

Imagine Europe – Europe in Film

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18:00 Østria

“Democracy: Im Rausch der Daten”

Democracy: Im Rausch der Daten is a documentary that offers a rare look behind the scenes of policymaking in the EU, tracing the development of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The Swiss film maker David Bernet demonstrates that EU decision-making processes may well serve as the basis of exciting political drama. The documentary follows Jan Philipp Albrecht, a charismatic German Member of the EU Parliament, behind closed doors where the interests of EU institutions, politicians, and lobbyists collide. The result is an insightful portrayal of the EU’s long and rocky road to the ground-breaking, controversial, and oft-copied GDPR.

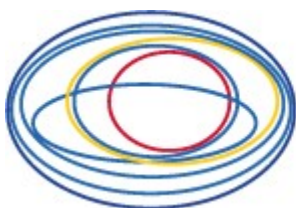
Running time: 100 minutes

Drinks and snacks can be bought at Østria.

Policymaking in the EU is highly complex and may appear somewhat untransparent. *Democracy* succeeds in making these processes more palpable and addresses several important issues. It shows the power and influence of lobbyists in the EU but also the institutions’ ability to resist. While the GDPR was arguably a milestone in data protection at a time when some consider data the new oil, with hindsight it remains debatable whether it has gone too far or not far enough.

The event is part of UiA’s teaching activities. The film is introduced and discussed by:

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