

Report on the Virtual Retreat 2021 on June 10th 2021

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Given the interest and participation in last year's online retreat, the managing board together with the attendants of the annual General Assembly decided to also organise a virtual retreat for DemocracyNet members only this year. The event was on the on June 10th, 2021 with an online format due to the situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Three members presented their ongoing research, giving the audience insights about different topics and approaches. As follows:

- 1 Libby Maman presented "*Does Legitimacy Really Matter? The Effect of Democratic and Technocratic Qualities of Regulators on Trust in Market Actors*" and it was discussed by Lea Heyne.
- 2 Olivier Ruchet presented "*Radical Democracy: Fugitive or Iterative?*" and it was discussed by Chiara Valsangiacomo.
- 3 Nargiz Hajiyeva presented "*Violation of Property Rights in the Process of Illicit Activities during the Occupation of Azerbaijani territories: Political Instabilities and Perspectives*" and it was discussed by all participants.

Like last year, the scope of the retreat was to stimulate, in a constructive and friendly environment, the discussion about members' current research and projects. The topic and project format were completely open.

Participants:

- Alix d'Agostino (University of Zurich, Switzerland)
- Chiara Valsangiacomo (University of Zurich, Switzerland)
- Giada Gianola (University of Bern, Switzerland)
- Lea Heyne (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- Libby Maman (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Spain)
- Nargiz Hajiyeva (State University of Economics, Azerbaijan)
- Olivier Ruchet (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

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