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Democracy and the Transnational Digital Society. Insights from Discourse Theory.

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We are in the midst of a fourth transformation of democracy. City-states have been replaced by nation-states in the 17th and 18th century, and nation-states were embedded in multi-level governance arrangements in the 20th century. Today we are witnessing the emergence of a transnational network society cutting through nation-states and emptying the very idea of a national community of much of its empirical and normative content. What does this process imply for democracy? Or more

specifically: in how far is the underlying communicative infrastructure of democracy affected by this process and what are the new opportunities and challenges for the quality of discourse in national democracies and beyond? The talk connects discourse theory to the emergence of a transnational network society and derives a number of policy implications for reforming the structures of democratic discourse.

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**Library Auditorium (Room 146), Library
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The discussion will be held in English and will be open to the public

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