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Morning session: ASP 5G3 (Renzo Imbeni room)

Listening room: ASP 5G2 (Raoul Wallenberg room)

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10:00 – 10:10 Video message

Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Statement on EU Democracy support

10:10 – 10:30 Keynote address

Stavros Lambrinidis, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights
*Followed by a short Q&A session moderated by **Andrea Bonanni**, Correspondent, "La Repubblica"*

10:30 – 11:30 **Session I: EU Leadership for Democracy – Internal and external dimensions**

On the one hand, the EU is an important supporter of democracy worldwide. In view of recent geopolitical shifts, new alliances emerge and foreign and trade policies move towards isolationism. In this changing context, Europe needs to step up on the world stage about supporting democracy and human rights. Can the EU become a world leader in democracy? And how can a leadership based on values become more effective?

On the other hand, the EU is facing a number of democratic deficits within its own borders. Indeed some EU member states have recently introduced laws designed to restrict the rule of law and undermine civil society. This has been accompanied by public vilification of individuals and organisations that are critical of government policies. When journalists are murdered, free speech hampered, and the space for debate on European territory has shrunk, action is necessary.

Speakers:

Edward McMillan-Scott, Former Vice-President of the European Parliament and Patron, European Movement

Veronika Móra, Director, Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation

Salam Kawakibi, Director, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies

Moderator:

Andrea Bonanni, Correspondent, La Repubblica

Organised by Democracy and Elections Actions Unit, DG EXPO



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11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00 Session II: Advancing democracy through inclusion

The rise of new movements in Europe, of populist discourse and the increase in the number of protests around the world are often attributed to the fact that citizens feel that they are not represented by their political system. This may be the case in a democracy or in an authoritarian state where exclusion from decision making or the lack of meaningful alternatives leads to political dissatisfaction. Leadership should make it possible for all citizens to participate. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with Leaving no one behind as one of its core objectives, calls on leadership to enable inclusion for sustainable development. This panel will therefore examine the challenges to the effective representation of all citizens both within Europe and externally.

Speakers:

Véronique de Keyser, Former Member of the European Parliament

Mehdi Yehya, Founder, Peace of Art (Lebanon)

Apolmida Haruna Tsammani, Founder, Haly Hope Foundation / Disability and Human Rights Advocate (Nigeria)

Moderator

Shada Islam, Director of Europe and Geopolitics, Friends of Europe

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break (a light lunch will be served)**Room ASP 5G2**

14:00 – 15:00**Workshop 1: Technology and the changing public sphere****Meeting room: ASP 5G2**

Changes in both speed and access to communication have fundamentally altered our public space in recent years, for better and for worse. Social media, now used by over two billion people worldwide, has played a key role in this change to public space – initially seen as a vehicle for democratic change it is now facing a crisis of legitimacy and credibility due to the misuse of platforms for hate speech, trolling and political manipulation. Yet, social media continues to be used as a means to improve democratic participation at the same time as being a vehicle for social cleavage and increased polarisation.

This workshop will look at what can be done to a) improve the positive role social media can play for participation and accountability and b) what can be done to minimise the harmful effects of social media on our democracies.

Speakers:

Sean Evins, Team leader, Politics and Government Outreach in Europe, Middle East & Africa, Facebook

Matt Stempeck, Former Director of Civic Technology at Microsoft, Digital Mobilization Team Leader at Hillary for America

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Moderator:

Anu Juvonen, Executive Director, Demo Finland (Political Parties of Finland for Democracy)

Rapporteur:

Rebecca Wagner, Director of External Relations, AEGEE Election Observation

Workshop 2: Political leadership for engagement

Meeting room: ASP 5G3

With globalisation and increasing inequality, decision-making has gradually shifted away from citizens. When people feel powerless and alienated from politics, voting becomes meaningless to them. The deficit in popular trust in political parties and the political elite has reached alarming levels in many countries worldwide. Leadership needs to become more pro-active to address this growth in distrust. More inclusion, credibility and accountability are needed to counter this trend. Political integrity, fully transparent public funding and adherence to effective codes of conduct could be some ways to achieve this objective.

