

ONLINE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Revisiting the challenges of democratic inclusion in theory & practice

November 16-18, 2020 | [University of Zurich](#), Switzerland

Topic of the Workshop

Contemporary societies in today's globalized world are shaped by ongoing disputes about how to draw boundaries of membership and who should have a claim to be included in a democratic polity. Especially cities, where now more than half of the world's population lives, are developing new forms of governance and designing novel ways for inclusive planning and political decision-making. In this light, it is vital to revisit and reflect about the challenges as well as opportunities in the field of democratic inclusion in a comprehensive and holistic way. Therefore, this workshop explores new perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of democratic inclusion not only in theory, but also in practice.

The interdisciplinary workshop brings together renowned academic experts and practitioners from the field of democratic inclusion. In particular, the topics of concern are formulated in relation to examining the context, the subject and means of democratic inclusion as these provide a useful framework of examining the multi-faceted issues that underpin the concept of democratic inclusion. The aim of the workshop is to encourage junior researchers to present their (working) papers and to take the opportunity to gain feedback from peers as well as from advanced scholars. The workshop is structured in three different panels with a keynote speaker and participant' presentations around the following topics:

- **New frontiers of democratic innovations**
- **Inclusive political governance in global cities and beyond**
- **Revisiting the boundaries of inclusion**

Additionally, the workshop includes a session on **Building Bridges: exchange between theory & practice** with the intention to develop new critical understandings of the role of research in fostering democracy and re-addressing inclusion in the face of today's challenges. In addition, a walking tour '**Downward spiral and solidarity**' about the inclusion of the marginalized is organized to take the discussion further.

Due to the current circumstances the research workshop takes place online (via zoom).

Workshop attendance is free of charge and open to both paper presenters and non-presenters, but [registration](#) is required to receive further information and the link to join the meeting.

About the organizers

[DemocracyNet](#) is an association of and for researchers in democracy studies, who approach democracy from various disciplines and perspectives. It encourages interdisciplinary exchange and collaborations as well as a dialogue between academia and the wider public. This workshop is organized in cooperation with and thanks to the generous support of the [Doctoral Program Democracy Studies \(DPDS\)](#) at the University of Zurich. Funding by the [Stiftung Mercator Schweiz](#) is gratefully acknowledged.

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Monday, 16 November	
09:00-09:30	Opening: Welcoming and presentation of DemocracyNet, participant introduction
09:30 - 10:15	<p>Panel I: New frontiers of democratic innovations Chair: Palmu Brunner Discussant: Dr. Hans Asenbaum, University of Canberra</p> <p>KEYNOTE: Prof. Nenad Stojanović, University of Geneva <i>Do we really need more democracy? Doing minipublics in Switzerland</i></p>
10:30 - 12:30	<p>PARTICIPANT' PRESENTATIONS: Dr. Justo Serrano Zamora, University of Groningen <i>A realist epistemic utopia? Epistemic practices in a climate camp</i></p> <p>Franziska Maier, University of Stuttgart <i>Conceptualizing citizenship from the bottom-up: (First) results from a discursive investigation</i></p> <p>Masakazu Ogami, University of Zurich <i>Democratic Accountability and the Ombudsperson for Future Generations</i></p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 14:45	<p>Panel II: Inclusive political governance Chair: Dr. Su Yun Woo Discussant: Dr. Oliver Dlabac, Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau</p> <p>KEYNOTE: Prof. Stefanie Tamara Kurt, HES-SO Wallis-Valais NCCR on the move <i>In search of inclusive approaches - Welfare entitlement and migration control</i></p>
15:00 - 17:00	<p>PARTICIPANT' PRESENTATIONS: Adeola Ogundotun, Osnabrueck University <i>The society, human rights and civil society organizations in Nigeria: a critique of a culture of human rights promotion</i></p> <p>Palmu Brunner & Youlo Wujohktsang, University of Zurich <i>Stateless Nationals: The Struggle for Recognition - An analysis of the phenomenon of statelessness in the context of the Tibetan diaspora</i></p> <p>Marco Wähler, University of Dusseldorf <i>Political Online Participation at the Local Level</i></p>



Tuesday, 17 November

09:00 - 12:30	<p>Building Bridges: exchange between theory & practice</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Nicole Curato, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the University of Canberra, Australia • Dr. Zhuang Ming, NGO Social Equity & Participation Centre in Chengdu, China • Dr. Céline Colombo, Research Associate at the Department of Justice and Home Affairs of the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland <p>Moderation: Dr. Alice el-Wakil, Department of Philosophy at the University of Zurich</p>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-14:45 15:00 - 17:00	<p>Panel III: Revisiting the boundaries of inclusion <i>Chair: Masakazu Ogami Discussant: Dr. Su Yun Woo, University of Zurich</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE: Dr. Svenja Ahlhaus, University of Hamburg <i>Democratizing the Boundaries of the Demos: A Postsovereign Approach</i></p> <p>PARTICIPANT' PRESENTATIONS: Paola Galano Toro, ETH Zurich <i>Whose state, whose nation? Exclusionary nationalism and state formation in Latin America</i></p> <p>Sobhi Mohanty, Graduate Institute Geneva <i>Mobilising for inclusion in clientelistic settings – The case of urban slum voters in India</i></p> <p>Vic. Modesola Omotuyi, Obafemi Awolowo University <i>Intra-Party Politics and Political Inclusion of Women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Nigeria during the 4th Republic</i></p>
17:00 - 17:30	<i>Wrap-up and evaluation</i>

Wednesday, 18 November

10:30-12:30	<p>Walking tour “Downward spiral and solidarity” with the NGO Surprise Meeting point: Werdplatz, Strassburgstrasse 5</p> <p>(Please bring your mask)</p>
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