30th – 31st August 2018
International Conference
University of Lausanne

MISINFORMATION IN REFERENDA

THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST 2018

9h30-10h00 Welcome and Introduction
- **Martial Pasquier** (Vice Rector, University of Lausanne)
- **Laurent Moreillon** (Dean, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration, University of Lausanne)
- **François Chaudet** (University of Lausanne)

Session chair: Andreas Ladner (Director of the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration, University of Lausanne)

10h00-11h00 Truthfulness in politics: Relevance and standards
- **Sorin Baiasu** (Keele University)
  Sincerity in politics: How much is too much?
- **Sandrine Baume** (University of Lausanne)
  Why (post-)truth matters for democracy

11h30-12h30 Information misuse and the ways in which the media contributes to fact-checking
- **Lukas Lauener** and **Anke Tresch** (University of Lausanne)
  The (mis)use of statistics in referendum votes
- **Laurent Bernhard** (University of Lausanne)
  Fact-checking direct democracy: When journalists set out to correct misinformation

Session Chair: Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer (Head of the Legal Division, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law)

14h00-15h00 Which existing judicial remedies, if any, for which misinformation? Part I
- **Andreas Glaser** (University of Zurich)
  Judicial remedies in a comparative perspective
- **Amanda Tyler** (University of California, Berkeley)
  Judicial remedies in the United States

15h30-16h30 Which existing judicial remedies, if any, for which misinformation? Part II
- **Vincent Martenet** (University of Lausanne)
  Judicial remedies in Switzerland
- **Bernd Holznagel** (University of Münster)
  Network Enforcement Act – The German approach to fight fake news and digital violence in social networks

16h30-17h00 Digitalization of democracy
- **Stefan Klauser** (ETHZ, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)
  How to make referenda work in the digital age

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2018

Session chair: Sophie Weerts (University of Lausanne)

9h00-10h30 How to regulate misinformation in the future? Part I
- **Alan Renwick** (University College London)
  Can the quality of information and discourse during referendum campaigns be improved?
- **Patrick Taillon** (University of Laval, Québec)
  Official and unofficial information: Which legal framework for referendum deliberation?
- **Thomas Hochmann** (University of Reims)
  Misinformation and free speech: A French perspective

11h00-12h30 How to regulate misinformation in the future? Part II
- **Michel Besson** (Federal Office of Justice, Bern) and **Véronique Boillet** (University of Lausanne)
  The guarantee of political rights facing misinformation: Do Swiss referenda need new regulation?
- **Carlo Fusaro** (University of Florence)
  Misinformation: An old issue in a new context. The debate in Italy
- **Oscar Barberà** (University of Valencia)
  Fake news: The 2017 referendum and regional elections in Catalonia

12h30-12h45 Observations and perspectives
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