The objective of this workshop is to identify legal measures, means of political renewal and other tools that can be put in place to improve political engagement and citizens' trust. In view of the 2019 European Parliament elections, this workshop also aims at taking stock of the trends of voter alienation and to discuss ways to re-engage citizens in politics.

Speaker:

Alberto Alemanno, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law, HEC Paris and Director, The Good Lobby

Moderator:

Véronique Arnault, former Director of Human Rights and Democracy, European External Action Service and Ambassador, DUO for a JOB

Rapporteur:

Kristen Aigro, Board Member, European Youth Forum

15:15 – 16:15

Workshop 3: Advancing democracy through female leadership ***Meeting room: ASP 5G2***

Advancing gender equality and women's empowerment at the highest levels of EU decision-making and in business is crucial to end gender inequality. Personal attitudes of women and men and biased perception of leadership qualities still hamper the chances for women to break through the glass ceiling. Supporting networks and structures should be promoted to support the effectiveness of political measures. In the global context, the implementation of these proposals is crucial for the achievement of inclusive democracy and sustainable development.

The study *Dancing Backwards in High Heels* by Virginia García Beaudoux offers a unique glimpse into what it can mean to be an ambitious woman in an environment still dominated by males and shows that, even in countries that have made great progress towards gender equality, there is still a long way to go. This workshop aims at formulating practical solutions to promote sustainable women leadership for democracy.



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Speaker:

Virginia García Beaudoux, Professor of Political Communication and Public Opinion, Universidad de Buenos Aires and author of *Dancing Backwards in High Heels*

Moderator:

Corinna Hörst, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, GMF Brussels Office and co-author of the book *Women leading the way in Brussels*

Rapporteur:

Cristiana-Luiza Niță, Vice President, Young European Leadership

Workshop 4: State and Future of Democracy

Meeting room: ASP 5G3

Several voices from politics and academia have recently noted a tendency towards autocratisation and a decline of democracy in several countries around the world, particularly in countries that already are democracies. Based on the world's largest dataset on democracy (V-Dem), Anna Lührmann will give an overview of the strengths and weaknesses of democracy today. As democracy and democracy support are increasingly questioned, there is a need to think of ways to react to these changes. This workshop session aims at discussing the possible role of European actors – including in democracy support - and the types of activities that are most adequate to tackle backsliding of democratic standards, taking into account both academic evidence and practitioners' experience.

Speaker:

Anna Lührmann, Deputy Head of V-Dem Institute, Gothenburg

Moderator:

Sarantis Michalopoulos, Journalist, Euractiv

Rapporteur:

Sonja Afanasjeva, Policy Officer, Young European Federalists

16:15 – 17:00

Closing Plenary

Meeting room: ASP 5G3

Panel discussion between **Veronique de Keyser** & **Edward McMillan-Scott**, Former Members of the European Parliament, and workshop rapporteurs **Rebecca Wagner** (AEGEE), **Kristen Aigro** (EYF), **Cristiana-Luiza Niță** (YEL) and **Sonja Afanasjeva** (JEF).

17:30 - 19:30

European Partnership for Democracy (EPD)'s 10th anniversary drinks

Celebrating International Day of Democracy and EPD's 10th anniversary with drinks and snacks at Enò Atelier (Rue de Dublin 42, Brussels), next to Place de Londres (8-10 minutes walk from the European Parliament building).

S P E A K E R S B I O S

**Federica Mogherini** | @FedericaMog @eu_eas

Federica Mogherini has been the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission since 1 November 2014. She was the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs from February to October 2014 and a Member of the Italian Parliament (Chamber of Deputies), where she was elected for the first time in 2008. In her parliamentary capacity, she has been the Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-President of its Political Committee (2013-2014); member of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2008-2013); Secretary of the Defence Committee (2008-2013) and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

**Stavros Lambrinidis** | @SJLambrinidis@eu_eas

Stavros Lambrinidis has been the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights since September 2012.

