



Democracy makes an extraordinary promise of achieving a diverse world claimed to be not possible in any other forms of political orders. Isn't it a deception? Does this extraordinary promise embrace extraordinary human condition? The School of HSS, IIT Indore invites Prof. Alessandro Ferrara to speak on

Political Liberalism and Hyperpluralism: A View from *The Democratic Horizon*



After introducing the inhospitable conditions for democracy in the 20th and 21st century, including hyperpluralism, Rawls's "liberal principle of legitimacy" (in Political Liberalism) will be highlighted as an innovative response to these conditions. Then four new adjustments of the paradigm, outlined in *The Democratic Horizon*, will be argued to better enable political liberalism to cope with hyperpluralism: a) reflexive pluralism; b) the multivariate democratic polity; c) revisiting the democratic ethos; and d) pluralizing it on the basis of a typology of democratic cultures.

Alessandro Ferrara is a Professor of Political Philosophy at the University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Italy and Coordinator of the Center for Religious and Political Institutions in the Post-Secular Society. He is also former President of the Italian Association for Political Philosophy and co-director of the Prague Conference "Philosophy and Social Science.". He is editorial consultant to *Constellations* and *Philosophy & Social Criticism*. His research centers around issues of authenticity, exemplarity and the normativity of judgment. Ferrara's principal publications are: *Rousseau and Critical Theory* [2017], *The Democratic Horizon: Hyperpluralism and the renewal of Political Liberalism* [2014], *The Force of the Example: Explorations in the Paradigm of Judgment* [2008], *Justice and Judgment* [1999], and *Reflective Judgment: Rethinking the Project of Modernity* [1998].

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All are cordially invited