

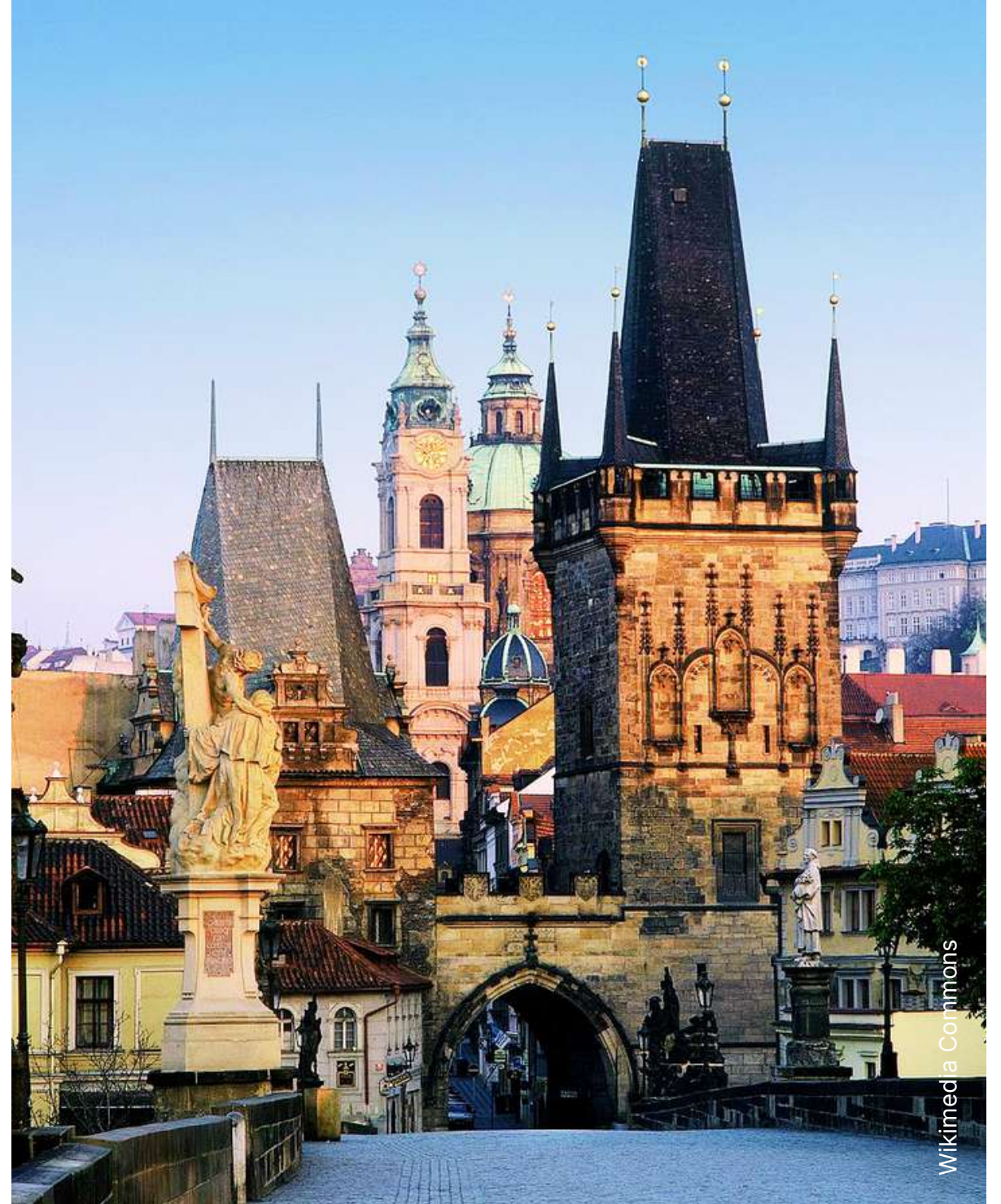


- ■ ■ ECPR Standing Group on
- ■ ■ Democratic Innovations

ECPR 2023 General Conference

Democratic Innovations
Section Program

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Section Theme

Resetting the Boundaries: from Democratic Innovations to Participatory (Self-)Governance

This year's section theme sought to **broaden the scope** of discussion to reflect the **diversity** of institutional, non-institutional, and anti-institutional forms of citizen participation.

Panels were organized to promote conversations across **different types** and cases of participatory processes (be it mini-publics, referenda, participatory budgeting, e-democracy mechanisms, consultations, or civic engagement spaces), **various modes of participation** (organised with, without or despite state institutions), and to build bridges **across geographic contexts** and individual circumstances of participants.

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This year's Conference Section on Democratic Innovations was co-convened by **Franziska Maier**, **Melisa Ross**, and **Julien Vrydagh**.

