

**AGENDA**

# FRONTIERS OF TRUTH

Reclaiming liberal democracy in  
a post-factual world

**RECLAIM Final Conference**

**FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2025**

**BRUSSELS,  
BELGIUM**



# Friday, 27 June

10:15 - 11:00

## Registrations and welcome coffee

---

11:00 - 11:10

## Welcome & opening remarks

- **Pia Hansson**, Director, Institute of International Affairs, University of Iceland

11:10 - 11:30

## Setting the stage

### “From disinformation to distrust: Making sense of post-truth politics”

- **Maximilian Conrad**, Professor, University of Iceland & RECLAIM Principal Investigator
- 

11:15 - 11:30

## Coffee Break

---

11:30 - 12:30

## Reverse panel

### “Echo-chamber or public forum? Rethinking the role of media in liberal democracy”

- **Marta Barandiy**, Founding President, Promote Ukraine
- **Alberto Rabbachin**, Deputy Head of Unit, Media Convergence and Social Media, DG CNECT, European Commission
- **Renate Schroeder**, Director, European Federation of Journalists
- **Hans-Jorg Trezn**, Professor, Scuola Normale Superiore

Moderated by **Meabh McMahon**, TV Journalist & Presenter

---

12:30 - 13:30

## Lunch

---

13:30 - 14:45

## Counter the election hacker

### “The fight for electoral integrity in Europe”

- **Sara Ahnberg**, Member of the Spokesperson's Unit & Head of the Information Integrity Team, European Parliament
- **Ben Graham Jones**, Consultant in Emerging Threats to Democratic Integrity
- **Fulvia Menin**, Policy Officer, Information Integrity and Countering Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference Division, European External Action Service
- **Jonáš Syrovátka**, Researcher, Charles University

Moderated by **Boyd Wagner**, Political Strategist & Elections Analyst, Euronews Contributor

14:45 - 15:00

### Short Break

---

15:00 - 16:00

### Critical reflections

#### “Regulating disinformation: How much is too much?”

- **Luis Bouza García**, Professor, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- **Claire Pershan**, EU Advocacy Lead, Mozilla Foundation
- **Anja Wyrobek**, Legal Policy Advisor to MEP Birgit Sippel, European Parliament

Moderated by **Shada Islam**, Founder & Managing Director, New Horizons Project

---

16:00 - 16:30

### Coffee Break

---

16:30 - 17:30

### Post-truth be told **LIVE**

#### “Beyond the clickbait: Information flows and EU policy-making”

- **Pamela Bartlett Quintanilla**, Team Leader - Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach (Greens/EFA), European Parliament
- **Ciara Bottomley**, Media Manager, Amnesty International
- **James Kanter**, Co-producer and Editor, EU Scream
- **Paola Tamma**, EU Correspondent, Financial Times

Live podcast recording hosted by **Alvaro Oleart**, FNRS postdoctoral researcher, Department of Political Science & Institute for European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles

---

17:30- 17:45

### Concluding remarks

- **Maximilian Conrad**, Professor, University of Iceland & RECLAIM Principal Investigator
- 

17:45

### Reception

## About RECLAIM

RECLAIM (Reclaiming Liberal Democracy in the Post-Factual Age) is a Horizon Europe project on Reclaiming Liberal Democracy in a Post-Truth era. In recent years there has been a rise in what the experts call “post truth politics”, which manipulates facts and emotions. The project tries to understand how this phenomenon is affecting the future of democracy in Europe, and more importantly, what we can do about it.



## About TEPESA

The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) was established in 1974 as the first transnational research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high-quality research on European integration to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by the interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPESA is active on a wide range of research topics, focusing on differentiated integration, the EU's external relations, democratic participation and citizens' engagement.

