



Vested Interests and Democracy

Research Workshop
with a public keynote lecture by Prof. Emanuela Ceva (University of Geneva)

Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10, 2021, University of Zurich,
Affolternstrasse 56, 8050 Zurich, Switzerland
Co-hosted by the [Doctoral Programme Democracy Studies](#) and [DemocracyNet](#)

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Program of the Workshop

Thursday, December 9		Room AFL E 009
1:30–1.50pm	Introduction	
	Olivier Ruchet (University of Zurich): ‘Democracy and Interests: A Short Genealogy’	
1.50–3.10pm	Session 1	
1:50–2.30pm	Gordon Arlen (Swarthmore College): ‘Oligarchy as a Problem for Normative Theory: A Geography’	
	Discussant: Léa Antonicelli (Sciences Po)	
2.30–3.10pm	Léa Antonicelli (Sciences Po): ‘Is Public Interest a Scientific Concept?’	
	Discussant: Gordon Arlen (Swarthmore College)	
3.10–3.30pm	Coffee break	
3.30–4.50pm	Session 2	
3.30–4.10pm	Henri-Pierre Mottironi (Université de Neuchâtel): ‘Having a Share in Society: Sieyès and the Republic as a National Association of Interests’	
	Discussant: Matthieu Debief (Université de Genève)	
4.10–4.50pm	Matthieu Debief (Université de Genève): ‘Philanthropy, Democracy and Vested Interest: A Matter of Political Corruption’	
	Discussant: Henri-Pierre Mottironi (Université de Neuchâtel)	
5.00–6.30pm	Public Keynote Lecture	Room AFL F 121
	Prof. Emanuela Ceva (Université de Genève): ‘Accountable Public Institutions’	
6.30–7.15pm	Apéro	

Friday, December 10 Room AFL E 009

9.00–10.20am Session 3

9.00–9.40am Hanna Biro (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): ‘Climate Misrepresented: Unbalanced Interest Representation as a Barrier to Climate Action in EU Agriculture Policy’

Discussant: Odile Ammann (Université de Lausanne)

9.40–10.20am Odile Ammann (Université de Lausanne): ‘Agriculture as a Vested Interest’

Discussant: Hanna Biro (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

10.20–10.40am Coffee break

10.40am–12.00pm Session 4

10.40–11.20 am Khaliq Parkar (Université Paris Diderot): ‘Digitalizing Democracies: Consultant-Technocrats and Urban Governance in India’

Discussant: Rahel Freiburghaus (Universität Bern)

11.20am–12.00pm Rahel Freiburghaus (Universität Bern): ‘Patterns of Territorial Interest Representation – A Framework for Analysis’

Discussant: Khaliq Parkar (Université Paris Diderot)

12.00–1.30pm Lunch break

1.30–2.50pm Session 5 Room AFL E 009

1.30–2.10pm Simon Baekelandt (Université de Lille): ‘The Deliberative Imperative, a Reconfiguration of Negotiations between Power and Interest Groups? Study of the Citizen Climate Convention in France’

Discussant: Vishnu Tandon (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)

2.10–2.50 pm Daniel Höhmann (Universität Basel): ‘The Gendered Assessment of Public Opinion – Female MPs, Electoral Threat, and the Perception of Voters’ Preferences on Women’s Interests’

Discussant: Simon Baekelandt (Université de Lille)

2.50–3.10pm Coffee break

3.10–4.00pm Session 6

3.10–3.50pm Vishnu Tandon (École des hautes études en sciences sociales): ‘The Disproportionate Effect of COVID-19 on the Participatory Planning Process – Common Good vs. Self-Interest’

Discussant: Daniel Höhmann (Universität Basel)

3.50–4.00pm Conclusion and end of the workshop