

# PROGRAMME INFORMATION



**2022** GLOBAL FORUM  
ON MODERN  
**DIRECT DEMOCRACY**

21-25 September - Lucerne, Switzerland

## WELCOME TO THE 10TH GLOBAL FORUM!

### ***Welcome to the 10th Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy: Five Very Important Days for Democracy***

***Dear Global Forum participant, dear colleague, dear friend,***

When we met in person the last time— three years ago on the Taiwan Democracy Train, during the Global Forum in Taichung and the Democracy City Summit in Taipei – the world was a very different place.

Since then, a series of existential global crises has engulfed us—beginning with the worldwide Corona pandemic, followed by an unforeseen and dramatic intensification of the climate crisis, and most recently by an unprovoked war by the world's biggest country against Europe's biggest democracy, Ukraine. Each of these crises imperils us, and our democracies.

The climate crisis challenges our traditional forms of democratic decision-making within fixed borders. The pandemic has led executives to take away power from the people in many places. And Moscow's illegal war on its neighbour is also a war on human rights, international law, and on the ability of everyday people to govern themselves.

As the global democracy community gathers for the 2022 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy, we must do more than examine and confront these challenges. We must rise to the moment and take on new duties. We must become better at defending and protecting democracy by making it more resilient and robust.

How can we do this? By listening to - and learning from - each other. With renewed urgency.

This week, you join our 10th such world conference -and the most important Global Forum so far.

You arrive during a voting week - for the Swiss nation and also for Lucerne, our host city. You will have the opportunity to see one of the world's most resilient and enduring democracies at work.

And you will experience intense days of democratic co-creation, of formulating ideas and proposals that advance our democracies when it comes to the climate crisis, youth participation, digitalisation, and transnational democratic cooperation.

This Global Forum will look forward. To do that, we also must look back, and to reassess. The Global Forum began in 2008, with a gathering in Aarau, Switzerland. What has changed in the last 14 years, and why?

Since then, the Forum has become the world's premier platform and networking opportunity for friends, supporters and developers of democracy. It remains a special event, free and open to all.

And now, in Lucerne, it must become a resource for the world as we struggle not only to make democracy more democratic, but sadly also to preserve democracy in our communities at the local, regional, national and global levels.

Whether we are meeting you again, or for the first time, we hope that, as the Global Forum returns to the nation where it began, you, too, will feel at home.

Yours democratically,



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**Joe Mathews,**  
Co-President,  
Global Forum



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**Caroline Vernailien,**  
Global Manager PR &  
Community Building,  
Democracy International



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**Bruno Kaufmann,**  
Co-President,  
Global Forum

# WELCOME TO LUCERNE

## ***Welcome to Switzerland, welcome to Lucerne - to democracy in action at the local level***

Modern democracy is rooted in the local. Democracy is lived in communities and cities, in cantons, states and countries. Therefore, most of the challenges democracy is facing on the global level find their answers at the local level.

Lucerne will provide the platform for this in September

We are very pleased to welcome you to the 2022 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy - together with more than twenty partner organizations and accompanied by a local patronage committee consisting of six former parliamentary presidents from six different parties. You will see that diversity reflected in our program.

After the ceremonial opening at the University of Lucerne on Wednesday evening, we will develop proposals on various important topics on Thursday. That evening, the networking event at the cultural institution Neubad will bring together people from all over the world.

As a special highlight, the third international Democracy City Summit (following Rome in 2018 and Taipei in 2019) will take place on Saturday.

This tenth edition of the Global Forum not only addresses the global challenges of democracy. It also focuses on the diverse voting proposals at the local, regional and national levels in Switzerland on September 25.

You are all cordially invited to join in the discussion and the idea-making. At the end of the forum, the international guests will be able to visit a voting site and to watch the announcement of the results together in the Marianischer Saal.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



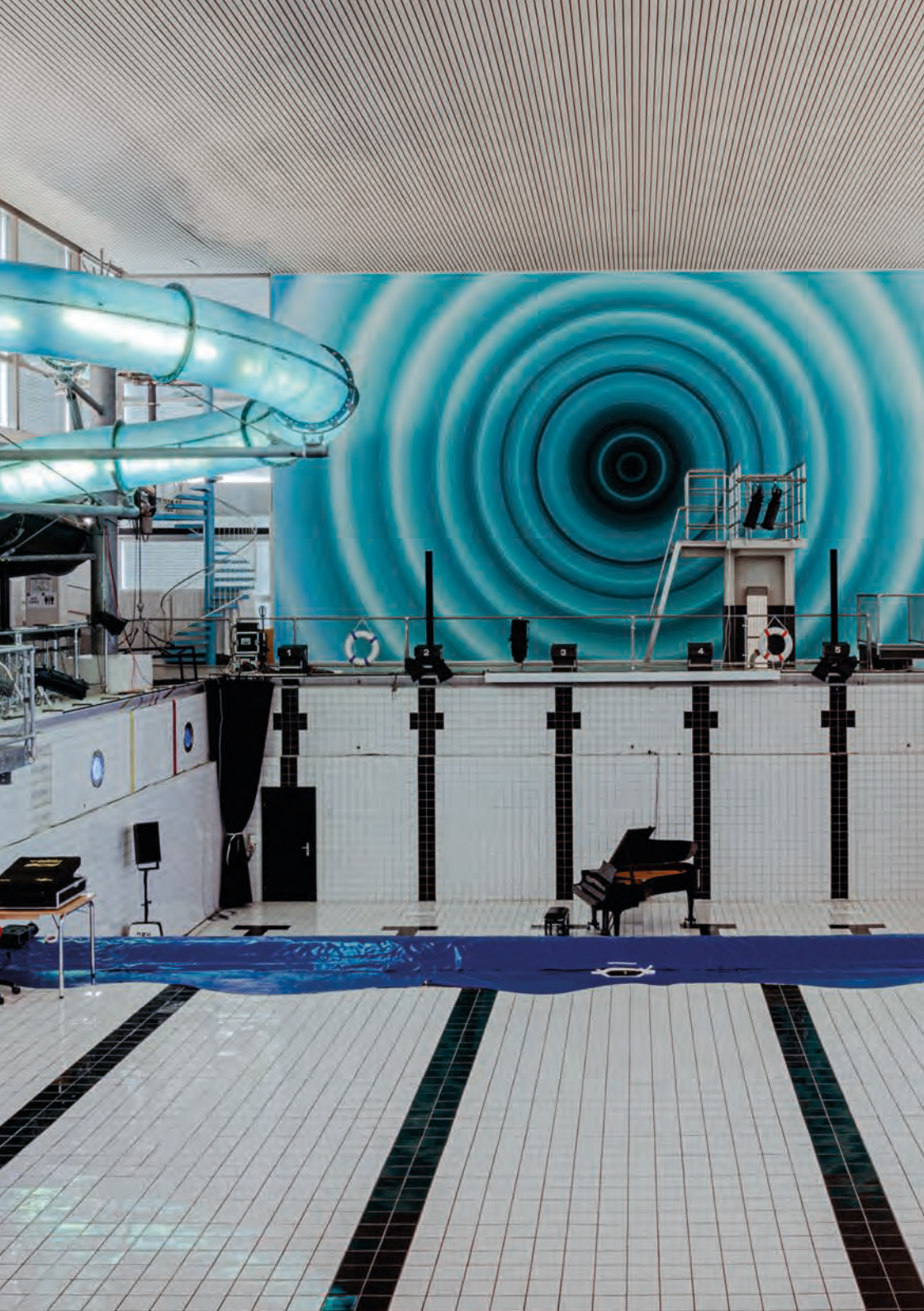
**Adrian Schmid,**  
President Swiss  
Democracy Foundation,  
project manager  
Global Forum 2022



**Beat Züsli,**  
Mayor of Lucerne



**Stefanie Bosshard,**  
Director Swiss Democracy  
Foundation



## EXPERIENCE SWISS DIRECT DEMOCRACY UP CLOSE

### ***Participate in the 2022 Global Forum Ballot Experience***

The Swiss elect their representatives in regularly held elections, but the Swiss people are also directly involved in law-making and constitution-making. Four times a year, Swiss citizens are invited to vote on questions put on the ballot by citizens—popular initiatives offering the direct proposals of citizens, and referendums that citizens use to stop a law.

