

# Democracy and Communication: What's Happening with Our Public Discourse?

Onsite / Online Seminar – March and April 2024  
Coordinated by Fernando Vallespín

This seminar, developed by ILE in collaboration with the Residencia de Estudiantes, continues the series held in 2021, 2022, and 2023 within its line of work on «Democracy and Tolerance.» These seminars have addressed some of the challenges currently faced by our democracies, such as the rise of populisms or illiberal political action patterns, which are testing our resilience as free societies. This year, the focus will be on the transformation of political communication, analyzing how disinformation, polarization, tribalism, and the growing influence of artificial intelligence in the public sphere pose significant threats to democracy. The seminar will also evaluate whether promoting media literacy and civic education can be useful in confronting the digital age, advancing the development of a more rational and discursive society, and preserving democratic foundations in an ever-evolving environment.



## MARCH

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7:00 p.m. (CET)

**Fernando Vallespín**

Professor of Political Science at the  
Autonomous University of Madrid

**Democracia y comunicación:  
¿Qué pasa con nuestra  
conversación pública?**

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7:00 p.m. (CET)

**Peter Pomerantsev**

Senior Fellow at the SNF Agora  
Institute, Johns Hopkins University

**The Dangers: Propaganda,  
Disinformation, Manipulation,  
Conspiracy Theories**  
[Video Conference]

## APRIL

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7:00 p.m. (CET)

**Elvira Lindo**

Writer

**Mario Calabresi**

Journalist

**¿Es posible contrarrestar  
la banalización del espacio  
público? Una perspectiva  
desde la cultura**

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7:00 p.m. (CET)

**Marta Peirano**

Writer

**Elena Yndurain**

Professor of Technology  
at IE Business School

**Comunicación y  
tecnología: el desafío de  
la inteligencia artificial**

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7:00 p.m. (CET)

**Meritxell Batet**

Professor of Constitutional Law  
at Pompeu Fabra University

**José Luis Ayllón**

Director of Public Affairs and  
Relations with the Courts at CEOE

**La comunicación  
de los políticos: su  
transformación en la  
época de la posverdad**

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7:00 p.m. (CET)

**Marianne Kneuer**

Professor of Comparative Politics  
at Technische Universität Dresden

**La desviación del  
ideal: ¿Qué queda de la  
democracia deliberativa?**



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