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# *What Are Democratic Elections For?*

## Project Kick-off Workshop

REVoTED – Rethinking elections: Voter trust, equality, democracy

*24–25 June 2026*

This workshop is organised in hybrid format and can be attended on-site (Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan), or online.

Both forms of participation require [registration](#) ↗.

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### PROGRAMME

#### **Wednesday, 24 June**

**10:00 – 12:15**

Enrico Biale

Università del Piemonte Orientale

*Back to Pareto: Unpacking the Neo-Reactionary Challenge to Democracy*

Udit Bhatia

King's College London

*Rule-Breaking Democratic Competition: A Normative Inquiry*

**13:45 – 16:00**

Valeria Ottonelli

Università di Genova

*Elections, External Voting and the Democratic Injustice Loop*

Ryan Pevnick

New York University

*Presumptive Political Equality*

**16:30 – 18:45**

Joseph Lacey

University College Dublin

*Moral Coping in Election Campaigns*

Chiara Destri

Università di Milano

*Democratic Elections, Equality, and Trust*

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## Thursday, 25 June

**9:45 – 12:00**

Elena Ziliotti

City University of Hong Kong

*The Normative Role of Elections in Contemporary Confucian Political Theory*

Carlo Burelli

Università del Piemonte Orientale

*Representation Without Elections: Rescuing Democratic Responsiveness Through Personalized AI Representatives*

**13:30 – 15:45**

Giulia Bistagnino

Università di Milano

*Democratic Representation and Political Autonomy*

Kevin Elliott

Yale University — with Jeffrey Lenowitz, Brandeis University

*Toward an Ethics of Citizen Decision-Making: A Framework for Democratic Theory*

Each presentation will be followed by a 30 minute discussion.

For more details on the programme, including presentation abstracts, and on participating, please visit the [workshop page](#) ↗

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### SPS Seminar Room (Room 215, II Floor, Passione Side)

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via Conservatorio 7, Milan

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*Obiettivo principale dell'operazione* – Il progetto mira a sviluppare un'analisi teorica delle elezioni come meccanismo democratico, al fine di individuare soluzioni per migliorarne la legittimità, insieme all'eguaglianza politica e alla fiducia nelle istituzioni dei cittadini.



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