While you are attending this very Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy, the Swiss electorate is getting ready for the Sunday, September 25, vote on national, cantonal and local questions.

So, you can experience this direct democracy vote up close on Sunday. And, to gain deeper insights, you are welcome to participate in the 2022 Global Forum Ballot with a selection of this year's real referendum questions.

On Thursday, you will be able to cast your vote at the info point in the Neubad Pool area. The info point is staffed all day.

The results of the Global Forum participants' vote will be presented on Sunday, along with the first projections of the actual national, cantonal, and municipal votes.

Your voting information and more info on the Global Forum vote

***[www.democracy.community/voting-sunday](http://www.democracy.community/voting-sunday)***



**Question 1: Local (City of Lucerne)**

Do you approve the new climate protection strategy in the City of Lucerne proposed by the government and the parliament?

[YES/NO/ABSTAIN]

1.2 Do you approve the counter proposal to the new climate protection strategy in the City of Lucerne proposed by the government and the parliament? [YES/NO/ABSTAIN]

1.3 Decisive question: If both proposals (1.1. and 1.2.) gets a majority, which of the proposals do you prefer? [1.1./1.2./NONE]

**Question 2: Regional (Canton of Berne)**

Do you approve the proposed law in the Canton of Berne to lower the general voting age from 18 to 16 years? [YES/NO/ABSTAIN]

**Question 3: National (Swiss Confederation)**

Do you approve the citizens' initiative to ban factory farming in the Swiss constitution? [YES/NO/ABSTAIN]



## PARTNERS





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## THE GLOBAL FORUM AS A DEMOCRACY FESTIVAL

The Global Forum will take place at several venues throughout Lucerne. Here's an overview for you:



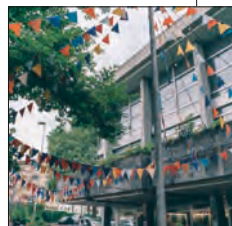
Global Forum hotels:

- a** **Barabas**, Löwengraben 18, Lucerne
- B** **IBIS Budget**, Kellerstrasse 6, Lucerne
- C** **Hotel de la Paix/ Ambassador**, Museggstrasse 2, Lucerne

Global Forum venues:

**1 Neubad**, Bireggstrasse 36, Lucerne

Formerly built as a swimming pool, The Neubad now functions as an atelier where artists display their works to the public. Most sessions on Thursday will be held at the Neubad.



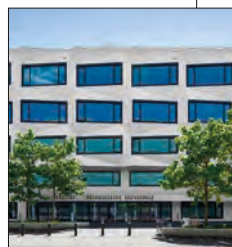
**2 Laboratorium Luzern**, Sternmattstrasse 3, Lucerne

Several sessions on Thursday will take place in the Laboratorium Luzern, a cooperative bringing people from society, business, politics and administration „around the table“ to shape the future together.



**3 University of Lucerne**, Frohburgstrasse 3, Lucerne

The opening event as well as the sessions on Saturday will take place at the University of Lucerne. Established in 2000, the University of Lucerne is a small public university that has gained an international reputation. The university offers an attractive range of study programs including law, economics, and medicine.



**4 Rathaus Luzern**, Kornmarkt 3, Lucerne

Indebted to the Italian Renaissance style, Rathaus (Town Hall) Lucerne is one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. Rathaus is located in the old town and is frequently used as an exhibition hall and concert hall. On Saturday the Democracy City Summit will take place at the Rathaus's Kornschütte.



**5 Marianischer Saal**, Bahnhofstrasse 18, Lucerne

On Sunday morning, we will gather in the historic Marianischer Saal, to learn about the Swiss voting day, watch the first polls and analyse the results.



**6 OMNIBUS for Direct Democracy & European Public Sphere**



## OMNIBUS FOR DIRECT DEMOCRACY

OMNIBUS  
FÜR DIREKTE DEMOKRATIE

OMNIBUS for Direct Democracy is a self-governing, non-profit cultural company. As a citizens' initiative, its participants work completely independently of political parties. The current bus travels through Germany and Europe with the aim of introducing direct democracy at the federal level, or reforming it where it already exists, and providing assistance in ongoing procedures. During summer it visits schools, universities, enterprises, and public spaces, and helps with the process of spreading information and collecting signatures for popular initiatives.

Everyone can visit the OMNIBUS during the whole conference and talk to the people who have been on tour with it for many years. You can meet Werner Küppers, who is the captain now for 22 years.

### **Friday 23 September, 10:30 – 11:30**

Direct Democracy and Basic Income in the Ecological Future –  
Workshop Omnibus

Which role can direct democracy play in building an ecological society? In particular, how can we guide the flow of money through voting in such a way that it is ecologically consistent? The direct-democratic introduction of an unconditional basic income could be an example. It would result in nobody having to do work that is superfluous or even harmful. Everyone could develop their skills in a meaningful way and use them to shape society. How can the basic income be financed?



The European Public Sphere is a project that answers basic European questions regarding the future of democracy and society. It provides an open space for discussion by setting up The Europe Dome in public places and giving room for the ideas of individuals, groups and organisations. The goal is not just to exchange arguments and concepts but to initiate concrete actions. The European Public Sphere is structured around four lead questions:

- 1 How do we want to shape our communities in the 21st century?**
- 2 Which big ideas are out there for European democracy?**
- 3 What is the role of education, science and the arts in Europe?**
- 4 What can a sustainable and social way of economy and money look like?**

## ***Here is a schedule of events during the Forum:***

### ***Thursday 22 September***

**10:30-12:00** – Dome Talk: Democracy, Switzerland and Europe

**15:00-16:30** – Dome Talk: The future of Europe from a peace perspective

Each talk will be introduced by Andi Gross, former member of the National Council and Council of Europe for the SP from St. Ursanne JU, where the political scientist, publicist and author heads the Atelier for Direct Democracy. As a foreign policy expert, he was responsible for dozens of reports from crisis areas and participated in around 100 election observations throughout Europe.

