

# Public Roundtable

## Four Fallacies of Deliberation: The Future of Democracy in Europe

Sept 07, 2022, 18:30 – 21:00 (CET)  
Diplomatische Akademie, Vienna, Austria

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**Wednesday 7 September 2022**

**18:30-18:45: Opening session**

**Ambassador Dr. Emil Brix, Director, Diplomatische Akademie Wien, Vienna School of International Studies**

**Keynote**

**Lukas Hammer, Green Party, Member of Parliament, Austria**

**18:45-21:00: Four Fallacies of Deliberation:**

**MODERATOR: Stefan August Lütgenau, Foster Europe Foundation for strong European Regions, Austria**

**1) The Ordinary is the Superior**

On the mistake to suggest a decision made by “ordinary citizens” is the better decision.

**Jón Ólafsson, University of Iceland, Iceland**

**2) Participation is the Opposite Site of Representation on the Coin of Democracy**

On the misinterpretation that representation and deliberation could be excluding or replacing each other in the democratic process rather than being two different forms with different functions in the democratic process.

**Yanina Welp, Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland**

**3) Deliberation solves the Legitimacy Deficit per se**

On the misperception that a deliberative process per se has a higher legitimacy, what forgets that legitimacy is built in concrete context and not achieved as an external assessment, just by the quality of a given procedure.

**Elena García Gutián, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain**

**4) Deliberation is in any Case Democratic**

A major risk comes when observing that there are growing forms of deliberation implemented in hybrid and authoritarian environments that can play a role in legitimating non-democratic regimes.

**Peter Stone, Trinity College, Ireland**

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