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## DOING DEMOCRACY: Connecting Civil Society and Academia Across Borders

### PUBLIC EVENTS

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided on site for all public events in German and Polish and via livestream in German, Polish and English. The links to the livestreams will be available on the website shortly before the conference.

#### Thursday, 23 April 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Logensaal, European University Viadrina

Welcoming remarks by Prof. Dr Eduard Mühle (President of the European University Viadrina)

**Opening panel discussion:** ‘Doing Democracy: Why Should Academia and Civil Society Network in the Field of “Democracy” (German-Polish)?’

Panel:

- Prof. Dr. Radosław Markowski (SWPS Warsaw)
- Artur Koldomasov (SWPS Warsaw, tbc).
- Dr. Anja Hennig (European University Viadrina)

Moderator: Dr. Irene Hahn-Fuhr (Centrum Liberale Moderne/Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation)

#### Thursday, 23 April 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., City Council Chamber, Frankfurt (Oder) City Hall with reception afterwards.

**Panel discussion:** ‘Chances for Democratic Participation in Times of Desinformation’

With welcoming remarks by:

Claus Junghanns, Mayor of Frankfurt (Oder)

Panel:

- Prof. Dr. Radosław Markowski (SWPS Warsaw)
- Krzysztof Izdebski (Batory Foundation)
- Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan (Berlin Governance Platform)
- Dr. Anne Holper (Center for Peace Mediation, European University Viadrina)

As well as spotlights from civil society

Moderator: Dr Anja Hennig (European University Viadrina)



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**Friday, 24 April 2026, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Conference hall of the Collegium Polonicum, Stubice**

### **Future Lab: Topics, Formats and Conditions for Science-Practice Cooperation**

The finale of *Doing Democracy* serves as a forum for the exchange of key insights, experiences gained and concrete next steps. The focus is on the questions of which formats are conceivable for future cooperation and what conditions are necessary for this.

Contributions from representatives of politics and science foundations will complement the discussion and provide impetus for funding and strategic development. The German-Polish Science Foundation, Alfred Roos, Programme Director of *Tolerantes Brandenburg*, Krzysztof Izdebski, Programme Director of the *Batory Foundation in Warsaw*, and the *Brandenburg Ministry of Economics, Energy, Climate Protection, and Europe* have confirmed their participation.

Moderator: Artur Koldomasov (SWPS Warschau)