### ***Friday 23 September***

**14:00-14:30 and 15:30-16:00**

Snow White - puppet show for children from 3 years and adults

### ***Saturday 24 September***

**10:00-10.30 and 11:30-12.00**

Snow White - puppet show for children from 3 years and adults

**14:30-15:00** Afternoon yoga break - Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

### ***Sunday 25 September***

**10:30-12.00** Opening of the 2022 Global Forum  
Ballot Box and counting of the votes

*Location: OMNIBUS for Direct Democracy & European  
Public Sphere,  
Bahnhofstrasse 5, Lucerne*



## THEATERKIDS LUZERN



### **„Fought like a lion“**

*The Theaterkids Luzern will perform the youth play „Fought like a Lion“ on Sunday, September 25 at 10:30 a.m. under the direction of Simona Baumgartner and Walti Mathis. Many people know the Lucerne Lion Monument. But what does it stand for? What does it still have to tell us today? In 1792, the children Franz and Eva are recruited by the French royal court and get caught up in the turmoil of the French Revolution. Will France become their new home? The Theaterkids tell us the story behind the stone lion in a fast-paced and touching youth play for all ages.*

**Sunday 25 September 10:30, Marianischer Saal, Bahnhofstrasse 18 Lucerne  
- German language**

## YOGA AT THE FORUM



### **Democracy Yoga**

*At this year's Global Forum Elisabeth Kaufmann will offer eight free yoga breaks of 15 or 30 minutes length, to help you wind down and connect to your body and mind, so that you're well prepared to further discuss democracy issues. We will do relaxing yoga exercises standing and sitting on a chair. You don't need any special clothing. Just come as you are! Elisabeth is a global Yoga Alliance certified yoga teacher and teacher trainer. She runs her own yoga studio in Arboga, the birthplace of democracy in Sweden, and has written a book about yin yoga (in Swedish: Lilla Positionsboken). Elisabeth is also active as an elected member of the Culture Commission in the City of Arboga and chairs the local Green Party.*

**Read more about Elisabeth here: <https://ayya.se/arboga-yin-yoga-academy/>**

## HOW TO FIND YOUR SESSION: GUIDANCE SYSTEM

*To find your venue, please follow the arrows of the guidance system:*



SEMINAR 1



BACKSTAGE



SEMINAR 2



POOL



KLUB



BISTRO



LABORATORIUM

## TRANSLATION

*German-English translation is available for all plenary sessions and panels. They are marked with (DE/EN) in this programme. In case you need translation, you can pick-up your headset **at the registration desk.***



## DAY 1 21/09/22

### **15:00-15:30 Welcome Yoga**

Location: European Public Sphere

### **16:00-17:30 Global Forum**

**Democracy Walk: Welcome to Switzerland and Lucerne - introduction to the fascinating history and contemporary reality of modern democracy**

Meeting point: Historical arch in front of the Lucerne train station

### **From 17:30: Registration and Apéro Riche**

Location: University Luzern Mensa

### **19:00-21:00 Opening Evening: All in for a democracy that works**

Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium

### **11:00-11:15 Quick yoga break**

Location: Neubad terrace

### **11:30-12:00: Coffee break**

**Parallel Workshops** (see page 24 ff.)

### **13:30 - 14:30 Lunch**

### **14:00-14:30 Lunchtime yoga break**

### **18:00-18:30 Evening yoga break**

Location: Laboratorium

### **18:30-21:30 The Global Forum Networking Evening**

Location: Neubad Pool

## DAY 2 22/09/22

### **From 8:00: Registration**

Location: Neubad

### **09:00-10:30 Welcome and Opening Panel on the Present and Future of Modern Democracy in Times of Multiple Global Crises**

Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)

### **10:30-11:30 Panel: How Can Direct Democracy And Deliberative Democracy Make Each Other Better?**

Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)

## DAY 3 23/09/22

### **„TOUR DE SUISSE“ - A SPECIAL DAY FOR THE GLOBAL FORUM**

Day excursions and programmes in different Swiss cities

#### **Aarau**

Where it all started! Visit to the first Swiss capital and its current practices including research.

#### **Bern**

The federal centre of modern direct democracy in Switzerland and its new information centre.

#### **Lucerne**

Welcome to the Lucerne City Tour **Uster**

Looking beyond national democracy from a innovative city in Eastern Switzerland.

## DAY 4 24/09/22

### **From 8:30 Registration**

Location: University Luzern

### **09:00-10:00 Wrap-up plenary session: Reports from the 4 tracks and the Tour de Suisse**

Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium

### **10:00-10:30 Three initiatives to move democracy forward**

Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium

### **10:30-12:00 Concluding Plenary Panel: How to Save Democracy**

Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium

### **12:00-13:00 Concluding Plenary session: Presentation and adoption of Lucerne Declaration on Modern Democracy and invitation to the 2023 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy**

Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium

### **15:00-15:30 Afternoon yoga break**

Location: European Public Sphere

### **16:00-17:30 2022 Democracy City Summit**

Location: Lucerne City Hall Kornschütte

### **18:00 Come Together – a last night in Lucerne**

Location: City Hall Brewery

## DAY 5 25/09/22

### **DECISION DAY**

#### **German-language programme:**

### **10:30-10:40 Welcome by the President of the Cantonal Council, Rolf Born**

Location: Marianischer Saal, Lucerne

### **10:40-11:30 Performance by the Lucerne Theaterkids – “Fought like a Lion” (in German)**

Location: Marianischer Saal, Lucerne

#### **English-language programme:**

### **10:30 Opening of the 2022 Global Forum Ballot Box and counting of the votes**

Location: European Public Sphere

Meeting point for international guests and count of Global Forum vote.

### **12:15-14:00 Results and analysis**

Location: Marianischer Saal

DAY 1 **WEDNESDAY,  
21 SEPTEMBER**

**15:00-15:30 Welcome yoga**

*Location: European Public Sphere, Bahnhofstrasse 5, Lucerne*

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**16:00-17:30 Global Forum Democracy Walk: Welcome to Switzerland and Lucerne –introduction to the fascinating history and contemporary reality of modern democracy (DE/EN)**

Presented by SWI Swissinfo.ch

**Claude Longchamp**, historian and political scientist.

Welcome: **Renat Kuenzi**, Democracy Journalist SWI swissinfo.ch.

*Meeting point: Historical arch in front of the Lucerne train station in front of Lucerne railway station. Language: German/English translation*

In the middle of it instead of just being there: Lucerne was the scene of the wild constitutional battles between liberals and conservatives. These culminated in a civil war in 1847, the Sonderbundskrieg. What a miracle: although the Catholic canton was one of the losers, Lucerne contributed several times to the democratisation of Switzerland. For example, with the pioneering popular initiative, the showpiece of today's direct democracy in Switzerland.

**From 17:30 Registration and Apéro Riche**

*Location: University of Lucerne (Mensa)*

**19:00-21:00 Opening Evening: How Democracy Moves Forward**

*Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium (DE/EN)*

Presented by the Host Organisations of the 2022 Forum: Swiss Democracy Foundation, Democracy International, City of Lucerne, University of Lucerne

With welcome remarks and cultural inputs by Albin Brun and Markus Lauterburg including Theaterkids „Fought like a Lion,” and the Federation of Swiss Youth Parliaments FSYP. Swiss direct democracy in practice: Introduction of the topics slated for the vote on 25 September and the 2022 Global Forum Ballot process.

