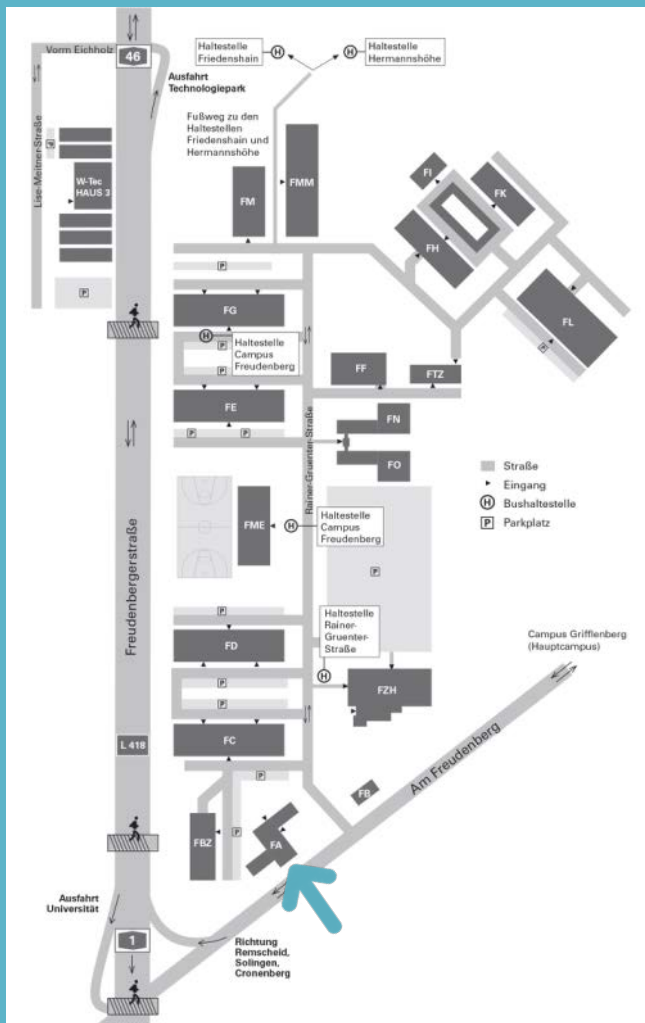


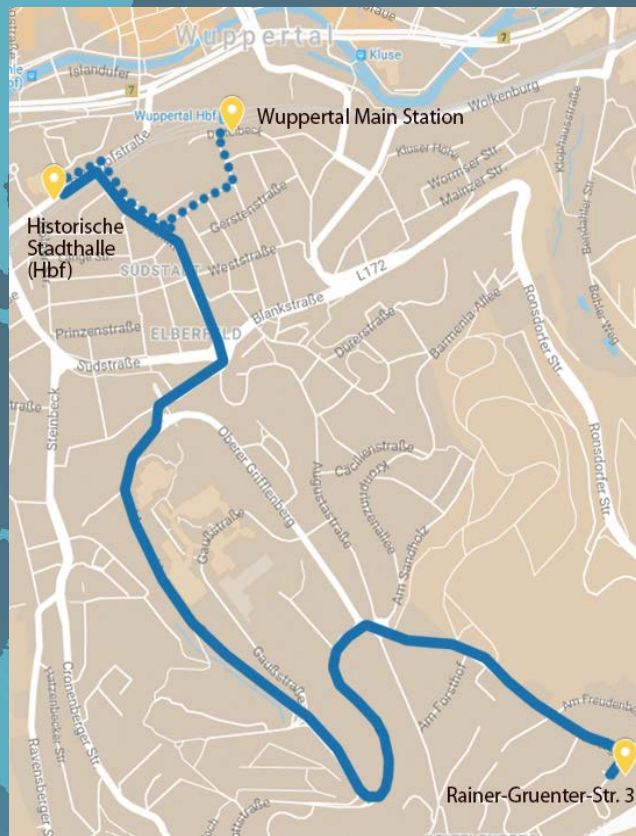
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PROGRAMME

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 - 16:00 Discussion

16:00 - 16:45 **Arturo Maldonado, Peru**
The uses and abuses of direct democratic instruments in Peru: Citizen participation at the local level.

16:45 - 17:30 Discussion

17:30 - 18:15 **Manuela Celi, Ecuador**
Direct democracy in Ecuador: Political dynamics and the impact on citizens' perceptions of democracy.

18:15 - 19:00 Discussion

19:00 - 20:30 **Research Centre for Citizens' Participation of the Bergische Universität Wuppertal:**
Presentations by Volker Mittendorf and Yazgülü Zeybek.
Databases: Database Citizens' Access, Direct Democracy Navigator.

20:30 **Reception**

SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2018

10:00 - 10:45 **Rafael Piñeiro, Uruguay**
Direct democracy activism in Uruguay.

10:45 - 11:30 Discussion

11:30 - 12:45 **Plenary Session 1: Latin America after the redemocratization:**
Citizens' participation, neoliberalism and populism.

12:45 - 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 - 15:15 **Zoltán Tibor Pállinger, Hungary**
Governing populists: Political participation in an increasingly illiberal setting.

15:15 - 16:00 Discussion

16:00 - 16:45 **Peter Spáč, Slovakia**
Referendum in Slovakia: Victory of political parties.

16:45 - 17:30 Discussion

17:30 - 18:15 **Plenary Session 2: Democracy development in Eastern Europe:**
"The illiberal democracy" and the silence of citizens?

18:15 - 19:00 Discussion

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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