41st Käte Hamburger Lecture

If Democracy is the Answer, what is the Question?

Tuesday 11th May 2021 (18:00 pm, CET)

Online Lecture via Zoom – Access will be provided after registration for the event.

An old saw sometimes attributed to Churchill is “that democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time....” But good for what? Hammers may be the best tools for driving nails but screwdrivers are better for turning screws. What is democracy good for? Perhaps that is the wrong question: democracy may be intrinsically better than other forms of government. But even if that is true, it doesn’t mean that democracy is particularly well-suited for addressing climate change. In this talk Prof. Dale Jamieson argues that democracy is good for addressing climate change, but not in the ways and for the reasons that many people think.

Programme

17:50-18:00 Sign into online video platform
18:00-18:05 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
   Christine Unrau
   Research Group Leader Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research
18:05-18:45 41st Käte Hamburger Lecture
   IF DEMOCRACY IS THE ANSWER, WHAT IS THE QUESTION?
   Dale Jamieson
   Professor of Environmental Studies, Philosophy and Law at New York University
Discussant: Lauren Eastwood
   Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York, Plattsburgh
Moderator: Christine Unrau
18:45-19:15 Q&A WITH THE AUDIENCE
19:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS AND END OF THE LECTURE