



On Solidarity VI: Social Solidarity, Democracy and the Media

November 19-20, 2010, Vienna/Austria

Preliminary Conference Program

Friday, November 19, 2010

Session I: Introduction

Keynote statements by American and European speakers.

Session II: The Media and Technological Change

The session will focus on how transformations to technology and its political economy have altered the practice of producing and assessing the news. How do the massive shifts in collecting and conveying information affect how we come to know what we know, and how we evaluate what we think we know?

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Session III: The Media and the Market Place

Independent journalism, essential to democracy, relies on a mix of market-based, state-centered, and quasi-public decisions and frameworks offered by firms, governments, foundations, and other providers of funds, laws, and regulations. Such policies and patterns offer bundles of incentives and disincentives that we need to better understand in order to assess the repertoire of possibilities and their implications.

Session IV: Changing Media and Democracy

In this session crucial questions will be investigated about the consequences of technological and economic changes in the media landscape for the democratic order of Western societies, about the sustainability of independent and informed reporting, the various types of populism or the patterning of biases.