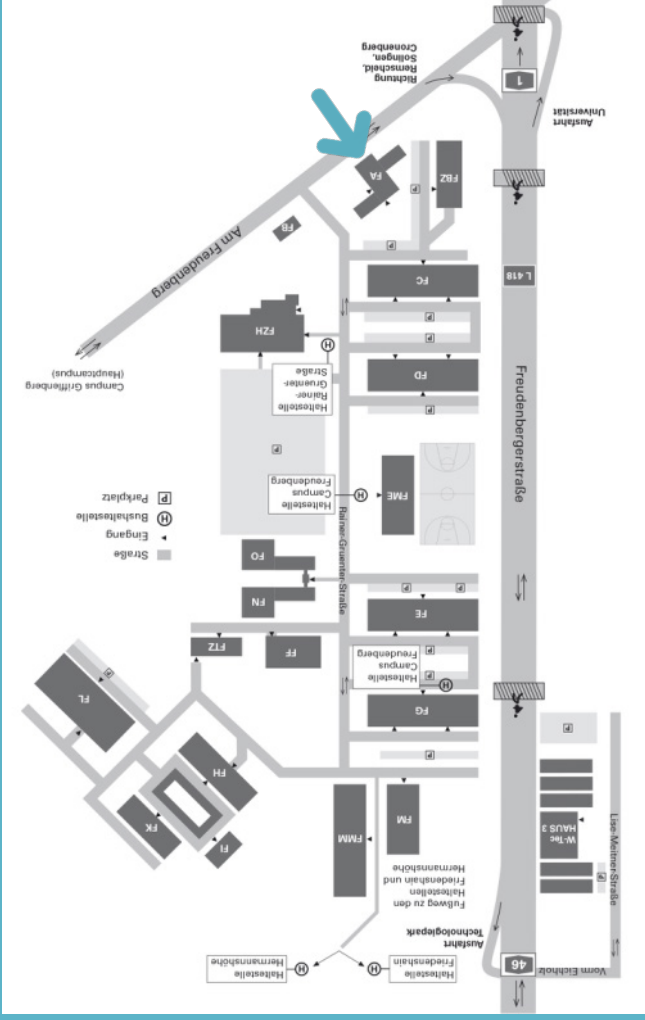


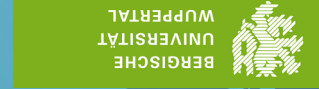
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# PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY MARCH 9, 2018

- 14:15 - 14:30** **Welcome address University of Wuppertal**
- 14:30 - 15:15** **Hans J. Lietzmann, Germany**  
How democratic are democracies?
- 15:15 - 15:45** **Discussion**
- 15:45 - 16:30** **Zoltán Tibor Pállinger, Hungary**  
Governing populists: political participation in an increasingly illiberal setting
- 16:30- 17:15** **Discussion**
- 17:15 - 17:30** **Coffee break**
- 17:30 - 18:15** **Peter Spác, Slovakia**  
Referendum in Slovakia: victory of political parties
- 18:15 - 19:00** **Discussion**
- 19:00 - 19:45** **Plenary session:** Democracy development in Eastern Europe: "The illberal democracy" and the silence of citizens
- 19:45 - 20:30** **Discussion**
- 20:30** **Reception**

## SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2018

- 10:00 - 11:00** **Research Centre for Citizens' Participation of the Bergische Universität Wuppertal**  
Presentations by  
**Volker Mittendorf, Yazgülü Zeybek**  
Databases: Database Citizens' Petitions, Direct Democracy Navigator
- 11:00 - 11:45** **Rafael Pineiro, Uruguay**  
Direct democracy activism in Uruguay
- 11:45 - 12:30** **Discussion**
- 12:30 - 14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00 - 14:45** **Arturo Maldonado, Peru**  
The uses and abuses of direct democratic instruments in Peru: citizen participation at the local level
- 14:45 - 15:30** **Discussion**
- 15:30 - 16:15** **Andrés Mejía Acosta**  
Recent experience of direct popular participation in Ecuador (preliminary title)
- 16:15 - 17:00** **Discussion**
- 17:00 - 17:15** **Coffee break**
- 17:15 - 18:00** **Plenary Session:** Latin America after the redemocratization: citizens' participation, neoliberalism and populism

## SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

- 10:00 - 10:45** **Uwe Serdült, Switzerland**  
Swiss direct democracy as a culture of selective political participation
- 10:45 - 11:30** **Discussion**
- 11:30 - 12:45** **Closing plenary session:**  
The prerequisites for active citizen participation
- 12:45 - 14:15** **Lunch break**
- 14:15** **Adoption - end of session**

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