

**Programme – Monday 8 June 2026**

10:00–10:30	<b>Registration</b>
10:30–11:00	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> Ivana Fellini (University of Milan-Bicocca) Marina Calloni (University of Milan-Bicocca)
11:00–11:45	<b>Keynote Lecture – Universalism and International Law in a Time of Rupture</b> Seyla Benhabib (Yale University/ Columbia University)
11:45–12:30	<b>Discussion</b>
12:30–14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30–16:00	<b>Panel I – Critical Perspectives on Seyla Benhabib's Political Thought</b> <b>Chair:</b> Marina Calloni (University of Milan-Bicocca) Giorgio Fazio (Sapienza University of Rome) Valentina Gentile (LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome) Stefano Petrucciani (Sapienza University of Rome) Giorgia Serughetti (University of Milan-Bicocca) Angela Taraborrelli (University of Cagliari)
16:00–16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15–16:45	<b>Seyla Benhabib's Response</b>
16:45–17:30	<b>General Discussion</b>
17:30	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>



# RETHINKING DEMOCRACY BEYOND ITS BORDERS

A Conference with

# Seyla Benhabib

Yale University and Columbia University

**8–9 June 2026**

**h. 10:00 – 17:30**

**Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 20126 Milano  
Building U7 – 3rd Floor · Room Pagani**

**Link:**

<https://unimib.webex.com/meet/marina.calloni>

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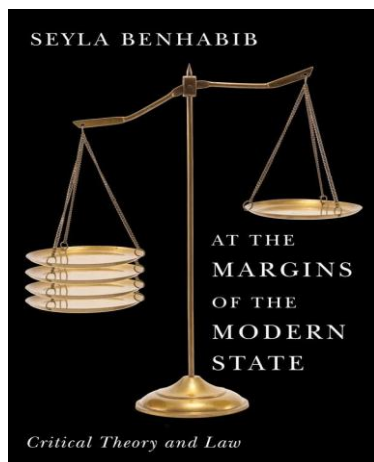
*The conference is also part of the activities carried out within the  
PRAGSIA Research center.*

**Programme – Tuesday 9 June 2026**

10:00–11:30	<b>Round Table – The Claims of Others Today: Democracy in a Global Age</b> <b>Chair:</b> Giancarlo Bosetti (ResetDOC) Alessandro Ferrara (University of Rome Tor Vergata) Chiara Galbersanini (University of Milan) Damiano Palano (Catholic University, Milan) Debora Spini (Syracuse University of Florence) Alessandro Volpe (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University)
11:30–11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45–12:15	<b>Seyla Benhabib's Response</b>
12:15–13:00	<b>General Discussion</b>
13:00–14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30–15:30	<b>Panel II – Democracy Under Strain: Gender, Intergenerational Justice, and Cosmopolitanism</b> <b>Chair:</b> Angela Taraborrelli (University of Cagliari) Fulvia Giachetti (University of Milan-Bicocca) André Murgia (University of Cagliari) Fiammetta Sacconi (LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome)
15:30–16:30	<b>General Discussion</b>
16:30	<b>Closing of the Conference</b>

**Conference Overview**

This conference critically engages with Seyla Benhabib's book *At the Margins of the Modern State. Critical Theory and Law* (Polity Press, 2025) interrogating tensions between universalism and exclusion in contemporary political and legal orders.



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## Central Questions

*Can democracy be normatively and institutionally reconstructed in an age of polycrisis, fractured sovereignty, and the transformation of the public sphere?  
Under what conditions is democracy still possible today?*

## Project Framework

This conference represents the final event of concludes the PRIN 2022 research project D.E.W.E.Y. Democracy, Sustainability and Wellbeing in Times of Emergency, funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.  
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Free admission until all seats are taken.