**Moderator: Adrian Schmid**, President Local Host Committee, Lucerne, Switzerland

**Opening remarks by:**



**Salvina Knobel,**  
Member of the Lucerne  
Youth Parliament,  
Switzerland



**Beat Züsli,** Mayor of  
Lucerne, Switzerland



**Irène Kälin,** National  
Council President,  
Switzerland



**Moritz Leuenberger,**  
former Federal Councillor,  
Switzerland



**Leonore Gewessler,**  
Minister of Climate Action,  
Environment, Energy,  
Mobility, Innovation and  
Technology, Austria



**Michael von der Lohe,**  
OMNIBUS for Direct  
Democracy, Germany



**Patricia Islas,** Journalist,  
Democracy Beat, SWI  
Swissinfo.ch



**José Manuel Ribeiro,**  
Mayor of the City of  
Valongo, Portugal

*“How Can We Best Sustain—and Improve—  
Democracy for the Future?”* Keynote by  
**Robert Talisse.**



**Robert Talisse,**  
**philosopher,** Vanderbilt  
University (Nashville,  
Tennessee), and author,  
*Sustaining Democracy:  
What We Owe to the Other  
Side.*

*“War. Truth. Democracy. The lessons from  
Ukraine”* Keynote by **Sevgil Musayeva.**



**Sevgil Musayeva,**  
Chief Editor of *Ukrainska  
Pravda* and one of the 100  
most influential people in  
2022 according to *Time  
Magazine.*

**Moderator: Stefanie Bosshard,** Director, Swiss Democracy Foundation



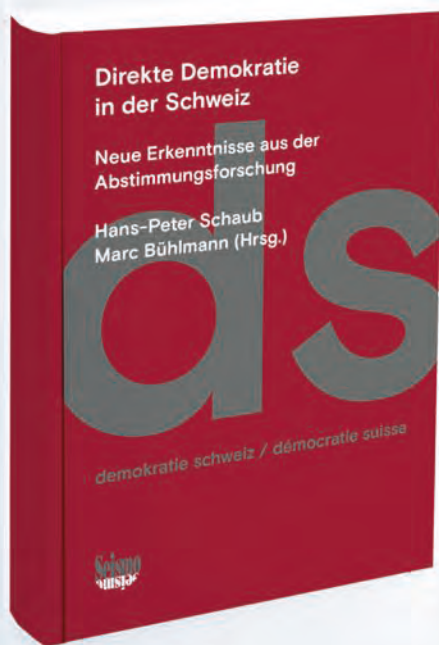
# DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN SWITZERLAND

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## BOOK STAND

*Hans-Peter Schaub and Marc Bühlmann are the editors of the current publication „Direct Democracy in Switzerland: New Findings from Voting Research“, which will be presented and offered for sale at the opening.*

*Franziska Dörig of Seismo Verlag will be in charge of the book table on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Neubad, where previous publications of the Swiss Democracy Foundation, or its predecessor organisations, as well as other authors will be available.*



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*Direct Democracy in Switzerland - New Findings from Voting Research by Hans-Peter Schaub & Marc Bühlmann (eds.). Direct democracy is of formative importance for Swiss politics and society and makes Switzerland's political system unique worldwide. Both inside and outside Switzerland, the opportunities and risks of direct democratic participation by means of referendums are repeatedly the subject of lively debate in research as well as in politics and the public. This collection provides new insights into the functioning of direct democracy by drawing on the unique amount of practical experience and data from Switzerland's more than 170 years of voting history.*



DAY 2 **THURSDAY,  
22 SEPTEMBER**

**From 8:00 Registration**

*Location: Neubad*

**09:00-10:30 Welcome and Opening Panel on the Present and Future of Modern Democracy in Times of Multiple Global Crises**

➡ *Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)*

Democracy is challenged in many ways on all political levels today. This is true for the world as much as for the host country of this year's Global Forum, Switzerland.

In this opening panel we address these current challenges and the future options of modern representative democracy from four different perspectives: academia, diplomacy, philanthropy and public media.

Together we identify ways and strategies to counter antidemocratic developments and risks by exploring options and limits of democracy support. Why is it important to invest into democracy today? The answers and ideas of this opening panel will help us to better understand the complexity of democracy-work when it comes to climate protection, youth empowerment, transnational democracy and digitisation – tracks on the agenda of the 2022 Forum.



**Yanina Welp**, Political Scientist, Albert Hirschman Center for Democracy in Geneva



**Simon Geissbühler**, Ambassador for Human Rights and Democracy at the Swiss Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs



**Linda Sulzer**, Head of the democracy division at Mercator Switzerland Foundation



**Jung-Ok Lee**, Former South Korean Minister of Gender Equality

**Moderator: Bruno Kaufmann**, Co-President Global Forum

**10:30-11:30 Panel: How Can Direct Democracy and Deliberative Democracy Make Each Other Better?**

➡ *Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)*



One constant problem for citizens assemblies, and other forms of deliberative democracy, is impact. The powers-that-be often frustrate efforts to turn the important ideas and proposals from deliberative bodies into real laws, votes, and constitutional amendments. This is not a problem for direct democracy, and ballot/citizens initiatives, which allow the people to change policies or take action directly. So, what if we were to combine the two? Could creating processes that involve both citizens assembly and citizens initiatives for the voters help us marry deliberation and direct action? What models currently exist in the digital and non-digital worlds for such fusions of deliberative and direct democracy? And what would the ideal direct-deliberative system look like, if the goal were to invite more of civil society into governance?

Presented by Berggruen Institute



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**Wendy Willis**, Oregon's  
*Kitchen Table*; Deliberative  
Democracy Consortium, and  
organizer of forthcoming  
Center for Constitutional  
Deliberation



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**Andri Heimann**, Zentrum  
für Demokratie Aarau



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**Nathan Gardels**,  
Editor-in-Chief Noema  
Magazine, Berggruen  
Institute



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**Kalypso Nicolaidis**,  
Chair in international  
Affairs EUI School  
of Transnational  
Governance



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**Iain Walker**, Executive  
Director New Democracy

**Moderator: Joe Mathews**, Co-President Global Forum

**11:00-11:15 Quick yoga break**

Location: Neubad terrace

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**11:30-12:00: Coffee break**

## TRACK 1

### **By the many! How to democratise democracy in the 21th century.**



#### **1.1 Panel 12:00-13:30**

*By the many! How to democratise democracy in the 21th century.*

#### **1.2 Workshop 14:30-16:00**

*Shaping democracy with sortition*

#### **1.3 Workshop 14:30-16:00**

*Imagine all the people... towards citizen participation in the digital realm*

#### **1.4 Workshop 16:30-18:00**

*Transparency laws - the path to an open society*

#### **1.5 Workshop 16:30-18:00**

*How to build a Europe of the people?*

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## TRACK 2

### **Fixing the climate through democracy - solutions & obstacles**



#### **2.1 Workshop 12:00-13:30**

*Finding the right tool for the job: Innovative citizen participation for climate action*

#### **2.2 Workshop 12:00-13:30**

*Citizens' assemblies on climate: lessons from around the globe*

#### **2.3 Panel 14:30-16:00**

*Tackling the climate crisis with more democracy*

#### **2.4 Workshop 16:30-18:00**

*The climate engagement geography: Effectively linking democratic participation, civil society & social movements*

#### **2.5 Workshop 16:30-18:00**

*Climate on the ballot: Leveraging local direct democracy for global action*

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## TRACK 3

### **For the many: democratic inclusion and infrastructure**



#### **3.1 Workshop 12:00-13:30**

*Promising forms of youth participation in Europe*

### **3.2 Workshop 12:00-13:30**

*Smart democracy - Fostering participation through digital platforms*

### **3.3 Workshop 14:30-16:00**

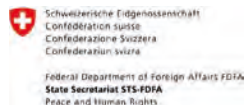
*The Direct Democracy Navigator - The starting point for information, facts and comparative analyses about direct democracy laws worldwide*

### **3.4 Workshop 14:30-16:00**

*How democratic are algorithms?*

### **3.5 Panel 16:30-18:00**

*How can we include the opinions, beliefs, and wishes of young people and the rights of future generations*



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## **Beyond borders: building transnational democracy**



### **4.1 Panel 12:00-13:30**

*Building a Global Democracy „Now is the time for transnational democracy.“*

### **4.2 Workshop 14:30-16:00**

*What (digital) tools do we need for a transnational democracy?*

### **4.3 Workshop 14:30-16:00**

*The European Citizens' Initiative - Understanding campaigner challenges and the value of an online support platform*

### **4.4 Workshop 16:30-18:00**

*Transnational Democracy from the top or from the bottom?*

### **4.5 Workshop 16:30-18:00**

*Democracy under threat - civil society action across borders*

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### **18:00-18:30 Evening yoga break**

➡ Location: Laboratorium

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

### **18:30-21:30 The Global Forum Networking Evening**

➡ Location: Neubad Pool

Reception and democracy fair with exhibition space for different initiatives.  
Book table offered by Seismo Verlag.