In 2011, he was Foreign Affairs Minister of Greece. Between 2004 and 2011, he was a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) with the Greek Social Democratic Party (PASOK). He served as Vice-President of the European Parliament (2009-11), Vice-President of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) Committee (2004-09), and Head of the PASOK Delegation (2005-11).

Between 2000 and 2004, he was Director-General of the International Olympic Truce Centre, an International Olympic Committee organisation.

He served as Ambassador ad personam of the Hellenic Republic (1999-2004); Secretary-General of the Greek Foreign Ministry, responsible for Expatriate Greeks (1996-99); and chief-of-staff to the Greek Foreign Minister (1996).

Between 1988 and 1993 he worked as an Attorney at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C., specializing in international trade, transactions, and arbitration.

Mr. Lambrinidis was born in Athens, Greece in 1962. He studied Economics and Political Science at Amherst College, USA (Bachelor of Arts degree, 1984) and Law at Yale Law School (Juris Doctor degree, 1988), where he was also Managing Editor of The Yale Journal of International Law. He is a 1980 graduate of the Athens College High School in Greece. He is married and has a daughter.

**Edward McMillan Scott** | @emcmillanscott

Edward McMillan-Scott was MEP for Yorkshire & Humber in the United Kingdom from 1984 to 2014 and a Vice-President of the EP from 2004 to 2014.

A lifelong pro-European, he is now a Patron of the non-party European Movement UK and since the EU Referendum in the United Kingdom he has coordinated all the operational pro-EU groups and individuals in the UK which are opposing Brexit.



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He was instrumental in the creation in 1990 of the EU's €160 million European Democracy & Human Rights Initiative (EIDHR) which funds all EU election observation missions and wide range of other activities in support of democracy and human rights. It is the world's largest programme in this field.

He was Leader of the UK Conservative MEPs from 1997 to 2001 but left the party in 2009. He then sat as an independent (Non-Attached) MEP, joining the Liberal Democrats/ALDE in 2010.

He was the first EP Vice-President for Democracy & Human Rights and chaired the Sakharov Prize Network. He was awarded the Medal of Honour in 2013 by the Venice-based European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation 'in recognition of his lasting efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights'.

Mr. McMillan Scott also serves on the Board the European Parliament's Former Members Association, where he is responsible for monitoring Brexit as well as chairing its Democracy Working Group.

**Veronika Móra**

Veronika Móra has been working with Ökotárs - Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation (HEPF) since 1997 and holds the position of the director since 2007. She was previously the national consultant for the Dutch Foundation Milieukontakt Oosteuropa, also working for the eco-counselling office of Ecoservice Foundation.

With HEPF and earlier, she has worked on a variety of issues related to ecological consumption, gene technologies and public participation. Since 2003 she has led HEPF's Civil Partner programme which aims to improve the legal-fiscal environment of

civil society. She also managed grant programmes of various sizes, including the Hungarian NGO Fund under the EEA/Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

Besides her full time occupation she also has voluntary positions in a number of NGOs, including the chairmanship of the Hungarian Donors Forum, which works on developing the (corporate) philanthropic culture in the country.

She is a biologist (MSc) by education, but also has a MA degree in organisational psychology, and most recently gained a diploma in environmental law.

**Salam Kawakibi | @salamkawakibi**

Director of Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Paris

Salam Kawakibi is Director of the Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies in Paris and former Deputy Director and Research Director in Arab Reform Initiative (2007 – 2017).

He is the President of the Board of Trustees of Ettijahat – Independent culture (www.ettijahat.org), President of the Board of The Day After association (www.tda-sy.org), Member of the Consultative Council of the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly (www.acimedit.net).

Mr. Kawakibi is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the UNU Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM). He teaches in the Masters programme on Development and Migration at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.



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Between 2009 and 2011, he was principal researcher at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Amsterdam and between 2000 and 2006, he was director of the Institut Français du Proche Orient (IFPO) in Aleppo, Syria.

He holds a DEA in Political Sciences from l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Aix-En-Provence, a DEA in International Relations from Aleppo University and a BA in Economy from Aleppo University.



