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Annual Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> Fermo Summer School

# The People in Societal Constitutions: Politics, Semantics and Theories

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The sociology of constitutions has introduced important methodological modifications in studies of both political and non-political constitutions and constitutionalism in the last decade. Recent research has expanded the concept of constitution beyond its classical juridical meaning and disconnected it from statehood. It has decoupled constitutions from institutional politics and thus looks for new modes of political action and subjects beyond their typically modern conceptualisation in popular sovereignty, nationhood etc.

This year's annual meeting focuses on the concept of the people beyond its common political and juridical conceptualisations and theoretical frameworks. The programme will include opening presentations as 'The Place of the People in Modern Political and Societal Constitutions' (Denis Galligan, University of Oxford; Francesco Bilancia, University of Pescara); 'Sociological Theories of Constitutions in the Light of the Habermas – Luhmann Debate' (Gorm Harste, University of Aarhus and Alberto Febbrajo, University of Macerata); 'Constitutional Imaginary of the People and its Authenticity: A Critique of Populism' (Jiří Přibán, University of Cardiff); 'Constitutionalism without People in the Digital Society. How to Regulate AI?' (Håkan Hydén, University of Lund).

The convenors want to particularly encourage early career and senior legal and political scholars and sociologists engaging in recent sociological and socio-legal research of constitutions. Participants will be invited to present their research in different sessions covering a wide range of themes and problems, such as global legal and political networks, democratic reforms at subnational, national and supranational levels, cosmopolitan constitutionalism and ethics, democratic statehood and its deficits, constitutional populism and democratic backsliding, human rights, law and development, electronic democracy, internet and protest movements, transitional justice, judicial and political constitutionalism.

Please send your proposed title, short abstract (200 words) and biography to the Working Group Chair Prof. Jiří Přibán (priban@cf.ac.uk) or to the Fermo Summer School (info@fermosummerschool.it) by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### General information:

Fermo was the seat of one of the oldest universities in Italy, founded in 825 by Lothar. It is located near the Adriatic sea. Every 20 minutes a shuttle is connecting Fermo to the next seaside resort: Porto San Giorgio.

#### How to get to Fermo:

<https://www.visitfermo.it/en/how-to-get-to-fermo>

**By road:** Main road, SS16, Ancona – Pescara, exit at Porto San Giorgio, then follow directions to Fermo.  
Motorway, A14, Bologna – Canosa, exit at Porto San Giorgio – Fermo.

**By rail:** Railway station at Porto S. Giorgio–Fermo then use the bus service (every 20 mins) to Fermo.

**By bus:** From Fiumicino Airport (Rome) and city centre of Rome there are several trips each day.

**By air:** Airport "Raffaello Sanzio" at Falconara Marittima (north of Ancona);  
Airport "Leonardo da Vinci", Fiumicino (Rome).

From Ancona airport shuttle bus to Ancona railway station.

Train from Ancona railway station to Porto S. Giorgio – Fermo then bus

For any information and tickets you can provide yourself  
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mail: [fermo@viaggiatori.biz](mailto:fermo@viaggiatori.biz)

#### Accommodation:

The following hotel is recommended  
by the organisers:

Hotel Astoria ([info@hotelastoriafermo.it](mailto:info@hotelastoriafermo.it))

Single room 65 euro (with breakfast)

Double room 100 euro (with breakfast)

#### For further information:

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