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CALL FOR PAPERS

## **DEMOCRACY, BETWEEN CRISIS AND NEW CHALLENGE**

26 – 27 - 28 OCTOBER 2022  
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL SCIENCE  
DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Across the centuries the notion of democracy has progressively moved away from its literal meaning of “government of the people”. The global crises that occurred through history, generated deep changes within democratic processes.

Even though the political-democratic dimension is anchored to the national level, the economic and financial dimension seems to have global roots: this divergence represents the great challenge facing the democracies all over the world.

For these reasons it is important to stimulate a broad, multidisciplinary debate among young researchers with the aim to focus on some main questions: *What is the state of health of democracy today? How democracies have been challenged by the great crises of the past? What challenges lie ahead?*

The *Student Conference* organized by the doctoral students in Political Science of the University of Messina, is addressed to PhD candidates and early scholars in Political Sciences, Law, Economics and Humanities, who attained their degree from no longer than three years.

The aim of the Conference is favouring different methodological approaches and disciplinary fields, focusing on the following themes:

- Democracy and crisis of the representative government
- Sovereignty crisis and global governance
- Democracy and digital ecosystem
- Cooperation to development, innovation and democratic processes
- Democracy, environment and eco-sustainability
- Equality and inclusion: what “gender” of democracy?
- Populism and euro-scepticism in democratic processes
- Representing democracy in arts
- Political participation and democracy between the modern and contemporary ages

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

By 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 candidates must:

- Fill in this FORM: <https://forms.office.com/r/XRSuugGS3B>
- Send an *abstract* (max. 500 words) and a *curriculum studiorum* to the following e-mail address: [conferencescipog@unime.it](mailto:conferencescipog@unime.it)

Candidates will receive the results of the assessment by the 30th of June 2022. The paper will be subsequently peer-reviewed for possible publication.

The Student Conference will be held at the University of Messina on 26-27-28 October 2022.

The conference will be organized in presence, if allowed by the health regulations in force.

In case of impossibility due to the global health emergency, the Conference will move online.

#### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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