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**MEDem**  
MONITORING ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY

*Information Booklet*

**MEDem Conference &  
Workshops 2024**

February 29 - March 1

Vienna



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# Welcome to the MEDem Conference & Workshops!

*2-day networking conference and workshop  
on Monitoring Electoral Democracy*

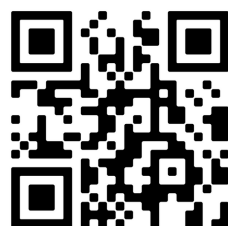
We are happy to welcome you to the second MEDem Conference & Workshop at the University of Vienna. This conference is designed to facilitate in-depth discussions on refining our research infrastructure, fostering stronger collaboration among our members, and reaffirming our dedication to securing a spot on the ESFRI roadmap.

This document will provide you with all the details about the event.

## **Where will the Conference be held?**

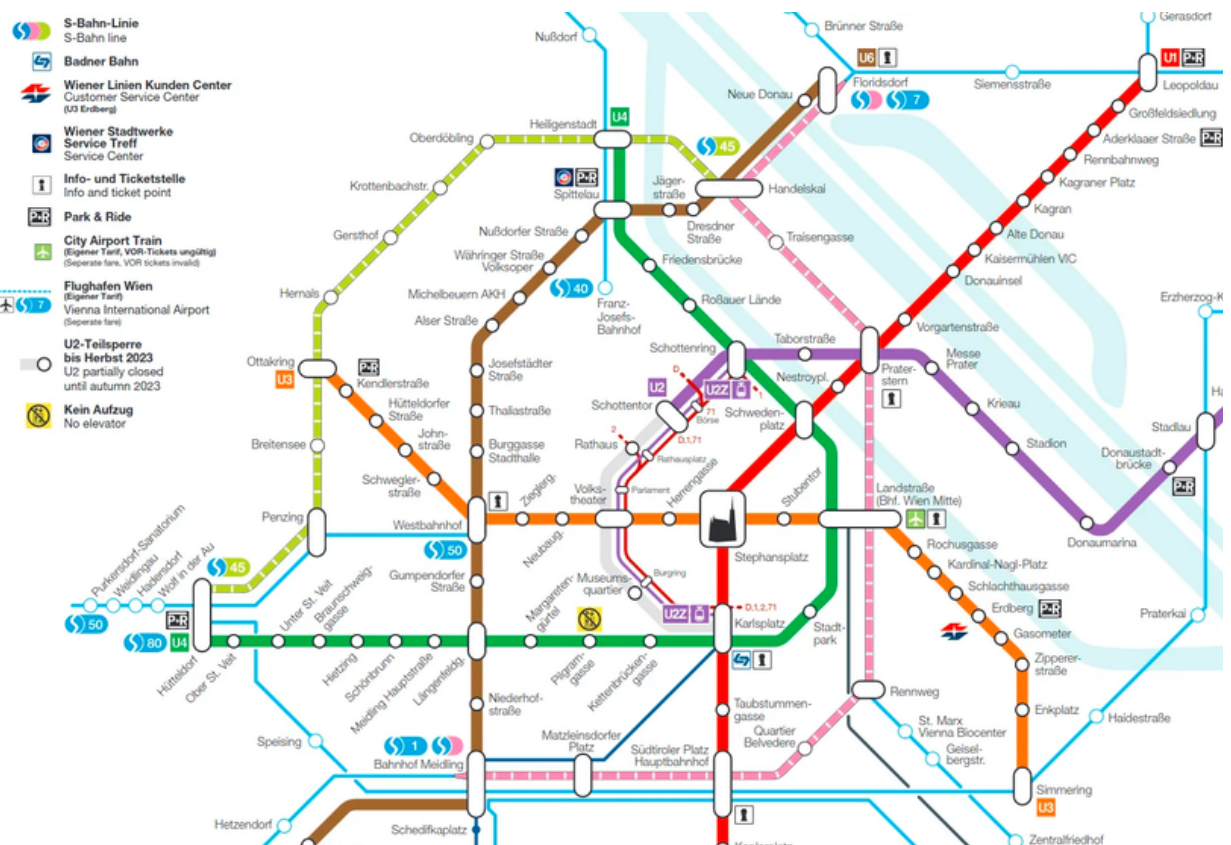
The MEDem Conference will take place in the ***AULA am Campus of the University of Vienna***. You can find a site plan of the campus on page 11 and the address and QR code with a map below.

**Address:**  
AULA am Campus  
Spitalgasse 2-4, Hof 1.11  
1090 Vienna



# Public Transportation

Vienna has great public transportation. During the daytime, public transport leaves every 3 to 10 minutes in the city centre, trains from the airport leave every 30 minutes. Keep in mind that public transport only runs until around 12:30 am Thursday night.