Andrea Bonanni

Born in Milan on 5 July 1952, joined the *Corriere della Sera* Group in 1972, working for many newspapers of the Group.

He worked as the correspondent for the *Corriere della Sera* from 1985 to 1988 in Brussels and from 1988 to 1993 in Moscow, after which he returned to Brussels working as the correspondent and commentator for the same newspaper.

From 2002 he has been working for the Editorial Group Espresso as European Editor in the Repubblica's headquarters in Brussels performing editorial tasks on

European matters.



Véronique de Keyser | @verodekeyser

Véronique De Keyser was a Belgian Member of the European Parliament with the Socialists and Democrats group from 2001 and 2014. She had obtained her doctorate in work psychology in 1974 and became an internationally recognised specialist in ergonomics and in applied research in security and human reliability in risk environments.

Throughout her time as an MEP, Véronique de Keyser was most active in the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Development, focussing in particular on the Arab world and Africa.

Her parliamentary activities covered countries in democratic transition, especially in the Middle East and conflict regions of Africa, where she defended democracy, human rights, peace, reinforcement of fragile states, consolidation of progressive parties, women's rights and the fight against torture.

Ms. de Keyser was the Chief EU Election Observer in Palestine (2005, 2006), Sudan (2010), South Sudan (2011) and Malawi (2014).

She believes that ensuring the freedom of vote is a necessary first step, albeit insufficient in itself, towards the consolidation of democracy in countries which have experienced dictatorship and conflict.

In recognition of her efforts for peace, Ms. de Keyser was granted honorary citizenship of Palestine in 2014 – a distinction personally bestowed by President Abbas.

Since she finished her mandate at the EP, she has resumed her humanitarian efforts, including her activities at the University of Liège. She has worked closely with Doctor Mukwege, joining him in his fight to repair the personal damage caused by rape as a weapon of war in Congo.



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**Mehdi Yehya**

Mehdi Yehya is a 29 year old activist from Lebanon who believes in Democracy and Peace as a solution to all crises in the Middle East.

In 2017 he was chosen by the UN Development Programme to participate in the Arab Youth leadership program and was also selected to participate in the MENA Leadership Program organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in 2018.

In 2016 he founded the NGO "Peace of Art", with the strategic objective of creating a community where art and non-violent means of communication are employed to improve the living conditions of people living in North Bekaa. The NGO provides quality art education and has created the first and only musical band that gathers youth from different backgrounds and religions to sing for peace. Mehdi studies political sciences and holds a Master degree in Advertising.

**Apolmida Haruna Tsammani | @HalyHope**

Apolmida Haruna Tsammani is a Legal Practitioner and a disability rights advocate. She is a member of Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD) - Youth wing. She works with the Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria. She is the Founder of Haly Hope Foundation (an organization that seeks to protect the rights of Persons with disabilities). She believes so much in the spirit of volunteerism.

She has over 6 years' experience in advocacy work. She works hand in hand with other disability rights advocates and organizations in advocating for the passage of the disability bill into an Act in Nigeria which will promote and protect the rights of Persons with Disabilities in Nigeria and also ensure full inclusion in all aspects of governance and the society.

She is a 2016 Mandela Washington Fellow. She has been featured in both National and International media. She was profiled alongside other successful Persons with Disabilities by the Swedish Embassy in Nigeria. She also a Cancer eradication and Mental Health advocate.

**Shada Islam | @shada_islam @FriendsofEurope**

Shada Islam is Director of Europe and Geopolitics at Friends of Europe and is responsible for policy oversight of Friends of Europe's initiatives, activities and publications.

She has special responsibility for issues related to the Future of Europe, Migration, the Asia Programme and the Development Policy Forum.

Ms. Islam is Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin) where she teaches Asia-Europe relations and has been selected as a fellow by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). She has been named as one of twenty most influential women in Brussels by Politico.

Ms. Islam is the former Europe correspondent for the Far Eastern Economic Review and has previously worked on Asian and Migration issues at the European Policy Centre.