Event Highlights



ECPR KEYNOTE & RECEPTION

Tuesday, September 5th
16:15-19:30

Building D | Municipal House
Náměstí Republiky 5
111 21 Staré Město



SECTION MEET-UP

Wednesday, September 6th
19:00-open ended

Divadlo Archa
Na Poříčí 1047/26
110 00 Nové Město



DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, September 7th
18:15-19:15

Building C | Hollar
Floor 1, Room 14

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This year's Section Meet-Up has been made possible thanks to the generous support of the Journal of Deliberative Democracy and the Social Science Research Institute at Åbo Akademi University

Overview: Panels & Events



Day	Time	Code	Panel Event	Venue
Monday	10:45-12:30	PRA070	Can participation alleviate polarization? Evidence from democratic innovations	B, Room 417
	13:30-15:15	PRA079	Citizen participation and the challenges of democratization	B, Room 417
	16-17:45	PRA120	Contesting Participatory Governance: New Analyses of the Conditions for Democratic Inclusion	B, Room 417
	19:15-20:30	NWK03	ECPR Networking Drinks	C, Foyer
Tuesday	8:30-10:15	PRA145	Deliberative Democracy when Democracy is Declining: Revitalizing Democracy in Central and Eastern European countries	B, Room 417
	10:45-12:30	PRA020	A gamechanger for increasing citizens' voice? Evaluation of citizen participation in the democratic system	A, Room 103
		PRA147	Democracy in the people's eyes	B, Room 417
	13:30-15:15	PRA075	Challenges to the Inclusion in Digital Democracy	A, Room 103
		PRA156	Democratic Innovations to Manage Planetary Challenges	B, Room 417
	16:15-18	KN1	ECPR Plenary Welcome and Keynote	D, Munic. House
18-19:30	NWK01	ECPR Welcome Reception	D, Munic. House	
Wednesday	8:30-10:15	PRA155	Democratic innovations and the maxi-public: Democratic legitimacy and consent	B, Room 417
		VIR011	Innovating local governance: democracy from below	Virtual A, R. 21
	10:45-12:30	PRA157	Democratic Innovations, Participation and the Media	B, Room 417
	13:30-15:15	RT1	ECPR Featured Roundtable Networking and Publishing Events	A, Room 100
	15:15-16	NWK02	Meet the Editors	A, Room 38
	16-17:45	PRA009	Engaging citizens in the climate transition	B, Room 417
	19 til end	CHEERS	Democratic Innovations Section Meet-Up	Divadlo Archa
Thursday	8:30-10:15	PRA339	Novel perspectives on participatory governance	B, Room 417
	10:45-12:30	PRA446	Roundtable on The role of social movements in reinventing participatory governance	B, Room 417
	13:30-15:15	PRA164	Digging deeper on the Global South distinction in the field of democratic innovation	B, Room 417
		RT2	ECPR Featured Roundtable Networking and Publishing Events	A, Room 100
	16-17:45	PRA491	The macro-political effects of democratic innovations	B, Room 417
	18:15-19:15	MEET	Democratic Innovations Business Meeting	C, Room 14
Friday	08:30-10:15	RT3	ECPR Featured Roundtable	A, Room 100
	10:45-12:30	PRA524	Theorizing Democratic Innovations	B, Room 417
	13:30-15:15	PRA518	The role of government and governance in democratic innovations	B, Room 417

This year, we collaborated with other ECPR Standing Groups to accommodate more panels and papers, to spark more diverse conversations, and to reach audiences beyond our field. Some panels thus appear listed under other Sections on the ECPR website.

Our Section at-a-glance

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Panels & Papers



PRA070 | Mon 10:45-12:30

Can participation alleviate polarization?

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Rod Dacombe	
Discussant	Lisa van Dijk	
Paper Authors	Simon Stocker, André Bächtiger, Bernhard Kittel, Marco Steenbergen	Changing minds in stressful times: How different communication formats affect opinion formation in the Covid-19 crisis.
	Rod Dacombe, Marta Wojciechowska, Kirstie Hewlett	Mind the Gap: Using Peer Research to Target Misinformation in Deliberative Processes
	Take Sipma	Supporting deliberative democracy, but not participating? Explanations of the citizen participation paradox

PRA079 | Mon 13:30-15:15

Citizen participation and the challenges of democratization

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair Benjamin Goldfrank

Discussant Melisa Ross

Benjamin Goldfrank, Yanina Welp Participatory Institutions, Digital Technologies, and Democratic Crises

Roberto Cruz Romero The Democratic Need for Transparency

Paper Authors

Anna Przybylska, Shin Mazur, Borys Tencer Procedural aspects of knowledge creating and sharing in mini-publics at the times of disinformation

Andreas Schäfer, Aron Buzogany Daring More (Deliberative) Democracy? Conditions and Potentials of the Introduction of Citizens' Assemblies by the German Federal Parliament

PRA120 | Mon 16-17:45

Contesting Participatory Governance: New Analyses of the Conditions for Democratic Inclusion

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Patricia García-Espín	
Co-Chair	Markus Holdo	
Discussant	Andrea Felicetti	
Paper Authors	Iolanda Bianchi	A common-based approach to urban policymaking: self-government, co-production and popular control in the Citizen Asset Programme in Barcelona
	Markus Holdo	Democracy's Invisible Labor: The Ethics and Politics of Caring for Democracy
	Patricia García-Espín	Can participatory democracy be inclusive from a social class perspective?
	Emma Lancha Hernández	Social inequality in advisory councils' participation: the importance of cultural capital and bureaucratic knowledge
	Tetsuki Temura	Is Sortition Democracy Compatible with Capitalism?