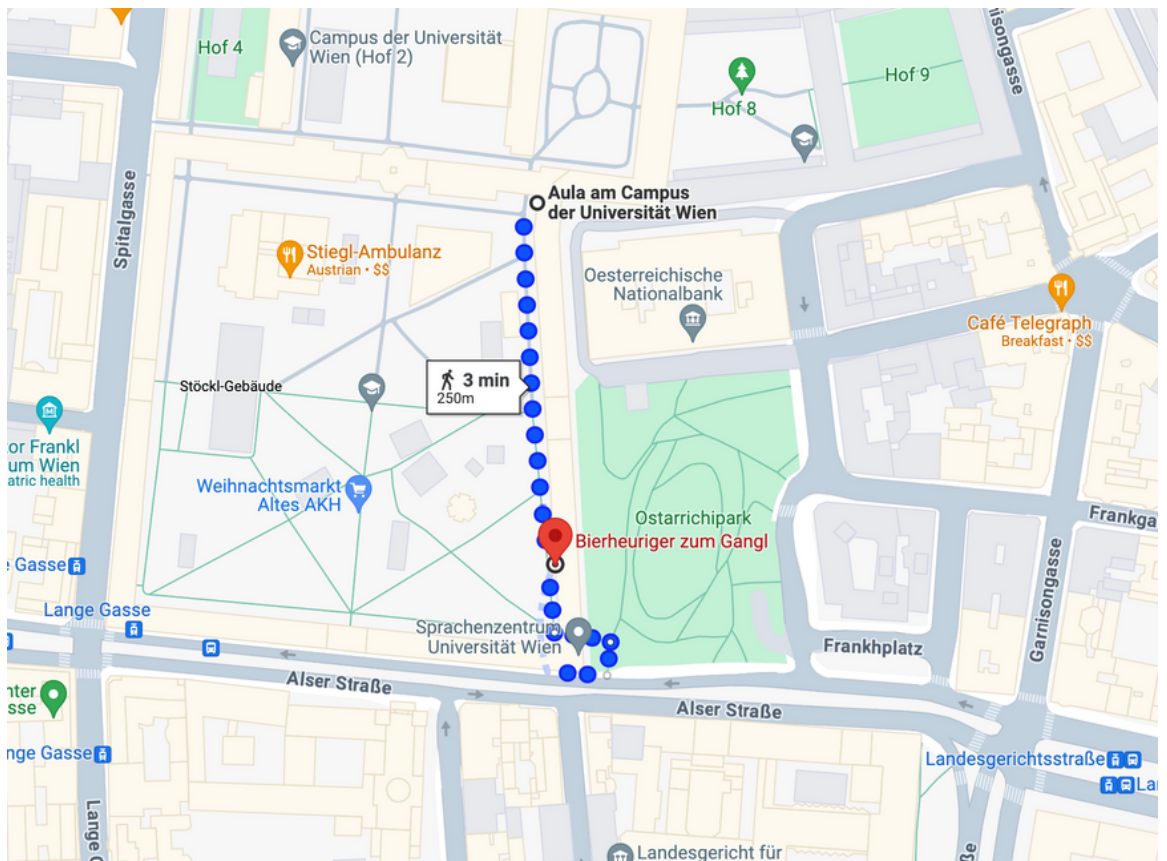


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## Dinner at Bierheuriger zum Gangl

On Thursday at **7 pm**, we look forward to inviting you to dinner at Bierheuriger zum Gangl, conveniently located just a 3-minute walk from the AULA am Campus.



**Address:**  
Bierheuriger zum Gangl  
Alser Straße 4, Hof 1  
1090 Vienna



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democracy research.



## Conference & Workshops

29 February 2024, AULA am Campus

# PROGRAM DAY 1

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| <b>09.00 – 9:30</b>  | <b>Welcome Speeches</b><br><i>University of Vienna - Manuela Baccarini</i><br><i>City of Vienna - Jürgen Czernohorszky</i><br><i>Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Research - Barbara Weitgruber</i>   |
| <b>09.30 – 11.00</b> | <b>Keynotes: The Future of Democracy Research</b><br><i>Liesbet Hooghe &amp; Gary Marks (Chapel Hill)</i><br><i>Mark Franklin (EUI)</i>  |
| <b>11.00 – 11.15</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| <b>11.15 – 12.30</b> | <b>Talk &amp; Discussion: The Current State of MEDem</b><br><i>Hajo Boomgaarden &amp; Sylvia Kritzinger (University of Vienna)</i>   |
| <b>12.30 – 13.30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>13.30 – 15.30</b> | <b>Talk &amp; Discussion: MEDem Building Blocks</b><br><i>Introduction to the MEDem Framework - Lorenzo De Sio</i><br><i>Introduction to Meteor (OPTED) - Marvin Stecker</i><br><i>Introduction to the EQB (CESSDA) - Georg Lutz</i><br><i>Introduction to Demscore - Melina Liethmann</i> |
| <b>15.30 – 16.00</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| <b>16.00 – 17.30</b> | <b>MEDem Workshop</b><br><i>Priorities. Needs and Expectations for Processes and Services</i>  |
| <b>19.00</b>         | <b>Dinner</b>  |

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1 March 2024, AULA am Campus