She is one of the authors of Friends of Europe's much-read "Frankly Speaking" commentary and is sought after as a speaker, commentator, columnist and moderator at high-level European and global events.



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Ms. Islam also continues to write on EU foreign and security policy, EU-Asia relations and trade and development issues for leading Asian, European and international publications and academic journals.



Sean Evins | @Evins @facebook

Sean Evins, Lead for Politics and Government Outreach for Europe, the Middle East and Africa for Facebook.

Mr. Evins is the lead for Politics and Government Outreach for Europe, the Middle East and Africa for Facebook. This team is tasked with working with government and political officials on education about the Facebook platform, driving creative best practices and top content and working to protect election integrity.

Prior to starting with Facebook in August 2016, Sean worked for four years on the Government & Elections team at Twitter and also previously worked in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sean received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Political History from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, and he earned his Master's Degree in Government from the Johns Hopkins University in 2010. He is based in London.



Matt Stempeck | @mstem

Mr Tetmpeck is a Civic Tech expert who led the Digital Mobilization team at Hillary for America. He has been researching and building civic tech since 2005 across electoral and issue campaigns, national and city governments, academia, and journalism. In 2016, Matt led the Digital Mobilization team at Hillary for America, which included the campaign's voter registration, peer organizing, and SMS technologies.

Matt most recently served as Director of Civic Technology at Microsoft, and is now building the Civic Tech Field Guide to better connect the world of civic tech projects.

In his spare time, Matt works on projects that "don't really need to exist", with a collective known as the Bad Idea Factory.

Matt holds a Master's of Science from the MIT Media Lab's Center for Civic Media and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland's Government Honors program.



Anu Juvonen | @AnuJuvonen @DemoFinland

Executive Director of Demo Finland (Political Parties of Finland for Democracy).

Ms. Anu Juvonen (MA Development Studies, BA (Hons) Social Anthropology – both from the University of Sussex, UK, as well as studies at University of Helsinki) has worked over 15 years in the field of development policy and international affairs.

She has lived and worked long term in Nepal in the field of education; in Ethiopia, as an expert in community participation and gender; and recently in Sri Lanka, where she worked as a Head of Good Governance for an international NGO, as well as having made



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numerous short-term missions to different countries in Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Zambia, Tunisia) and Asia (Vietnam, Myanmar, India and Sri Lanka, Nepal). She has worked as a consultant, a civil servant and in CSOs, taking varying roles, from CSO coordination related to the EU presidency and the ASEM summit to advocacy and campaigning. She has a very strong background in project management. She has been with Demo Finland for two years, first as a Director of Programmes and (since early 2016) as acting Executive Director. She has held various board positions, from being the vice-chair of an umbrella NGO with 300 members to being a board member of the EPD. She has also written numerous articles and manuals and is very experienced as a facilitator.

**Alberto Alemanno** | @alemannoEU

Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law, HEC Paris, Global Professor of Law, NYU School of Law in Paris, and Director, The Good Lobby.

Alberto Alemanno is an academic, civic advocate and public interest lawyer. He is Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at HEC Paris, and Global Professor of Law at New York University School of Law.

Due to his commitment to bridging the gap between academic research and policy action, Mr. Alemanno pioneered innovative, gamified forms of civic engagement and activism in the EU transnational space via his civic start up The Good Lobby and his campaigned contributed to democratizing the EU. His last book, 'Lobbying for Change: Find Your Voice to Create a Better Society' (Iconbooks), provides a timely analysis and guide to levelling the democratic playing field by empowering ordinary citizens to speak up and inform policy decisions at local, national and international level. He was nominated by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in 2015, and is included among the 40under40 European Young Leaders of Friends of Europe.

Mr. Alemanno is a regular contributor to a number of global newspapers and reviews, and sits on the board of several civil society organisations in the field of democracy and citizen engagement. Mr. Alemanno is a graduate of Harvard Law School, the College of Europe and holds a PhD in International Law & Economics from Bocconi University.

**Véronique Arnault**

Véronique Arnault is a former Director of Human Rights and Democracy at the European External Action Service. Since 2013, she is an Ambassador at DUO for a Job, an NGO specialized in intergenerational coaching.

