
Lecture Series 2026

Democratic Resilience through Civil Society

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State vs. Algorithm : Digital Power, State Capture, and the Quest to Reclaim Democracy?

This lecture explores the transformative shift in global governance and societal organization as traditional state structures are increasingly challenged—and sometimes replaced—by algorithmic systems. Presenting Mathias Bianchi's book of the same title, it examines how data-driven technologies, artificial intelligence, and automated decision-making are reshaping sovereignty, citizenship, and power in the digital age. Through a critical lens, the lecture asks whether algorithms can contribute to more efficient public administration or whether they pose an unprecedented threat to democratic values, transparency, and individual autonomy.
