

# Zagreb Law Summer School

June 23rd –  
July 4th, 2025

Law, Society, and  
Crises of Democracy  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



Faculty of Law -  
University of Zagreb



23 MONDAY

JUNE



Introduction to topics  
and terms

9:00-10:30  
Opening of the summer  
school: Why democracy?

Dario Čepo

10:30-11:00 Break



11:00-12:30  
Democratic society  
and sociological  
imagination

Siniša Zrinščak

Welcome dinner

24 TUESDAY

JUNE

What's up  
with democracy?

9:00-10:30  
Disobedient  
democracy

Karlo Kralj

10:30-11:00 Break



11:00-12:30  
Democratization and  
democratic  
backsliding in the 21<sup>st</sup>  
century

Dario Čepo

Visiting Centre for  
Peace Studies

25 WEDNESDAY

JUNE

Law and democracy

9:00-10:30  
Can law protect  
democracy?

Matija Miloš

10:30-11:00 Break



11:00-12:30  
How courts defend  
democracy?

Goran Selanec

City tour

26 THURSDAY

JUNE

Dominant societal groups

9:00-10:30  
The role of religion in a  
democratic society

Siniša Zrinščak

10:30-11:00 Break



11:00-12:30  
Political parties'  
position in a democratic  
system

Dario Nikić Čakar

Visiting the Centre for the  
Culture of Dialogue

27 FRIDAY

JUNE

Democratic watchdogs

9:00-10:30  
Civil society  
and protection  
of democracy

Lejla Šehić Relić

10:30-11:00 Break



11:00-12:30  
Protecting journalism as a

Vanja Jurić

Surprise trip

30 MONDAY JUNE	1 TUESDAY JULY	2 WEDNESDAY JULY	3 THURSDAY JULY	4 FRIDAY JULY
<i>Marginalized groups</i>	<i>Discrimination in a democracy</i>	<i>Protecting democracy beyond nation state</i>	<i>Protecting democracy beyond nation state</i>	<i>Final day</i>
9:00-10:30 Displaced persons, war victims, and transitional justice <i>Dženeta Karabegović</i>	9:00-10:30 National minorities and crisis of democracy <i>Antonija Petričušić</i>	9:00-10:30 Role of ECJ in protecting democracy in the EU <i>Davor Petrić</i>	9:00-10:30 Protecting democracy at the local level <i>Romea Manojlović Toman</i>	9:00-10:30 Exam
10:30-11:00 Break 	10:30-11:00 Break 	10:30-11:00 Break 	10:30-11:00 Break 	10:30-11:00 Break 
11:00-12:30 Are there LGBT rights without democracy? <i>Koen Sootmaeckers</i>	11:00-12:30 Women's rights as a battlefield in contemporary democracies <i>Ana Horvat Vuković</i>	11:00-12:30 ECtHR and the protection of democracy in Europe <i>Ksenija Turković</i>	11:00-12:30 The state of democracy in the world: a realist assessment <i>Nicholas Micinski</i>	11:00-12:30 Closing conversation
Conversation with Faktograf team	Visiting the Ombudsperson for Gender Equality	Cultural evening	Pre-exam study session	Reception

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