

Workshop

Testing Europe's resilience in the Covid-19 crisis



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Introduction

The Covid-19 crisis has challenged politics in Europe at all levels of government. The crisis has led to unseen pressures on political decision-makers, democratic institutions and policy-making in the EU and its member states.

The workshop is the second workshop of the [EU and Covid-19 research cluster of the European Governance and Politics Programme](#) at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. Projects investigate aspects of the support side, the institutional capacities and the policy-output of different decision-making arenas in the EU in the crisis.

Contributions to the workshop focus in particular on the first wave of the crisis from March to July 2020. The period was the phase of acute crisis characterised by an extraordinary challenge to well-known scripts, values and objectives for policy-making in Europe.

The workshop will assess which input, throughput and output logics of political decision-making in Europe have been uncovered in the course of the first months of the pandemic. Papers will ask if the EU's democratic institutions and values have been resilient or eroded during the Covid-19 crisis, if we can discern particular patterns of policy-making and if the pandemic was an occasion for change in democratic practices.



Programme

5 July

15.30 - 16.00 Introduction

16.00 - 17.30 **Panel 1: Democratic institutions and citizens' participation**

Chair: **Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute

Discussants:

Laura Landorff | Aarhus University

Claudia Wiesner | Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Democracy in Lockdown: What Role for the European Parliament in the COVID-19 Crisis?

Ariadna Ripoll Servent | University of Salzburg

Covid-19, the Eurozone Crisis and Parliamentary Democracy in the EU?

Anja Thomas | European University Institute

Reimagined Democracy in Times of Pandemic

Kalypso Nicolaïdis | European University Institute and University of Oxford

6 July

9.00 - 10.30 **Panel 2: Attitudes, framing and public support during the Covid-19 crisis**

Chair: **Ariadna Ripoll Servent** | University of Salzburg

Discussants:

Katjana Gattermann | University of Amsterdam

Cal Le Gall | University of Vienna

Driving us further apart? The effects of social media news exposure on attitudes toward Covid 19 restrictions

Klarita Gërxhani | European University Institute

Jakob Bøggild Johannsen | European University Institute

A comparative analysis of how the EU is framed in domestic political party communication in the Covid-19 pandemic

Tobias Widmann | European University Institute

Anja Thomas | European University Institute

Brigid Laffan | European University Institute

What Remains of Populism in the Covid-19 Crisis? EU and National Performance in the Anti-Elitism-Conspiracy Nexus

Ioana-Elena Oana | European University Institute

Abel Bojar | European University Institute

10.30 - 11.00 *Break*

11.00 - 12.30 **Panel 3: Policies, output and variation**

Chair: **Anja Thomas** | European University Institute

Discussants:

Dorothee Bohle | European University Institute

Takuya Onoda | European University Institute

Free Movement in Crisis: COVID-19 Border Closures in a Global Context

Timothy Jacob-Owens | European University Institute

Jelena Džankić | European University Institute

Lorenzo Piccoli | European University Institute and University of Neuchâtel

Didier Ruedin | University of Neuchâtel

MFF, budget and Recovery Fund

Brigid Laffan | European University Institute

Coping with COVID-19: A Comparative Political Economy Analysis of European Policy Responses

Sebastian Diessner | European University Institute

Arianna Tassinari | Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung

12.30 - 13.00 *Conclusions*