



Fernand Léger, Le passage a niveau, Esquisse

The representative disconnect **how to study it, how to fix it**

Tuesday 24 February 2026, 9:00-17:30
University of Exeter, Reed Hall: Ahmed Ibrahim Room

9:00-10:45

Experiments for the Study of Political Representation

Federico Russo (University of Salento)

Does Parliamentary Responsiveness Drive Citizen Political Participation? An experiment in four European countries

Zsófia Papp (ELTE, CSS, Budapest)

Asymmetric Accountability: A Causal Test of Multidimensional Legislative Responsiveness in Five European Democracies

Oliver James (Exeter)

Politicians' Preferences for Mini-publics

Discussion introduced by **Hannah Bunting** (Exeter)

10:45-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:00

Reflections on the Findings of a REDIRECT Delphi Exercise

Online Session moderated by University of Siena

Introduce by Luca Verzichelli (Siena) and Federico Russo (University of Salento)

12:00-13:00

Lunch Break

13:00-14:00

Reconnecting Citizens through Deliberation: Why Greater Politicization and Institutionalization may Help Mini-publics Achieve their Promise

Alice Moseley (Exeter), Lise Herman (Exeter), and Mathieu Prevelato (Exeter)

14:00-16:00

Youth and the Representative Disconnect in Europe

Analysing Focus Groups with Young in Brussels and Kraków

Kevin Meyvaert (VUB, Brussel): *"Democracy for Them, but not for Me." The Engagement of Brussels Youth with Democracy*

Eline Severs & Kevin Meyvaert (VUB, Brussel): *Repairing Urban Youth's Political Disengagement: Why Not Just Any Representative Will Do*

Marta Smagacz-Poziemska (JUK, Kraków): *Exploring Democracy through the Lens of Everyday Life: Insights from Focus Group Discussions with Young People*

Interviews and Claims by Young Parliamentarians

Elly Mansoury and Eline Severs (VUB, Brussel): *Conducting Interviews with Young Politicians: Data and Experiences from the REDIRECT Project*

Eline Severs (VUB, Brussel): *Youth Interviews Data: Publication Plans and Cross-Country Comparisons*

Magdalena Góra, Katarzyna Zielińska (JUK, Kraków): *Assessing the Representation of the Youth by Young Parliamentarians. Theoretical and Methodological Reflections*

16:00-16:15

Coffee Break

Round Table on the Representative Disconnect and How to Fix it

With the participation of Cllr Sandy Chenore (Mid Devon Council), Ekaterina Kolpinskaya (Exeter), John Erik Fossum (ARENA, Oslo)