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Renewing the Social Contract

The Challenge of Inclusivity and
Democratic Government in
Social Contract Theory

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OVERVIEW

December 17

CO3 HORIZON EUROPE CONSORTIUM

Resilient Social Contracts for Democratic Societies

** Participants in the International Conference on December 18-19, are also welcome to attend the Consortium presentations*

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SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 17

9h00-9h30	Welcome & Coffee
09h30-10h45	T2.1 Nathanaël Colin-Jaeger <i>AUP</i> Overview of Social Contract Theories Stephen Sawyer <i>AUP</i> Sociological Social Contracts Other proposals for T2.1
10h45-11h00	Break
11h00-12h15	T2.4 Cristiano Gianolla <i>University of Coimbra</i> States, Empires, Post-colonialism and the Social Contract Other proposals for T2.4
12h15-13h30	Lunch
13h30-14h45	T2.3 Polarization and the Social Contract Emilia Palonen, Szilvia Horváth & Alexander Alekseev <i>University of Helsinki</i> Pinar Uyan Semerci & Emre Erdoğan <i>Bilgi University</i>
14h45-15h00	Break
15h00-16h15	T2.2 Claudia Wiesner <i>Fulda University</i> & Ana Matan <i>University of Zagreb</i> Social Contract in the European Union
16h15-17h30	Discussion of WP2 // Links with WP3
17h30-19h00	Break
19h00	Dinner

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Wednesday, December 18

9h00-9h15	Coffee
9h15-9h30	Welcome remarks
09h30-11h00	Parallel Sessions 1 & 2 Session 1 Social Contracts Revisited Session 2 Post-colonial Perspectives on the Social Contract
11h00-11h15	Break
11h15-12h45	Parallel Sessions 3 & 4 Session 3 Social Contract in Non-ideal Conditions Session 4 Alternative Social Contracts
12h45-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Parallel Sessions 5 & 6 Session 5 <i>Les fondements du contrat social</i> (in French) Session 6 Social Contract in Crisis
15h30-16h30	Coffee & discussion break
16h30-17h30	Keynote Albert Weale <i>UCL</i> Political Contracts and Democratic Values: What Can Constitution Making Tell Us?
17h30-19h00	Reception at AUP



SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 19

9h00-9h30	Coffee
9h30-11h00	Parallel Sessions 7 & 8 Session 7 <i>Critiques des théories traditionnelles du Contrat Social</i> (in French) Session 8 Capitalism, Public Reason and the Social Contract
11h00-11h15	Break
11h15-12h45	Keynote Myriam Hunter-Henin <i>UCL</i> The Regulation of Religious Interests: A Test for the Resilience of Social Contract Theory
12h45-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Parallel Sessions 9 & 10 Session 9 Constitutional Norms and The Social Contract Session 10 Capitalism, Democracy, and the Social Contract
15h30-15h45	Break
15h45-17h30	Session 11 Extending the Social Contract
17h30-17h45	Break
17h45-18h30	Concluding roundtable discussion

SESSIONS

Session 1: Social Contracts Revisited

Chair | Annabelle Lever *SciencesPo*

Zachary Swirski *McMaster University* | Hegel's Rabble and Nomadic Becomings

Fabien Lechevalier *Université Paris-Saclay* | Crafting the Future: A New Social Contract for the Digital Age

Olivia Custer *AUP* | Consent to the Social Contract in the Wake of #metoo

Session 2: Post-colonial Perspectives on the Social Contract

Chair | Delphine Dogot *Université Catholique de Lille*

Alnusf Marzouq *Kuwait University* | The Global Aspect in the Racial Critique of Social Contract Theory

Vanda Amaro Dias & Cristiano Gianolla *University of Coimbra* | The Articulation of Mythologies Through the Social Contract in Empires, Nation-States and Europe: Challenges to Democratisation in Modern Liberal Polities

Andrew Stewart *Chapman University* | Counterstories and the Social Contract

Session 3: Social Contract in Non-ideal Conditions

Chair | Emilia Palonen *University of Helsinki*

Daniel Smilov *Sofia University* | The Concept of Social Contract in the Theories of European Integration