**! TIP:** TO FIND YOUR VENUE, SEE  
THE GUIDANCE SYSTEM ON PAGE 15

***By the many! How to democratise democracy in the 21th century***

Presented by Mehr Demokratie

This track is about innovative methods to strengthen democracy. We'll look at technology, new opportunities for collaboration, and citizens' growing social and cultural expectations that they themselves will participate in decision-making. What are the best ways we know now to draw on the intelligence of the people? How can we increase deliberation, especially in the digital world? How do participation and co-determination tools need to be interlinked and combined to make them useful for the resilient democracies of tomorrow?



**MEHR  
DEMOKRATIE**

**12:00-13:30**

**1.1. Panel: *By the many! How to democratise democracy in the 21th century.***

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)

With technological and societal advances, both the possibilities for democracy and the expectations of democracy have grown. The demands for more direct democracy and citizen participation are becoming louder around the world. How can we use both new, digital tools and old concepts of democracy, such as lottocracy, to create more resilient democracies?

**Raul Magni-Berton**, *Catholic University of Lille*

**Silvia Cervellini**, *Delibera Brasil*

**Dmytro Khutkyy**, *Centre for Advanced Internet Studies*

**Moderator: Ingrid Woods**, *Mehr Demokratie*

**13:00-13:15 Quick yoga break**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**13:30 - 14:30: Lunch**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

**14:00-14:30 Lunchtime yoga break**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**14:30-16:00 1.2 Workshop: Shaping democracy with sortition**

 Location: Neubad, Klub

"Lottocracy" is the buzzword. The best-known form is citizens' assemblies. In these new democratic spaces, academics sit next to craftswomen, pensioners next to young people, locals next to immigrants. Their task is to jointly propose solutions to political and social problems. These randomly selected citizens' assemblies, in combination with referendums, can also improve the quality of direct democracy. How such assemblies work (and don't work), why we need them, and how they might be integrated with other forms of democracy will be explained in this workshop.

**Thorsten Sterk**, *Mehr Demokratie*

**Andri Heimann**, *Center for Democracy Aarau*

**14:30-16:00 1.3 Workshop: Imagine all the people... towards citizen participation in the digital realm**

 Location: Neubad, Seminar 1

Imagine 300.000 people knocking at your door with thousands of ideas. Explore this digital democracy scenario with us and learn about best practices from all over the world. More and more cities are making their decision-making processes more open, transparent and participatory with the help of free and open-source democracy software. This trend can revitalise urban and digital discourse and empower citizens to shape the fate of municipal interaction themselves. This workshop focuses on different scenarios, best practices and the importance of open source for digital participation. Join us to prepare the world for real digital democracy.

**Ingrid Woods**, *Mehr Demokratie*


**Jan Renner**, *Mehr Demokratie*

**15:30-15:45 Quick yoga break**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**16:30-18:00 1.4 Workshop: Transparency laws - the path to an open society**

 Location: Neubad, Backstage

The prerequisite for any participation is free information. Those who cannot easily find out about state affairs are discouraged from truly participating. So finding paths to a more open, democratic and inclusive society requires more transparency. What are transparency laws? Where do they already exist and what do you need to consider when calling for more transparency? These and more questions around transparency policy will be brought to your attention in this workshop.

**Marie Jünemann**, *Mehr Demokratie*  
**Helen Darbshire**, *Access Info Europe*

**16:30-18:00 1.5 Workshop: How to build a Europe of the people?**

 Location: Neubad, Seminar 1

The European Union is the most complex structure of cooperation between states ever created. But today it finds itself at a crossroads: Will Europe find its own way in a seemingly bipolar world that is divided between China, Russia and others on the one hand and the US on the other? Will it update its democratic structures to rise to the challenges of our times? Europe's defining core, next to the protection of human rights, should become the systemic and inclusionary participation of its citizens. We want to discuss with you: How do we make Europe into a project of the people?

**Sarah Händel**, *Mehr Demokratie*  
**Anthony Zacharewski**, *Democratic Society*

**17:00-17:15 Quick yoga break**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann





## ***Fixing the climate through democracy - Solutions and obstacles***

The climate challenge is also a challenge for modern democracies. As governments and social movements search for effective ways to tackle the climate crisis, they are increasingly turning to direct and participatory tools of democratic engagement. The expectations associated with these tools are varied. Does citizens' deliberation lead to more radical policy measures? How much consensus do we need to pursue societal transformation democratically? And do democratic and participatory tools legitimise policy decisions—or create more doubts about the interests behind them?

Presented by the Stiftung Mercator, Germany

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### ***12:00-13:30 2.1 Workshop: Finding the right tool for the job: Innovative citizen participation for climate action***

➡ Location: Neubad, Klub

Many instruments are being developed to better engage with the "silent majority" of citizens, at the local, national and supranational levels. These instruments include public consultations, focus groups, citizens' assemblies, and participatory budgeting. Many of these are actively applied in the climate debate, both by governments and civil society. In this workshop we'll look at which instruments suit which contexts.

**Steffen Krenzer**, *Die Klimadebatte, Mehr Demokratie*

**Frederik Wegener**, *Liquid Democracy*

**Liam Innis**, *Renewables Grid Initiative*

**Christa Wenger**, *Co-President Greens City Lucerne and Member of Parliament*

**Moderator: Katharina Zuegel**, *Décider Ensemble*

### ***12:00-13:30 2.2. Workshop: Citizens' assemblies on climate — lessons from around the globe***

➡ Location: Neubad, Seminar 1

Citizens' assemblies have proven a particularly popular tool to address the climate crisis. In recent years, we have witnessed climate assemblies from the local to the global level in a variety of implementations. From Uster to North

Macedonia, to the COP26 Climate Conference. What are the lessons-learned from these diverse experiences? What are the opportunities and pitfalls? What are characteristics of a good citizens' assembly process?

**Agim Selami**, ZIP Institute North Macedonia


**Nenad Stojanović**, Center for Democracy Aarau

**Jon Stever**, Global Assembly

**Irene Alonso Toucido**, Federation for Innovation in Democracy Europe


**Moderator: Lise Deshautel**, European Climate Foundation

**13:00-13:15 Quick yoga break**


 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**13:30-14:30 Lunch**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

**14:00-14:30 Lunchtime yoga break**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**14:30-16:00 2.3. Panel: Tackling the climate crisis with more democracy**

 Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)

The climate crisis has given rise to strong calls for participatory tools of democratic engagement. In this panel, we will investigate why the climate crisis specifically has generated such momentum for direct and participatory democracy. We will discuss expectations and impacts linked to different tools of participation. And we will look at how instruments of democratic engagement can be successfully linked to the work of social movements and civil society.

**Amanda Suarez**, ClimateScience

**Erwin Mayer**, Democracy International

**Sarah Atwood**, Center for New Democratic Processes


**Moderator: Charlotte Ruhbaum**, Mercator Foundation Germany

**15:30-15:45 Quick yoga break**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**16:30-18:00 2.4 Workshop: The climate engagement geography:  
Effectively linking democratic participation, civil society & social movements**

 Location: Laboratorium (DE/EN)

Civil society organisations and social movements are important players in shaping the discourse on the climate crisis and in mobilising public pressure on political decision-makers. While some civil society actors welcome more deliberative practices of citizens' engagement in climate policy, others fear it as competition to the involvement of organised civil society. This workshop looks at the role deliberative practices of citizens' engagement can play vis-à-vis civil society and social movements in the political arena. How can complementarity and effective linkage look?

