

Parallel Panels Schedule Grid | "Academic Freedom and Democracy" • Graz, September 7-8, 2026

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3:30 - 5:00 pm Mon, Sept 7	Higher Education Governance and Academic Freedom Hedwig Unger (Chair) Margarita Cvitkovic Anna Strassmeier Alexander Loder Eleonóra Wagenknecht	Between Resilience and Erosion: Courts, Academics and Liberal Democracy Matej Avbelj (Chair) Antonio Ignazio Arena Maciej Pach Ausrine Pasvenskiene	Academic Freedom and Democratic Backsliding Lorenz Dopplinger (Chair) Yelyzaveta Kutseviak Raymond Rasser Begüm Gürcüoglu Adam Bodnar	Censorship by Other Means? Culture Wars, Cancellation, and the Silencing of Academics and Students Roman Friedrich (Chair) Giovanni Boggero Klára Franková Eszter Kirs	Money, Markets and Metrics: Academic Freedom under Managerial Pressure Sebastian Scholz (Chair) André Bartsch Ilaria Balsi Stefania Parisi Miriam Carani	Academic Self-Governance and Institutional Autonomy Andreas Orator (Chair) Giada Ragone Dylan Couck Robert Böttner Ariel Axel Slawinski Igor Adamczyk
5:30 - 7:00 pm Mon, Sept 7	The complex relationship between Academic Freedom & Democracy in (EU) constitutional theory & Austrian practice Laura Pavlidis (Chair) Angela Lintner Thomas Kröll Sebastian Lendl-Lewisch	Academic freedom in the ECHR Vasiliki Kosta (Chair) Olga Ceran Emma de Vries Eleonóra Wagenknecht Lorenz Dopplinger (Discussant)	Academic Freedom Beyond the State: Inter- and Transnational Dimensions Matej Avbelj (Chair) Eve Darian-Smith Sotiris Paphitis Andrew Scott Mansfield Aiste Mickonyte-Harzl	Law Teachers, Justice and Academic Freedom Peter Hilpold (Chair) Harald Scheu Xabier Arzoz Paolo Piva Stefan Oeter	Italian Regulations on University Recruitment and the Quality of Research: Between Substantive Rules and Procedural Aspects Piera Vipiana (Chair) Matteo Timo Giovanni Botto Sara Scazzola	Protecting Academic Freedom in Europe: Conceptual and Practical Challenges Hedwig Unger (Chair) Rosalind Pritchard Theodor Leiber Jurgen Rienks
9:00 - 10:30 am Tue, Sept 8	The European Concept(s) of Academic Freedom and Democracy Hedwig Unger (Chair) Laura Pavlidis Nikolas Eisentraut Margarita Cvitkovic	Comparative Perspectives on Academic Freedom and the Right to Education in Democratic Decline Andrew Scott Mansfield (Chair) Mukes Kumar Meghwar Oluchi Queen Egbuta Mohammad Imran Khushal	Educating Democracy, Democratizing Education Lorenz Dopplinger (Chair) Martin Bernard Hanna Palmanshofer Christoph Turecek Andreas Sauermoser	Academic freedom suppressed and hopefully relieved: the Hungarian Case Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz (Chair) András L Pap Nóra Chronowski Zsolt Körtvélyesi Zoltán Szente	Feeds, Faculty and Freedom: Neutrality, Expertise and Knowledge Institutions in the Platform Age Florian Werni (Chair) Rafael B Nunes Georgia Patanzi Sophia Zima	—
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Tue, Sept 8	Academic Freedom and the Freedom to Research: Legal Transformations Across Contexts Giovanni D'Alessandro (Chair) Benedetta Agosotinelli Nicola Colacino Federico Girelli Francesco Cirillo Raffaele Marzo	Digital Transformations: Academia in the Age of Surveillance and AI Rafael B Nunes (Chair) Alina Gentimir Poorva Sharma Christoph Schranz Gennaro Cifinelli	Beyond the Ivory Tower: Knowledge Dissemination and Democratic Engagement Christiane Ahlborn (Chair) Alexandra Parragh Rebecka Lettevall Abhijeet Dhere Matteo Milanese	Knowledge Production, Research Methods and Academic Practice Sebastian Scholz (Chair) Nadav Dagan Maria Francesca De Tullio Prerana Srinath Ornella Seigeneury	Academic Freedom as Institutional Practice: Soft Law and the Governance of Universities Wanda Nocerino (Chair) Antonio Ventriglio Michele Russo Mariagiovanna Fragasso Federica Anna Nardelli Anna Romagno Maria Pia Di Giuseppe (Discussant)	—