

Workshop – Program

Resistance and Opposition Beyond Institutions: Strategies and Alliances of Parliamentary and Non-Parliamentary Opposition Actors in Post-Communist Europe

23-25 October 2025 | University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Time	Title
23 October (MIS 11, Room: 2.102 – Laure Dupraz)	
16:00-17:00	Welcome & Introduction
17:00-18:00	Bridging the Divide: Civil Society Alliances Against Democratic Backsliding in Georgia Clara Weller, BOKU Vienna and Sorbonne Nouvelle, Aron Buzogány, BOKU Vienna & Laure Delcour, Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris Discussant: Levan Kakhishvili, ETH Zurich
19:00	Dinner Venue: Restaurant Belvédère, Grande-Rue 36, 1700 Fribourg
24 October (MIS 08, Room: 0101 Espace Güggi)	
9:30-10:30	Intra-Oppositional Alliances in Exile: The Interplay of Resource Mobilisation, Agency and Bridge-Building within the Belarusian Opposition Ekaterina Pierson-Lyzhina & Radzhana Buyantueva, Université libre de Bruxelles Discussant: Magdalena Solska, University of Fribourg
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:00	The Multi-level Politics of Resistance Against Autocratic Regimes – Strategies of Hungarian Opposition Members of the European Parliament Sonja Priebus, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder) Discussant: Alejandro Esteso Pérez, University of Graz
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Dynamics of Protest Waves and Their Impact on Political Systems in Bulgaria, Serbia, and Slovenia Ivaylo Dinev, ZOiS, Berlin Discussant: Alejandro Esteso Pérez, University of Graz

14:00-15:00	Protest as a Strategic Arena for Parliamentary and Extra-Parliamentary Opposition in Moldova Vlad Bujdei-Tebeica, National University for Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest Discussant: Daniel Sandu, University of Fribourg
15:00-15.30	Coffee break
15:30-16:30	Dual Politicization and the Demand–Supply Nexus: Temporal Disjunctions in Romanian Populism Henry P. Rammelt & Claudiu Crăciun, National University for Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest Discussant: Daniel Sandu, University of Fribourg
18:30	Dinner Venue: Café du Gothard, Rue du Pont-Muré 16, 1700 Fribourg
25 October (MIS 08, Room: 0101 Espace Güggi)	
9:30-10:30	The Role of Civil Society Initiatives in Wartime Ukraine: Between Cooperation and Informal Opposition Olena Rybiy, University of Basel Discussant: Magdalena Solska, University of Fribourg
10:30-11:30	Follow-up: next steps
11:30	Lunch for those who stay Venue: Café Restaurant Le Mondial, Rue de l'Hôpital 39, 1700 Fribourg