**Noora Firaq**, *Climate Outreach UK*

**Erwin Mayer**, *Democracy International*

**Milena Hess**, *Swiss Climate Strike*

**Moderator: Laura Bullon-Cassis**, *International Institute for Sustainable Development*

**16:30-18:00 2.5 Workshop: Climate on the ballot:  
Leveraging local direct democracy for global action**



*Location: Neubad, Seminar 2*

Around the globe, citizens have sought to use direct democracy to enforce binding decisions on climate change, especially on the local level. However, the climate crisis does not stop at city or country borders. How can direct democratic action on the local level engender impact on the global level?

**Achim Wölfel**, *Klimawende Köln*

**Michael Efler**, *BürgerBegehren Klimaschutz*

**Rahel Estermann**, *Member of Cantonal Parliament of Lucerne*

**Moderator: Adrià Duarte**, *United Cities and Local Governments*

**17:00-17:15 Quick yoga break**



*Location: Neubad, Pool*

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann




## For the many: democratic inclusion and infrastructure

The pandemic has stress-tested our democratic institutions. Now it's time to take stock of how we do democracy. How can we build good supporting infrastructure for our democracies? Who has the right to take part in decision-making? How can we include young people and the rights of future generations? To answer these questions, we will invite participants to do comparative work, considering the experience of their own community in contrast to what we are learning about our host country of Switzerland, and our 2023 Global Forum host, Mexico, to ground our thinking.

Presented by Swiss Democracy Foundation, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Federation of Swiss Youth Parliaments FSYP, Direct Democracy Navigator at Liechtenstein Institute, Algorithmwatch Switzerland and Foraus

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### 12:00-13:30 3.1. Workshop: Promising forms of youth participation in Europe

➡ Location: Neubad, Backstage



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Federazione Svizzera dei Parlamenti dei Giovani

The workshop "Promising forms of youth participation in Europe" will treat best practices of youth participation and demands from young people for their successful implementation. We will discuss these best practices from central Europe in a global context and try to see how these possibilities could spread globally.

**Yanina Welp**, Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy,  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**Anne Hardt**, Democracy International  
**Participants from the Democracy Youth Camp**

**Moderator: Christian Isler**, Federation of Swiss Youth Parliaments

### 12:00-13:30 3.2 Workshop: Smart democracy - Fostering participation through digital platforms

➡ Location: Neubad, Seminar 2



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In the past years, technological platforms have played an increasingly important role in informing and persuading voters. Done right, tools like this can provide important support infrastructure to voters. Smartvote International is such a tool that matches voters with candidates and parties that share their policy positions. In this workshop, we'll look at best-practices and experiences for participation tools.

**Robin Bartlett Rissi**, *Smartvote International, Politools, KPM Center for Public Management, University of Bern*

**13:00-13:15 Quick yoga break**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**13:30-14:30 Lunch**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

**14:00-14:30 Lunchtime yoga break**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**14:30-16:00 3.3. Workshop: The Direct Democracy Navigator - The starting point for information, facts and comparative analyses about direct democracy laws worldwide**

➡ Location: Neubad, Backstage



**THE NAVIGATOR**  
TO DIRECT DEMOCRACY

The Direct Democracy Navigator is a one-of-a-kind open information platform, gathering the characteristics of over 2,000 direct democracy instruments around the world on the local, regional, national and levels. In this workshop, we'll look at how the navigator is being used, and at its potential as a resource for research.

**Klaus Hofmann**, *Democracy International*  
**Eike-Christian Hornig**, *Liechtenstein Institute*

**14:30-16:00 3.4 Workshop: How democratic are algorithms?**

➡ Location: Laboratorium (DE/EN)

Increasingly, algorithms and artificial intelligence negotiate our access to democracy. What is the impact of this and how can we come to an ethical use of artificial intelligence in public and election administration? In this workshop, we will investigate how governance structures can be developed in such a way that digitisation benefits everyone.

**Anna Mätzener**, AlgorithmWatch Switzerland  
**Matthias Spielkamp**, AlgorithmWatch Germany



**15:30-15:45 Quick yoga break**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**16:30-18:00 3.5. Panel: How can we include the opinions, beliefs, and wishes of young people and the rights of future generations?**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool (DE/EN)

In this interactive session, we will look at the current challenges around democratic inclusion and infrastructure with a particular focus on including young people and the rights of future generations. What are the barriers to participation for young people? How can we ensure that intergenerational equity is taken into account? Join us for a creative and hands-on discussion. In this session, we will look at the current challenges around democratic inclusion and infrastructure with a particular focus on including young people and the rights of future generations. What are the barriers to participation for young people? How can we ensure that intergenerational equity is taken into account?

**Linda Sulzer**, Mercator Switzerland  
**Roberto Carlos Rivera-González**, Cohabitanter Mx  
**Simon Berthoud**, AG!SONS  
**Lillian Kimbell**, California State University  
**Moderator: Eduardo Belinchon de la Banda**, foraus



**17:00-17:15 Quick yoga break**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann



### ***Beyond borders: building transnational democracy***

Increasingly we are facing challenges that are transnational in nature and can only be tackled on the global level. However, on this transnational level, direct and participatory democratic instruments are still lacking. How can citizens participate effectively in global decision-making? How can we create synergies between local and national models of democracy and the transnational level? How can digital tools be used to strengthen global democracy?

Presented by GloCo & Democracy International



#### **12:00-13:30 4.1 Panel: Building a Global Democracy „Now is the time for transnational democracy.“**

*Location: Laboratorium (DE/EN)*

We have urgent global problems, and we also have the technology to build a global democracy for their resolution. So, how come global democracy does not exist yet? What obstacles stand in the way to creating digital-based governance that crosses borders? What elements are needed to build democratic infrastructure on the global level? How might global popular movements play a role? What is the role and responsibility of nation states?

**Stefan Kalberer**, *Democracy Without Borders*

**Eston McKeague**, *Young World Federalists*

**Lucy Koechlin**, *GloCo*

**Moderator: Caroline Vernailen**, *Democracy International*

#### **13:00-13:15 Quick yoga break**

➡ *Location: Neubad, Pool*

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

#### **13:30-14:30 Lunch**

*Location: Neubad, Pool*

#### **14:00-14:30 Lunchtime yoga break**

➡ *Location: Neubad, Pool*

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**14:30-16:00 4.2 Workshop: What (digital) tools do we need for a transnational democracy?**

 Location: Neubad, Seminar 2

To rise to the task of global challenges, we need to build democratic infrastructure that surpasses national borders in a way that radically differs from international relations today. Yet, certain key activities will remain relevant. In this workshop, we will jointly identify 2-4 key elements of transnational democracy and discuss them in groups in order to define what will be needed.


**Uwe Serdült**, Center for Democracy Aarau

**Eduardo Belinchon de la Banda**, foraus

**Gery Colombo**, GloCo

**Moderator: Gilles Mentré**, Electis

**14:30-16:00 4.3 Workshop: The European Citizens' Initiative - Understanding campaigner challenges and the value of an online support platform**

 Location: Neubad, Bistro

The workshop will aim to gather a practical understanding of campaigner experiences including challenges faced by backers of citizens initiatives and will explore how and to what extent the support infrastructure of the European Citizens' Initiative - from the European Citizens' Initiative Forum to the Central Online Collection System - meet and offset the challenges faced by campaigners. Do organisers of European Citizens' Initiatives face the same challenges as other initiative organisers? Participants will be heard on what support tools are available for similar initiative instruments around Europe and worldwide. Feedback from the workshop will be used to improve the existing support tools for future ECI organisers.

