

# POLICY DIALOGUE DAY 2019

## Prel. Program

### *New Challenges to Democracy, Governance, and Peace*



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**Wednesday 22 May 2019**

**09.30-17.30**

**Wallenberg Conference Centre  
Gothenburg, Sweden**

The theme of the Policy Day 2019 is “*New Challenges to Democracy, Governance and Peace*”. Several large-scale societal changes affect democracy, governance and peace both at national and local level:

- expanded access to social media and digital tools is shaking up political communication;
- rapid changes due to globalization challenge national and local governance;
- a rise in identity politics, political exclusion and populism threatens democratic progress and good governance;
- and non-state actors are increasingly involved in various aspects of governance.

These political developments increase polarization and conflictual fault lines within countries. New political realities also reduce the space for international cooperation, including how to respond to crisis and conflict.

This policy day will offer fresh insights on these challenges from various angle and provide a platform for practitioners and academics to discuss about new solutions.

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08.30-09.30 *Registration & Coffee*

09.30-10.15 *Welcome & Keynote Speech*

10.15-10.45 *Thematic Coffee Break*

10.40-12.30 *Parallel Sessions:*

**Session 1:** “*The Digital Era: Threat or Opportunity for Democracy, Peace, Governance and Local Development?*”

**Session 2:** “*Exclusion as a Challenge for Governance*”

**Session 3:** “*Anticipating New Challenges: Advances in Forecasting Tools*”

12.30-13.45 *Lunch*

13.45-15.15 *Parallel Sessions:*

**Session 4:** “*Clientelism and Corruption as a Challenge for Good Governance and Peace*”

**Session 5:** “*Facing Up to the Challenges: Which Agents of Change Could Solve the Current Challenges?*”

**Session 6:** “*Current Challenges to Democratic Elections: Populism, Identity Politics and Violence*”

15.15-15.30 *Coffee Break*

15.30-16.30 *Plenary Session*

*Discussion & Closing Remarks*

16.30-17.30 *Reception*

## Register for the Policy Day

Please register by May, 8 2019:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/policy-dialogue-day-2019-tickets-55015066545>

For questions, please contact Natalia Stepanova, Operations&Outreach Manager at V-Dem, at [natalia.stepanova@gu.se](mailto:natalia.stepanova@gu.se)

More information here:

<http://gld.gu.se/en/conferences/policy-dialogue-day-2019/>

## Organizers

**V-Dem** is a new approach to conceptualizing and measuring democracy. <https://v-dem.net/en/>

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**GLD-Gothenburg** aims to explain variation in governance and local development in an effort to promote human welfare globally. <http://gld.gu.se>

**UCDP** is the world's main provider of data on organized violence and the oldest ongoing data collection project for civil war. <http://ucdp.uu.se>

**ViEWS** is a rigorous data-based system that provides early warnings for the risk of three types of political violence, using data from UCDP. <http://pcr.uu.se/research/views/>

# Program (1)



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Time, Room	Event/Session	
08.30-09.30 Entrance Hall	Registration & Coffee	
09.30-10.15 Wallenbergsalen	<p><b>Welcome Speech</b> <b>Chair: Prof. Staffan I. Lindberg</b> (Director V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>Prof. Larry Diamond</b> (Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, founding co-editor of the Journal of Democracy)</p> <p><b>Highlights from the Hosts</b> <b>Associate Prof. Monika Bauhr</b> (Director QoG Institute, University of Gothenburg) <b>Prof. Ellen Lust</b> (Director GLD, University of Gothenburg) <b>Prof. Håvard Hegre</b> (ViEWS, Uppsala University) <b>Associate Prof. Magnus Öberg</b> (UCDP, Uppsala University) <b>Prof. Staffan I. Lindberg</b> (Director V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg)</p>	
10.15-10.45	Thematic Coffee Break	
10.45-12.30	Parallel Sessions	
Room: Antarktis	Room: Europe	Room: Sydamerika
<p><i>The Digital Era: Threat or Opportunity for Democracy, Peace, Governance and Local Development?</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Assistant Prof. Anna Lührmann</b> (V-Dem, University of Gothenburg) <b>Discussant: Mélida Jimenez</b> (The Folke Bernadotte Academy)</p> <p><i>"Measuring the Intersection between Internet and Politics: Introducing the WSMS Methodology and Data"</i> <b>Associate Prof. Daniel Pemstein</b> (North Dakota State University) and <b>Assistant Prof. Brigitte Seim</b> (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)</p> <p><i>"Politicisation of Social Media Worldwide: Strategies and Outcomes"</i> <b>Assistant Professor Steven Wilson</b> (University of Nevada, Reno) and <b>Valeriya Mechkova</b> (V-Dem, University of Gothenburg)</p>	<p><i>Exclusion as a Challenge for Governance</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Dr. Kristen Kao</b> (GLD, University of Gothenburg) <b>Discussant: Edouard Al-Dahdah</b> (World Bank)</p> <p><i>"Exclusion and Why It Matters"</i> <b>Assistant Prof. Rachel Sigman</b> (Naval Postgraduate School/V-Dem)</p> <p><i>"Participatory Development as a Tool for Local Accountability: Taking stock of lessons learned"</i> <b>Prof. Marcia Grimes</b> (QoG, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><i>"Inequalities in Service Provision: Access and Quality"</i> <b>Dr. Josephine Gatua</b> (GLD, University of Gothenburg)</p>	<p><i>Anticipating New Challenges: Advances in Forecasting Tools</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Prof. Hanne Fjelde</b> (ViEWS, Uppsala University) Discussant: <b>Gregor Reisch</b> (the Preview project, German MFA)</p> <p><i>"ViEWS: An Overview and Recent Developments"</i> <b>Prof. Håvard Hegre</b> (ViEWS, DPCR, Uppsala University)</p> <p><i>"Predicting Adverse Regime Transitions"</i> <b>Dr. Richard Morgan</b> (V-Dem, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><i>"Climate Sensitive Armed Conflict Projections for the 21st Century"</i> <b>Prof. Halvard Buhaug</b> (ViEWS, PRIO), <b>Assistant Prof. Nina von Uexkull</b> (Uppsala University)</p>

