stories from China to Iraq, Libya and Somalia. Each programme will be presented by one ARTE journalist and followed by a discussion between the filmmakers and the audience. On Sunday, the focus will be on the Western democracies: ARTE will invite its viewers to discover the first two episodes of season 2 of "Borgen", the Danish series that won universal acclaim when aired at the beginning of the year. ARTE will broadcast Borgen's second season this autumn.

A discussion with the audience will close the festival, in the presence of Jeppe Gjervig Gram, the series' Danish screenwriter, and Christian Salmon, author of "Ces histoires qui nous gouvernent" (Ed. JC Gawsewitch, 2012). They will be looking at the controversial relations between politicians, "spin doctors" and the media in the run-up to key elections, notably in the USA.

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### 2:30 pm CHINA: THE NEW DISSIDENTS ARTISTS AT WAR AGAINST THE POWER

of Martin BOUDOT and Leona LIU  
on an idea of PAUL MOREIRA

ARTE GEIE - FIRST LINE TV-2012 - 26 MN

Followed by a dialogue with Leona Liu and Paul Moreira, moderated by Vladimir Vasak (ARTE).



### 3:30 pm TRAITORS IN IRAQ

OF FEURAT ALANI, YASSER JOUMAILY AND REGINE JUSSERAND  
ARTE GEIE - BAOZI PRODUCTIONS - 2012-13 MN

Followed by a dialogue with the authors, moderated by William Irigoyen (ARTE).



### 4:00 pm LIBYA: THE REVOLT SEEN BY WOMEN

Charles EMPATAZ, Cedric CORRE,  
Conrad CHEMETOFF and Walid DZIRI  
ARTE GEIE - KEEPSHOOTING - 2012 - 26 MN

Followed by a dialogue with Charles Emptaz, moderated by William Irigoyen (ARTE).



### 5:00 pm SOMALIA, FIRST STEPS TOWARD PEACE

OF THOMAS DANDOIS AND ALEXANDRA KOGAN  
ARTE GEIE - CAMICAS PRODUCTIONS - 2012 - 26 MN

Followed by a dialogue with Thomas Dandois, moderated by Marco Nassivera (ARTE).

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## BORGEN

Series of Adam PRICE, Jeppe GJERVIG GRAM and Tobias LINDHOLM  
Director: Soren KRAGHJACOBSEN, Rumle HAMMERICH, Annette K. OLESEN, Mikkel NØRGAARD (Denmark, 2011, 10X58mn, VM) ~ with: Sidse BABETT KNUDSEN, Johan PHILIP, Pilou ASBAEK, Birgitte HJORT SORENSEN, Mikael BIRKKJAER, BIRKKJÆR - Production: DR

Borgen ("The castle"), the cult Danish series aired in the spring of 2012 on ARTE, returns with 10 new episodes starting 22 November. Two years have passed – two years in which Birgitte Nyborg has fully exercised her responsibilities as Prime Minister. But while her political life is a success, it comes at the expense of her private and family life, relegated to the sidelines. These ten new episodes bring us into the heart of a modern democracy and show the interaction between its three pillars: politicians, civil society and the media.

### 5 pm - EPISODE 1: 89,000 CHILDREN

After visiting frontline Danish troops deployed in Afghanistan, Birgitte Nyborg is confronted with a dilemma: whether to push for a decision to withdraw the troops from Afghanistan, or maintain and even reinforce their presence to secure the future of the Afghan people, terrorized by Taliban atrocities.

### 6 pm - EPISODE 2: IN BRUSSELS, NO-ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM

Denmark needs a new representative at the European Commission, to be appointed by the Prime Minister. For this post in Brussels, Birgitte has to choose the ideal candidate from her own political movement who will best represent the country's interests during a five-year term.

The screening will be followed by a discussion moderated by Nathalie Georges (ARTE), in the presence of Jeppe Gjervig Gram, co-writer of the series, and Christian Salmon\*.