**Speaker: Tony Venables**, Voters Without Borders,

European Citizens' Initiative

Representative of Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics,

European Citizens' Initiative

**Moderator: Daniela Vancic**, Democracy International

**15:30-15:45 Quick yoga break**

 Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**16:30-18:00 4.4. Workshop: Transnational Democracy from the top or from the bottom?**

 Location: Neubad, Klub

What are the pathways towards achieving democracy beyond the nation state? Do we work “top-down,” by democratising existing multilateral institutions such as the UN, the EU and others? Or can we create a global democracy from the bottom, alongside and beyond existing institutions? Questions around citizen mobilisation, the legitimacy of political decisions, and the impact of transnational democratic solutions must be addressed with far more urgency. The purpose of the workshop is to identify the most important actions to be taken to accelerate transnational democratisation and effective problem-solving on a global level.

**Alexandra Gavilano**, *Citizens’ Democracy, Greenpeace*

**Daniel Graf**, *WeCollect, Foundation for Direct Democracy*

**Daniela Vancic**, *Democracy International*

**Jon Stever**, *Global Assembly*

**Moderator: Lucy Koechlin**, *GloCo*

**16:30-18:00 4.5 Workshop: Democracy under threat - civil society action across borders**

➡ Location: Neubad - Walk & Talk - Meeting point at the Pool info point

Around the world, recent advances to democracy are being reversed, but democracy activists continue their work. What does international solidarity mean in this context? How can democracy activists around the world support each other? What are the potential roles of local communities, democratic regions, and nation-states in collaborating around democracy protection?

**Sam Serey**, *Khmer Liberation Front*

**Léo Juvier-Hendrickx**, *International Association for Free Cubans*

**Csaba Madarász**, *aHang*

**Moderator: Mehdi Ben Mimoun**, *Democracy International*

**17:00-17:15 Quick yoga break**

➡ Location: Neubad, Pool

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**18:00-18:30 Evening yoga break**

➡ Location: Laboratorium

Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**18:30-21:00 The Global Forum Networking Evening**

➡ Location: Neubad Pool

Brief inputs, reception and democracy fair with exhibition space for different initiatives

DAY 3 **FRIDAY,  
23 SEPTEMBER**

## **TOUR DE SUISSE - A SPECIAL DAY FOR THE GLOBAL FORUM**

At the last Forum in 2019 we all boarded the "Taiwan Democracy Train" across the pacific island country. Now in Switzerland you are most welcome to take various trains and walks – for day excursions to and across Aarau, Berne, Lucerne and Uster

The programmes differ from city to city and include specific elements related to local modern participatory and direct democracy practice. Separate registration was mandatory to participate in one of the excursions. In case additional places open up, the Forum organisers will communicate on this.

## **Aarau**

Where it all started! Visit to the first Swiss capital and its current practices including research.

**Meeting point: Historical arch in front of the Lucerne train station, at 8:30**

*Departure of the delegation in Lucerne*

**Train IR 15 with a change in Zofingen 9:31-9:40 (S298937)**

**9:57 Arrival in Aarau**

*Walk to the Grand Council building.*

**10:15-11:45 Briefing**

Modern Direct democracy in the canton of Aargau and the city of Aarau (EN)

**11:45-12:45 Democracy city walk**

With historical and contemporary references (EN/DE)

**12:45-13:45 Lunch snack**

Followed by a walk to ZDA

**13:45-15:15 Visit to the ZDA, the National Centre for Democracy**

In-depth discussions on local, cantonal as well as other topics of the Global Forum

**16:26 Return journey to Lucerne**

Train S 15 with change in Sursee 17.07-17.18 (S1)



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# Bern

The federal centre of modern direct democracy in Switzerland and its new information centre.

**Meeting point: Historical arch in front of the Lucerne train station, at 8:30**

**09:00-10:00 Departure from Lucerne**

**10:15-12:00 Federal Palace**

Guided tour with Member of Parliament Matthias Aebischer

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

Location: House of the Cantons

**13:00-15:30 Federalism and direct democracy in Switzerland: two faces of the same coin**

Location: House of the Cantons (English - optionally German and French).  
Coffee break included.

With the Fondation ch and the Institute of Federalism: Guided tour followed by discussions in small groups and an exchange with experts from science and political practice.

**15:30-16:30 Guided tour Democracy Mile**

With the Polit-Forum Bern - in two groups.

**16:30-19:00 Democracy Tower Polit-Forum Bern**

Visit of the exhibition followed by an apero in the podium hall.

**18:00 -18:45 Concert**

By the parliamentary band Fraktionszwang

**18:45 Return journey to Lucerne, free evening**



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Assessing 175 years of direct democracy practice and ways to strengthen democracy in the future.

**Meeting point: Historical arch in front of the Lucerne train station, at 10:15**

**10:15 Welcome to the Lucerne City Tour**

Introduction by **Adrian Schmid**, President Swiss Democracy Foundation

**10:30 - 11:30 Direct democracy and basic income in the ecological future**

Location: OMNIBUS for Direct Democracy, Bahnhofstrasse 5, Lucerne (EN)

Which role can direct democracy play in building an ecological society? In particular, how can we implement democratic checks on money flows to make them consistent with our ecological goals? The direct-democratic introduction of an unconditional basic income could be an example. It would result in nobody having to do work that is superfluous or even harmful. Everyone could develop their skills in a meaningful way and use them to shape society. How can the basic income be financed?

**11:45 – 12:15 Sandwich break at the info point**

**European Public Sphere / Omnibus**

Location: Bahnhofstrasse 5, Lucerne

**12:30 - 15:45 Direct Democracy in Switzerland:**

**New Findings from Voting Research**

Location: University Lucerne, Room 4.B55 (EN). Including coffee break.

In this panel, political scientists present their recent findings on the functioning of direct democracy in Switzerland and discuss them with the public.

The six presentations are based on scientific analyses, but are presented in a way that is comprehensible to a general, international audience.

Lead: Prof. Dr. Marc Bühlmann has been Director of Année Politique Suisse since 2011 and Dr. Hans-Peter Schaub is project manager of the Swissvotes data platform.

**18:00 - 19:30 Workshop on the cantonal initiative**

**„Stimmrechtsalter 16 - Voting Age 16“**

Location: Laboratorium (German only)

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Politikrat der Grossen und Kleinen des Kantons Luzern  
Politikrat der Kantone im Parlament des Kantons

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Where does Switzerland, and in particular the canton of Lucerne, stand with regard to the voting age of 16? Does the recently launched popular initiative for voting age 16 in the canton of Lucerne have any chance at all after the vote in the canton of Zurich? And is a similar process emerging as with the introduction of women's voting rights? In an exchange with experts and politicians, the Swiss Democracy Foundation, the umbrella organisation of youth parliaments DSJ and the Youth Parliament of Lucerne get to the bottom of the arguments for or against voting age 16.

Closing with an Apéro at the Laboratorium

A continuation of the sessions in „Track 4: Beyond Borders - Building a Transnational Democracy“. Participants on this excursion will receive a look beyond national democracy from an innovative city in Eastern Switzerland.

**Meeting point: Historical arch in front of the Lucerne train station, at 8:45**

**9:09 Train from Lucerne to Uster**

**10:20 Arrival in Uster**

**10:30 - 11:30 Welcome to Uster**

Coffee and welcome address, hosted by the mayor of the city, Barbara Thalmann  
Introduction to the democratic challenges and tools of Uster.