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Time, Room	Event/Session		
12.30-13.45 Restaurant, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	Lunch		
	Sessions continue		
13.45-15.15	Room: Antarktis	Room: Europe	Room: Sydamerika
	<p><i>Clientelism and Corruption as a Challenge for Good Governance and Peace</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Associate Prof. Anna Persson</b> (QoG, University of Gothenburg) <b>Discussant: Noha El-Mikawy</b> (Ford Foundation)</p> <p><i>"Fresh Pipes with Dirty Water: How Quality of Government Shapes the Provision of Public Goods in Democracies"</i> <b>Dr. Marina Povitkina</b> (QoG, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><i>"Clientelism as a Peacebuilding Tool"</i> <b>Associate Prof. Anders Themnér</b> (UCDP, Uppsala University)</p> <p><i>"Pro-poor redistribution: from clientelism to conditional cash transfers in Latin America and beyond"</i> <b>Elin Bergman</b> (QoG, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><i>"Are Islamist Parties More Clientelistic than Others?"</i> <b>Prof. Ellen Lust</b> (GLD, University of Gothenburg)</p>	<p><i>Facing Up to the Challenges: Which Agents of Change Could Solve the Current Challenges?</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Prof. Marcia Grimes</b> (QoG, University of Gothenburg) <b>Discussant: Lisbeth Pilegaard</b> (Pilegaard Consulting)</p> <p><i>"When Does Transparency Improve Public Goods Provision? Street-level Discretion, Targetability, and Local Public Service Delivery"</i> <b>Dr. Ruth Carlitz</b> (GLD, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><i>"Protection through Presence: UN Peacekeeping and the Costs of Targeting Civilians"</i> <b>Associate Prof. Lisa Hultman</b> (Uppsala University)</p> <p><i>"Political Parties as Change Agents in Curbing Corruption"</i> <b>Prof. Andreas Bågenholm</b> (QoG, University of Gothenburg)</p>	<p><i>Current Challenges to Democratic Elections: Populism, Identity Politics and Violence</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Prof. Magnus Öberg</b> (UCDP, Uppsala University) <b>Discussant: Prof. Jörg Faust</b> (German Institute for Development Evaluation)</p> <p><i>"Threat or Corrective? The Relationship of Populism to Different Models of Democracy"</i> <b>Assistant Prof. Anna Lührmann</b> (V-Dem, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><i>"Peacekeeping and Electoral Violence"</i> <b>Associate Prof. Hanne Fjelde</b> (ViEWS, DPCR, Uppsala University)</p> <p><i>"Leveraging Localism: Local Origins, Ethnicity, and Electoral Choice in Malawi"</i> <b>Dr. Kristen Kao</b> (GLD, University of Gothenburg)</p>
15.00-15.30 Entrance hall	Coffee Break		
15.30-16.30 Wallenbergsalen	<p><b>Plenary session "Addressing New Challenges: Findings, Policy Recommendations and Avenues for Future Research"</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Assistant Prof. Anna Lührmann</b> (V-Dem, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Associate Prof. Monika Bauhr</b> (Director of the QoG Institute, University of Gothenburg)  <b>Prof. Ellen Lust</b> (Director of GLD, University of Gothenburg)  <b>Prof. Håvard Hegre</b> (ViEWS, Uppsala University)  <b>Associate Prof. Magnus Öberg</b> (UCDP, Uppsala University)  <b>Prof. Staffan I. Lindberg</b> (Director of the V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg)</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>		
16.30-17.30 Entrance Hall	Reception		