Moderation and civility are the touchstone of democracy that cannot function without a combination of compromise and bargaining. Yet, moderation and civility remain fuzzy concepts that challenge our imagination. Yet, they may be the most necessary political virtues right now, especially in the aftermath of our contested elections and presidential debates. We are likely to rediscover the importance of moderation and civility as the issue of governing returns into the limelight. What chances do moderation and civility have in a climate of increasing polarization and partisanship? And how can one be enthusiastic about something often identified with weakness and indecisiveness? These questions will be discussed in a roundtable that will feature two recent books: Teresa Bejan’s *Mere Civility* (Harvard University Press, 2017) and Aurelian Craiutu’s *Faces of Moderation* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016).

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