**11:30-13:30: Interactive workshop on (digital) identity for global voters**

*Location: Council chamber at city hall of Uster*

With the rise of social media, petition and deliberation platforms and digital voting tools existing, citizens can express their opinion in many ways. The big missing part in all of this is a (digital) identity for every global citizen that uniquely and reliably identifies them. An identity that is easy to obtain for every global citizen but still is secure and safe from identity theft. In this session, we will discuss and hopefully agree on the voter requirements for such an identity, give some background information about technical aspects and will look into existing solutions. We will also introduce the "global voter initiative" and agree on a name and branding for the proposed voter ID.





**Gery Colombo**, GloCo, Switzerland  
**Ehud Shapiro**, Weizmann Institute of Science  
**Eston McKeague**, Young World Federalists  
**Ouri Poupko**, Weizmann Institute of Science

**13:30-15:30 Guided Tour of democracy landmarks in the city**

Including a visit of the castle of Uster and a Lebanese lunch,  
offered by the city of Uster

**15:30-17:30 Interactive workshop:**  
**"Today's deliberation and voting platforms"**

Location: Council chamber at city hall of Uster

A series of digital platforms for deliberation and/or voting have been developed and some are in regular use in local, national or even global democracies. After a short overview presentation, we will present and try out three platforms to understand their functionalities and identify requirements for future developments that will be needed for a transnational or global use.

**Hendrik Nahr**, Make.org  
**Gilles Mentré**, Electis  
**Rasmus Tenbergen**, World Parliament Experiment,  
Democracy Without Borders  
**Gery Colombo**, GloCo  
**Moderator: Lars Lünenburger**, GloCo

**18:00 Return trip to Lucerne, free evening**

Zurich is on the way back, only 12 minutes from Uster by train

**or optional short hike with possibility for a nice barbecue in the region of Lake Greifensee (Registered participants only).**

DAY 4 **SATURDAY,  
24 SEPTEMBER**

**From 8:30 Registration**

*Location: University Lucerne*

**09:00-10:00 Wrap-up plenary session: Reports from the 4 tracks  
and the Tour de Suisse**

*Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium (DE/EN)*

Over the past couple of very intense Global Forum days, we've discussed many important topics and came to essential insights. In this session, we gather the most pertinent conclusions from the different tracks and formulate a way forward for democracy.

**Moderator: Raban Fuhrmann, Academy for a Learning Democracy**

**10:00-10:30 Three initiatives to move democracy forward**

*Pathways for the future of democracy in France, Switzerland and the World (DE/EN)*



**Clara Egger,**  
*Rijksuniversiteit Groningen -  
A nationwide organisation  
to promote direct  
democracy in France*



**Andrew Holland, Director  
at Mercator Switzerland –  
“Anstoss Demokratie” a  
trinational initiative for  
democracy development**



**Dane Waters, Chairman  
of the Punjab Referendum  
Commission/Chairman of  
IRI US**



**and Salman Yunus, New  
York Lawyer coordinating  
the first global self  
organised popular vote  
- The Global Khalistan  
referendum.**

**10:30-12:00 Concluding Plenary Panel: How to Save Democracy**

*Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium (DE/EN)*

Authoritarianism, fake news, pandemics, war: democracy is in one of its greatest crises since the Second World War. Democracies must become more resilient, say politicians. Only a just democracy is a robust democracy, say activists. They call for „deep inclusion“ - the full participation of minorities, the disadvantaged and the young in political processes. Taiwan is exemplary in this regard. But many democracies, including the US and Switzerland, exclude groups.

In the SWI swissinfo.ch debate, experts and activists from four democracies will talk about their experiences of letting people participate and giving them a voice.

Welcome by **Larissa M. Bieler** (Director) and Introduction by **Mark Livingston** (Editor in Chief)

Presented by SWI swissinfo.ch

**Moderator:**



**Renat Künzi,**  
SWI swissinfo.ch

**Speakers:**



**Antonella Valmorbida,**  
ALDA European  
Association for Local  
Democracy



**Greta Ríos,**  
Ollín



**Sarah Händel,**  
Mehr Demokratie

**12:00-13:00 Concluding Plenary session:**  
**Presentation and adoption of Lucerne Declaration on Modern Democracy and invitation to the 2023 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy**  
Location: University Luzern, Rudolf Albert Koechlin Auditorium (DE/EN)

**Joe Mathews,** Co-president of the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy



**Claudia Zavala Pérez,**  
Electoral Councilor of the  
National Electoral Institute  
(INE)



**Roberto Heycher Cardiel  
Soto,** Executive Director of  
Electoral Training and Civic  
Education (INE)

**15:00-15:30 Afternoon yoga break**  
Location: European Public Sphere, Bahnhofstrasse 5, Lucerne  
Session by Elisabeth Erlandsson Kaufmann

**16:00-17:30 2022 Democracy City Summit**

*Location: Lucerne City Hall Kornschütte (DE/EN)*

Towards an International League of Democracy Cities



The first draft of the Magna Charta was developed and agreed upon at the 2018 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy in Rome, with the strong support of that city's parliament and of representatives of cities across the globe. The draft, which outlines what it means to be a "democracy city," has since been circulated around the world, with cities proposing amendments and changes. In its current version, the Magna Charta lists 20 different democracy dimensions at the local level. At the 2022 Democracy City Summit we will hear from participating and interested cities and network organizations, how the local political level can strengthen its impact worldwide to make democracy stronger, resilient and participatory.

Welcome and introductions by Lucerne Mayor **Beat Züsli** and **Christian Hochstrasser**, president of city parliament.

Presented by the City of Lucerne



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(RO)



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Bucharest (RO)



**Arturo Flores,**  
*Anahuac University  
Mexico*

Signing ceremony of the Magna Charta for an International League of Democracy Cities.

**Moderator:**

**Bruno Kaufmann,** Co-president Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy

**18:00 Come Together – a last night in Lucerne**

*Location: City Hall Brewery, Unter der Egg 2, Lucerne*

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• HISTORIC BREWERY IN THE BASEMENT  
OF LUCERNE CITY HALL.



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DAY 5 **SUNDAY,  
25 SEPTEMBER**

### **DECISION DAY**

On this national voting day, the third of the year 2022, eligible Swiss citizens head to the polls to decide on local, cantonal and national issues. Forum participants can follow the vote and analysis of the results at different locations.

*Location: Marianischer Saal, Lucerne*

**10:30-10:40 Welcome by the President of the Cantonal Council, Rolf Born (German only)**

**10:40-11:30 Performance by the Lucerne Theaterkids – “Fought like a Lion” (German only)**

*Voting Observation (upon advance registration only)*

**09:20 Welcome by Adrian Schmid**

*Meeting Point in front of the Stadthaus, Hirschengraben 17, Lucerne*

**09:30 The procedure of the current votes**

Introduction by Thomas Zumbühl, Head of Elections and Voting

**09:40 Visit to the „Heiliggeistkapelle“ polling station**

Explanation of the counting procedure

*Start of English-language programme (open to all)*

**10:30 Opening of the 2022 Global Forum Ballot Box and counting of the votes**

*Location: European Public Sphere, Bahnhofstrasse 5, Lucerne*

**12:15-14:00 Results and analysis**

*Location: Marianischer Saal, Bahnhofstrasse 18, Lucerne*

Results of the Global Forum participants vote, followed by the first projections and analysis of the results of the national, cantonal and municipal votes.

! THE END OF THE 2022 GLOBAL FORUM ON  
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• **SOON AGAIN IN MEXICO CITY!**





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