\*Christian Salmon is a writer and member of the Centre for Research in the Arts and Language (CNRS research unit). He founded the International Parliament of Writers in 1993, which he directed until 2003. He is the author of several works including "Ces histoires qui nous gouvernent" (J-C Gawsewitch, 2012).

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## Debates with *Le Monde*

As a partner of the Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy "Le Monde" will organise two public round-tables devoted to "The state of democracy after the Arab Spring" and "The European Union's democratic challenges". These round-tables will allow to debate with journalists from "Le Monde" with the participation of Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Alain Lamassoure, former Minister and Member of the European Parliament, and Jean-Pierre Filiu, Professor, "Sciences Po, Paris".

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### What democracy after the Arab Spring?

Debate moderated by Sylvie Kaufmann, with Florence Aubenas, Christophe Ayad, Isabelle Mandraud, Gille Paris, from "Le Monde" and Jean-Pierre Filiu, Institute of Political Sciences, Paris.

The speakers will take stock of the democratic changes in the Arab world and the main challenges which confront these emerging democracies.



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### Democratic challenges for the European Union

Debate moderated by Martine Jacot, with Armand Leparmentier and Philippe Ricard, "Le Monde", Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Alain Lamassoure, former Minister, member of the European Parliament.

The speakers will examine how to reconcile economic efficiency and democratic legitimacy, in order to relaunch the European process.



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## Debates: "A long-lasting democracy is an everyday commitment"

Organised by the "Club de la Presse Strasbourg – Europe" and the "Librairie Kléber"

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### 3:00 pm IDEOLOGY SUBMITTED TO THE EXERCISE OF POWER AND DEMOCRACY OF OPINION

Jacques Julliard, historian, Nouvel Observateur, Marianne, debates with Thierry Jobard

### 5:00 pm LITERATURE WITHOUT BORDERS

Boualem Sansal and David Grossman, writers, winners of numerous prizes including the German booksellers peace prize

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### 7:00 pm PROTESTS FOR DEMOCRACY IN RUSSIA

Boris Akunin interacts with Vladimir Vasak, ARTE

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### 6:30 pm NUCLEAR POWER AND DEMOCRACY

Jean-François Julliard is in charge of Greenpeace France since February 2012. Previously he had held the function of Secretary General of Reporters without borders since October 2008

He interacts with Guy Wach, "France Bleue Alsace"

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### 5:00 pm JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY

With Jean-Paul Costa, President of the Strasbourg International Institute of Human Rights and former President of the European Court of Human Rights

Chantal Cutajar, Doctor in law and specialist in the fight against fraud and money laundering, in charge of Grasco (group research on organized crime)

Eric Maulin, Director of the IHEE and expert in constitutional law, International relations and history of political ideas

Dialogue with Gilles Chavanel, journalist

### 6:30 pm FRANCE: FINANCIAL OLIGARCHY OR SOLIDARITY DEMOCRACY?

With Alain Fontanel, Deputy Major of Strasbourg in charge of finance and Emmanuel Poilane, Director of the Foundation "France Liberté" and member of the Roosevelt 2012

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## Encounter with the writers Boualem Sansal and David Grossman

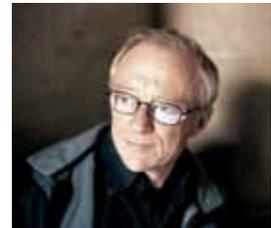
**5:00 pm** Librairie Kléber  
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- Readings

**8:00 pm** Salle de l'Aubette  
Debate "Litterature and commitment"



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**6:00 pm**

## Prize for democratic commitment

Democracy needs committed men and women. History sometimes confronts ordinary citizens to extraordinary circumstances which require them to engage for the society's change.

These people who stand for democracy sometimes taking risks, remind us that each one of us has the ability to change the world. This is the reason why the Region has decided to valorize this value of commitment and to illustrate it by rewarding a personality with the Région Alsace Prize in favour of democratic commitment. **In 2012, the Prize was awarded to Lina Ben Mhenni whose voice led to the Arab Spring in Tunisia.** During the prizegiving ceremony, she will testify of her experience.