Ms. Arnault started her career in 1980 as a diplomat for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1983 she joined the European Commission, and occupied various positions at the Directorate-Generals for External Relations and Trade until 1999. Between 1999 and 2008, she was deputy head of cabinet for the Commissioner for Health and Consumer

Protection, and subsequently worked in the DG.

In 2008 she was appointed director of 'Multilateral Relations and Human Rights' at the DG External Relations. In 2011, she became the first director of the Human Rights and Democracy directorate within the newly

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established European External Action Service. Ms. Arnault retired in November 2013 and still closely follows EU human rights policies. She obtained degrees in English literature at the University of Reading, and in International relations at Science Po in Paris.



Virginia García Beaudoux | @virgbeaudoux

Virginia García Beaudoux (Argentina) has conducted more than 40 communication trainings in 15 countries for OAS, International IDEA, UNDP, NIMD, UN Women and other international organizations, aimed at leaders, candidates, politicians and spokespersons. She is Director at COMMUNICATIO, a communication strategies consultancy. In this capacity, she has advised and trained more than a thousand women in Latin America, Spain and the United States in communication skills, leadership and strategic career planning.

She is Professor in the political communication programs of Pompeu Fabra University and the Autonomous University in Barcelona, Complutense University, the Ortega y Gasset University Institute, and the Master in Image Consulting and Political Consultancy in Madrid. She is also a Doctor in Psychology, tenured Professor of "Electoral campaigns, propaganda and public opinion" at the University of Buenos Aires and of "Political Psychology and Leadership" at the University of Belgrano, Argentina.

Virginia has authored 11 books and is a regular lecturer in international forums on politics, leadership and gender. She has also created the blog MujeresInc.



Corinna Hörst | @horstca @gmfus

Corinna Hörst is senior fellow and deputy director of GMF's Brussels office. She supports the executive director in all aspects of strategic planning, operations, personnel, management, and communication. In this capacity, she plays a central role in programme planning, networking, and relationship building with the EU institutions, NATO and stakeholders from governments, media, business, as well as nongovernmental and think tank communities. She monitors and frequently comments on transatlantic relations and European affairs and is engaged in various women leadership development and

diversity activities.

She is also president of the Brussels chapter of Women in International Security (WIIS) and co-founder of The Brussels Binder, an online database of female policy experts.

Her recent book "Women Leading The Way in Brussels," co-authored with Claudia de Castro Caldeirinha (John Harper Publishing, 2017) looks at women leadership in Europe and Brussels, including vignettes of women who exercise leadership across different sectors in Brussels.

Before coming to GMF in 1999, she was a teaching associate at Miami University, teaching American and world history and worked as assistant project manager at a publishing company in Germany. Ms. Hörst has a PhD and master's degree in history and studied at Miami University in Ohio, United States, the University of Heidelberg in Germany, and St. Andrews University in Scotland.



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**Anna Lührmann** | @vdeminstitute

Anna Lührmann is the Deputy Director of the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute and Assistant Professor at the University of Gothenburg. Prior to turning to academia, Anna was an MP in the German National Parliament (Bundestag, 2002- 2009) and worked in Sudan for two years.

She received her PhD in 2015 from Humboldt University (Berlin) with a thesis on United Nation's electoral assistance. Anna Lührmann holds a M.A. degree in "Research Training in Social Sciences" from Humboldt University (Berlin), a M.Sc. degree in Gender and

Peace Studies from Ahfad University (Sudan) and a B.A. in Political Sciences from FernUniversität Hagen (Germany). She served as a consultant for UNDP, the World Bank and others.

Her research has been published in Journal of Democracy, Democratization, Electoral Studies, the International Political Science Review and other journals.

**Sarantis Michalopoulos** | @EURACTIV

Sarantis Michalopoulos has been a journalist for EURACTIV.com since 2014. He has been writing extensively on EU affairs in English and in Greek, with a particular focus on agriculture & food as well as health issues. Before, he was a EURACTIV Greece reporter covering the economic and immigration crises.

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