

# Bucharest Workshop on Digital Democracy and Inclusivity

**Date:** 11 May 2026

**Host:** The Research Institute of the University of Bucharest, Social Sciences Division

**Venue:** Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Panduri Campus, Ground Floor, Room 102, Sos. Panduri 90-92, Bucharest

## Program

**10:30-11:00 Registration and walk-in coffee**

**11:00-12:00**

**Panel 1**

**Anna Mikhaylovskaya**, University of Groningen, **Élise Rouméas**, University of Groningen & **Andreas Nitsche**, Association for Interactive Democracy

- **Liquid Democracy and the Challenge of Inclusiveness**

**Xenia Klinge**, German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence

- **Show Us What Happens Next: What citizens and governments want from digital democracy**

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:00-14:00**

**Panel 2**

**Emilien Paulis**, University of Luxembourg

- **Public support for online citizens' assemblies: a tale of the digital divide?**

**Constantin Vică**, University of Bucharest, **Radu Uszkai**, Research Center in Applied Ethics & Bucharest University of Economic Studies & **Cristina Voinea**, Uehiro Oxford Institute

- **Avatarobots and the Crisis of Democracy: From Bot Armies to Metaverse Swarms**

**14:00-14:20 Coffee Break**

**14:20-15:20**

**Panel 3**

**Yannick von Ostheim**, University of Bamberg

- **Gamifying Digital Deliberation Without Excluding Citizens: A Process-Sensitive, Inequality-Aware Incentive Framework**

**Andreea Gheba**, University of Bucharest & SNSPA

- **Assessing External and Internal Digital Democratic Inclusion: A Quantitative Research Design**

**15:20-15:40 Coffee Break**

**15:40-16:40**

**Panel 4**

**Nurul Dwi Purwanti**, University of Groningen & **Élise Rouméas**, University of Groningen

- **"Bottom-up" Digital Democratic Innovation in the Global South: Toward a Contextual Theory**

**Alexandru Volacu**, University of Bucharest

- **Democratic Legitimacy and Digital Democratic Inclusion**

**16:40-17:30 Coffee Break**

**17:30-19:00 Roundtable on Digital Democracy Tools: Opportunities and Challenges:**

- Opening Statement (online) from **Victor Negrescu**, Vicepresident of the European Parliament
- **Andreea-Iuliana Leonte**, Member of the Bucharest General Council
- **Andreas Nitsche**, Association for Interactive Democracy
- **Olivia Vereha**, Code4Romania
- **Ovidiu Voicu**, Center for Public Innovation