

# IAST Conference on Knowledge, Power, and the Quest for Political Equality

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Toulouse,  
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## THURSDAY December 10, 2020

### 15.00 - 17.00 **PANEL 1: Participation and political equality**

**Thomas Christiano**, *University of Arizona*

The Basis of Political Equality

Discussant: **Abhit Bhandari**, IAST

**Hélène Landemore**, *Yale University*

Can ordinary citizens make the law? Reflections on the French Citizen Convention for Climate, 2019-2020

Discussant: **Zach Garfield**, IAST

**Horacio Larreguy**, *Harvard University & IAST-TSE Visiting Fellow*

Education, Democratic Erosion, and Political Participation in Stable but Developing Democracies: Evidence from Senegal

Discussant: **Abhit Bhandari**, IAST

Chair: **Michael Becher**, *IE University & IAST*

### 17.00 - 17.30 **Break**

### 17.30 - 18.50 **PANEL 2: Public sphere, private money**

**Kai Spiekermann**, *LSE*

Good Faith Disagreement and Political Debunking Arguments

**Jan Stuckatz**, *IAST*

Strategic and Sequential Links between Campaign Donations and Lobbying

Discussant: **Michael Becher**, *IE University & IAST*

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## FRIDAY December 11, 2020

### 15.00 - 17.00 **PANEL 3: Unequal representation**

**Dan Butler**, *UC San Diego*

Constituents Ask Female Legislators to do More

Discussant: **Karine Van der Straeten**, *IAST & TSE*

**Nathalie Giger**, *University of Geneva*

The impact of electoral decision making on unequal representation: Do rich and poor vote differently?

**Michael Becher**, *IE University & IAST*

On the Mechanisms Behind Unequal Representation in Legislatures

Discussant: **Imil Nurutdinov**, *IAST*

Chair: **Thomas Christiano**, *University of Arizona*

### 17.00 - 17.30 **Break**

### 17.30 - 18.50 **PANEL 4: Unity and pluralism**

**Archon Fung**, *Harvard Kennedy School*

Wide Pluralism, Low Deference Democracy: An Interregnum or the New Normal?

**Christian List**, *LSE*

The Will of the People Revisited

Discussant: **Thomas Christiano**, *University of Arizona*

Chair: **Michael Becher**, *IE University & IAST*

## SATURDAY December 12, 2020

### 17.00 - 18.30 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** **Michael Becher & Thomas Christiano**

### 18.30 **End of the Conference**