Ana Matan *University of Zagreb* | Realist Utopia for a Compound Democratic Community of States

Théophile Pénigaud *Yale University* | Engaging with the Non-ideal Behind the Veil of Ignorance

Session 4: Alternative Social Contracts

Chair | Zach Freig *UC Berkeley*

David Peters *AUP* | James Wilson's Revolutionary Critique of and Alternative to Contract Theory

Kevin Leportier *Université de Caen Normandie* | Freedom, Crises, and Liberal Social Contracts

Clémence Pellissier *Trinity College Dublin* | The Social Contract versus Autonomy? A Study on Arendt's Critique of Rousseau's Theory

SESSIONS

Session 5: *Les fondements du contrat social* (in French)

Chair | Mona El Khoury *AUP*

Clara Lucas *Centre Émile Durkheim, ScPo Bordeaux* | *Le Contrat social jaune : Rousseau et les Gilets jaunes*

Simone Leotta *LIER-FYT/EHESS* | *Du nouveau sous l'ancien ? Le statut de la « religion civile » dans le Contrat social*

Maude Vidal *EHESS* | *Contrat social et norme fondamentale, Kelsen lecteur de Vaihinger*

Session 6: Social Contract in Crisis

Chair | Stephen Sawyer *AUP*

Emilia Palonen *University of Helsinki* | Hegemony, Radical Democracy and the Social Contract

Pinar Uyan Semerci & Emre Erdoğan *Bilgi University* | Rethinking "Social Contract" in the Times of Polycrisis

Aviezer Tucker *University of Ostrava* | Panarchy: Non-territorial Contractarianism

Session 7: *Critiques des théories traditionnelles du Contrat Social* (in French)

Chair | Zona Zarić *AUP*

Léa Antonicelli *SciencesPo* | *Une critique féministe intersectionnelle de l'utilité publique pour refonder un contrat social inclusif*

Djamel Chikh *UMMTO* | *Le contrat social, une ambition universaliste et des écueils historicistes*

Valentin Avenard *Université de Nantes* | *L'État et les anarchistes : un contrat social impossible*

Session 8: Capitalism, Public Reason and the Social Contract

Chair | Leora Dahan Katz *Hebrew U*

Tonci Kursar *University of Zagreb* | How to Restore Democratic Capitalism as a Social Contract? Controversies of Streeck's Understanding of 'Interregnum'

Ruzha Smilova *University of Sofia and Centre for Liberal Strategies* | Resilience, Social Contract and Democracy: Conceptual and Substantive Dilemmas

Cyril Hédoin *Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne* | Living in Disagreement: Public Reason and Jurisdictional Rights

SESSIONS

Session 9: Constitutional Norms and The Social Contract

Chair | Roman Zinigrad *AUP*

Mohsin Bhat *QMUL School of Law* | Adjudicating Belonging: Citizenship and the Identity of the Constitutional Compact

Vandana Singh *USLLS* | Jurisprudential Foundation of Rule of Law through Prism of Social Contract Theory

Tamar Hostovsky Brandes *Ono Academic College* | Is solidarity necessary for democracy?

Session 10: Capitalism, Democracy, and the Social Contract

Chair | Mirjam Dageförde *AUP*

Peter Hägel *AUP* | Customizing Social Contracts for Consumer Society?

Anja Thomas *Hochschule Fulda/University of Lille/EUI* | A Question of the Underlying Social Contract? About the Differentiated Impact of Populism on Policy-Making in Proportional and in Majoritarian Democracies

Elijah Okpanachi *Federal University of Lafia, Nigeria* | Democracy in the 21st Century: Current Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities for Democratic Governance

Session 11: Extending the Social Contract

Chair | Nathanaël Colin-Jaeger *AUP*

Nefeli Lefkopoulou *Sciences Po* | Renewing the Social Contract Through City Empowerment

Xhejn Xhindi *Université libre de Bruxelles* | Influences of Social Contract Theory in Bruno Latour: From Early Works to Politics of Nature

Oliver Feltham *AUP* | Locke's state of nature as colonial practice: social contract and ecology

Concluding roundtable discussion

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