## PROGRAM DAY 2

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| <b>09.30 – 10:45</b> | <b>Talk &amp; Discussion: Workshop Results</b><br><i>Jakob-Moritz Eberl &amp; Johanna Willmann (University of Vienna)</i> |
| <b>10.45 – 11.00</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| <b>11.00 – 12.00</b> | <b>Talk &amp; Discussion: MEDem's Non-Academic Stakeholders</b><br><i>Christian Endt - Data Journalist (Die Zeit)</i>     |
| <b>12.00 – 12.30</b> | <b>Closing Remarks &amp; To Dos</b><br><i>Hajo Boomgaarden &amp; Sylvia Kritzinger (University of Vienna)</i>             |
| <b>12.30</b>         | <b>Lunch</b>  |




## About MEDem

Monitoring Electoral Democracy (MEDem) is a new, evolving European research infrastructure that will enable better, more comprehensive, and highly innovative comparative research on electoral democracies by inventorying relevant concepts and scales, bringing together and linking data sources on the functioning of democracies, and building standards and instruments for data collection and analysis.



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# **MEDem Steering Committee**

## **Hajo Boomgaarden (University of Vienna)**

Hajo Boomgaarden is Professor of Methods in the Social Sciences at the Department of Communication and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Vienna. His research focuses on various aspects of political communication and on the application of computational social science methods.

## **Sylvia Kritzinger (University of Vienna)**

Sylvia Kritzinger is Professor of Methods in the Social Sciences at the Department of Government at the University of Vienna. Her research focuses on political behavior, democratic representation, and political participation. She was involved in the 7th Framework Programmes of the European Commission PIREDEU and ELECDEM.

## **Lorenzo De Sio (LUISS, Rome)**

Lorenzo De Sio is a professor at the Department of Political Science of LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome. He is a member of the Italian National Election Studies (ITANES), participated in "True European Voter", "EU Profiler", "euandi", and is now the principal investigator of the Issue Competition Comparative Project (ICCP) and the POSTGEN project.

## **Alexia Katsanidou (GESIS, Cologne)**

Alexia Katsanidou holds the Chair of Empirical Social Research at the University of Cologne. As scientific director at GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, she has extensive knowledge of scientific infrastructures, and developing services for the scientific community on open science, data management, and data linking.

# MEDem Steering Committee

## **Georg Lutz (FORS, Lausanne)**

Georg Lutz is director of FORS and professor of political science at the University of Lausanne. Before he was principal investigator of the Swiss election study Selects for many years. His work focuses on political institutions and political behavior in a comparative perspective, as well as Swiss politics and survey research methods.

## **Henrik Oscarsson (University of Gothenburg)**

Henrik Oscarsson is a professor in political science with electoral studies and research director for the Swedish National Election Studies (SNES) at the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Current projects involve research on knowledge resistance, political partisanship and political polarization.

## **Wouter van Atteveldt (VU Amsterdam)**

Wouter van Atteveldt is a professor of computational communication science and political communication at VU Amsterdam and director of the VU Societal Analytics lab. He has co-founded the journal Computational Communication Research and the ICA Computational Methods division. He is part of various (inter-)national infrastructure and computational social science projects.

## **MEDem Staff**

### **Jakob-Moritz Eberl (University of Vienna)**

Jakob-Moritz Eberl is a senior scientist at the Department of Communication with a focus on political communication and electoral research.

### **Lea Kaftan (GESIS, Cologne)**

Lea Kaftan is a post-doctoral researcher at GESIS with a focus on democracy, political elites and computational social sciences.

### **Annika Lindholm (FORS, Lausanne)**

Annika Lindholm is a post-doctoral researcher at FORS with a focus on the interplay between well-being, public opinion and voting behavior.

### **Elisabetta Mannoni (LUISS, Rome)**

Elisabetta Mannoni is a post-doctoral researcher at LUISS with a focus on political psychology, voting behavior, and public opinion.

### **Emmanuel Meillan (University of Vienna)**

Emmanuel is the project coordinator of MEDem, is in touch with all stakeholders and keeps an eye on the overall timeline.

### **Elie Michel (FORS, Lausanne)**

Elie Michel is a post-doctoral researcher at FORS with a focus on political sociology and political behaviour.

## **MEDem Staff**

### **Julia Riener (University of Vienna)**

Julia Riener serves as a research assistant, is responsible for the website and social media, and provides support where needed.

### **Andrea Stockinger (University of Vienna)**

Andrea Stockinger is a prae-doctoral researcher at the Department of Communication with a focus on political (online) communication.

### **Johanna Willmann (University of Vienna)**

Johanna Willmann is a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Government with a focus on political behavior and political cognition.

### **Sebastian Ziaja (GESIS, Cologne)**

Sebastian Ziaja is team leader at GESIS. His research focuses on changes in democracy and on data linking methods.

# AULA am Campus Plan



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"Lazarettgasse"



Straßenbahn (43, 44, 5)  
"Lange Gasse"

Hauptgebäude der  
Universität Wien

