



## Press Invitation

### Crisis and Futures of Democracy

#### A discussion with Charles Taylor and Patrizia Nanz on 11 December

*Potsdam, 1.12.2017.* Modern Western democracy is undergoing a significant crisis. Public spheres and political communities are highly fractured. Right-wing populism is on the rise. Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor and German political scientist Patrizia Nanz will discuss the past, present, and future of the democratic subject, the 'Homo Politicus', and the shivering normative foundations of modern democracies. What institutional and social scenarios can be envisioned for the future?

The IASS invites you to join the discussion:

**When:** Monday, **11 December 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Where:** **Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)**

Ballroom of the Kleist Villa, Berliner Strasse 130, 14467 Potsdam

**With:**

**Charles Taylor** is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He has held honorary positions at the universities of Princeton, Berkeley, Frankfurt a. M., and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was Professor of Social and Political Theory at the University of Oxford, and is currently in Potsdam as Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS).

**Patrizia Nanz** is Scientific Director at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam and Professor of Transformative Sustainability Studies at the University of Potsdam. Together with Claus Leggewie, she co-authored *Die Konsultative. Mehr Demokratie durch Bürgerbeteiligung* [The Consultative. More Democracy through Citizen Participation].

The discussion is moderated by

**Barbara Muraca**, Assistant Professor of Environmental and Social Philosophy at Oregon State, USA, and Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS). She was a Senior Researcher at the University of Jena and has published on degrowth research, process philosophy, sustainability theory and political ecology.

**Language:** English

To attend the discussion as a journalist, please register by email to [media@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:media@iass-potsdam.de) **no later than 4.00 p.m. on 11 December.**

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