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SEMINAR SERIES

Care and Democracy

Thursdays from September
2025 in room Q-609, 18h15

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Seminar Series

Care and Democracy is a seminar series organized by The Center for Critical Democracy Studies in partnership with Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Launched last year, the series is dedicated to the dialogue between Care Ethics and Democratic Theory and in 2025/26 will focus on the theme of Care as Method, Democracy as Struggle.

What if democracy began not with the vote, but with the act of care? The Care & Democracy Seminar Series brings philosophers, historians, psychologists, and political theorists into conversation around care as an ethical, political, and institutional practice. Building on the momentum of our 2024-25 launch, this year we will focus on all the ways both care and democracy are currently threatened.

Looking ahead, the 2025 programme will expand the scope of the conversation, with confirmed sessions featuring **Carol Gilligan**, **Pascale Molinier**, and **Stephen W. Sawyer**. These thinkers will explore new dimensions of care: from moral development to institutional trust, from psychoanalytic accounts of dependency to the politics of AI.

The language of the seminar is English and French (bilingual as needed). All events in the series will take place in Room Q-609 and on Zoom. To attend please email your name to ccds@aup.edu.



SEPTEMBER 18

Opening Dialogue: *The Crisis of What Binds Us*

Sandra Laugier *Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne and Zona Zarić Center for Critical Democracy Studies, The American University of Paris*



OCTOBER 16

In a Human Voice

Carol Gilligan *NYU*



NOVEMBER 20

Care and the Social Contract: *Toward a Reconstructive Critique of the Modern State*

Stephen Sawyer *Center for Critical Democracy Studies, The American University of Paris*



DECEMBER 11

Lutter contre la verticalité, un vœu pieux ? *Care et recherche participative dans un dispositif d'entraide avec des personnes en souffrance psychique*

Pascale Molinier *Sorbonne Paris Nord*

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