PRA145 | Tue 08:30-10:15

Deliberative Democracy when Democracy is Declining: Revitalizing Democracy in Central and Eastern European countries

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Paulina Pospieszna	
Co-Chair	Brigitte Geißel	
Discussant	Mikko Leino	
	Francesco Veri	Enhancing Political Participation through Deliberative Minipublics: Evidence from Swiss Climate Protection Cases
	Emilien Paulis, Paulina Pospieszna	Can Deliberative Instruments Save (also) Representative Politics in Backsliding Context? First evidence from the case of Poland
Paper Authors	Adela Gasiorowska	Deliberation in the service of just transition. Evaluation of deliberation in Polish Citizens' Assembly on Energy Costs
	Magni Szymaniak-Arnesen, Daniel Oross	Strengthening Local Democracy or window dressing? Insights from Poznan and Budapest Citizens' Assemblies

PRA020 | Tue 10:45-12:30

S11 Citizenship in Permacrisis

A gamechanger for increasing citizens' voice?

Evaluation of citizen participation in the democratic system

Building A, 1st Floor, Room 103

Chair	Uwe Remer	
Co-Chair	Jens Newig	
Discussant	Julien Vrydagh	
Paper Authors	Thamy Pogrebinschi, Mariana Borges Martins da Silva	Can Civil Society Counteract Disinformation? Mobilising Collective Intelligence in Electoral Processes
	Micha Germann	Deliberative Mini-Publics and Legitimacy Perceptions: The Pernicious Consequences of Representative Bias
	Ventseslav Kozarev, Elisa Vecchione, Ângela Guimarães Pereira	Evaluating citizen engagement processes in EU policymaking: What works or what matters?
	Uwe Remer, Sara Hanke, Lukas Erhard, Raphael Heiberger	Correlates of populist outbursts in plenary speeches

PRA147 | Tue 10:45-12:30

Democracy in the people's eyes

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Franziska Maier	
Co-Chair	Sonia Bussu	
Discussant	Rod Dacombe	
Paper Authors	Vanessa Schwaiger, Franziska Maier	Social conflicts meet subjective deprivation: The complex determinants of democratic preferences
	Sonia Bussu, Enric Senabre Hidalgo, Marta Anducas, Olivier Schulbaum	Make (digital) space for the young: youth-led participation in policymaking
	Sebastien Rojon, Jean- Benoit Pilet, Davide Vittori	More diverse than previously thought: Identifying political process preference types among citizens from 9 European countries
	Daniel Kübler, Andri Heimann, Laurent Bernhard, Nenad Stojanović, Céline Colombo	Democratic innovations in a context of extensive direct democracy: results from a survey experiment on citizens' perceptions of mini-publics in Switzerland
	Anja Rieker, Vanessa Schwaiger, Franziska Maier, André Bächtiger	Citizen imaginations of democracy

PRA075 | Tue 13:30-15:15

S11 Citizenship in Permacrisis

Challenges to the Inclusion of Citizens in Digital and Direct Democracy

Building A, 1st Floor, Room 103

Chair	Lucy Parry	
Discussant	Marina Lindell	
Paper Authors	Masood Gheasi, Matthew Ryan, Paolo Spada	Migration and direct democracy: the case of referendums in Switzerland
	Szymon Andrzejewski	Can augmented democracy fulfil the ideal of deliberative democracy?
	Siqing Yu, Leila Cornips	Participation in Citizen Science: A Systematic Literature Review
	Elisabet Vives	Conceptualising Political Inequality in the Context of Civic Tech Mediated Participation
	Carina Hausladen, Dominik Peters, Joshua C. Yang, Regula Hänggli, Evangelos Pournaras	Fair Voting Methods and Aggregations in Digital Participatory Budgeting: Proportionality and Legitimacy

PRA156 | Tue 13:30-15:15

Democratic Innovations to Manage Planetary Challenges

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair André Bächtiger

Discussant Azucena Moran

Janosch Pfeffer, Jens
Newig The Politics of Climate Assemblies. How Effective Design for Policy Impact Depends
on Context

Azucena Moran, Dorota
Stasiak, Dirk von
Schneidemesser, Daniel
Oppold Between the backstage and the frontstage of climate assemblies: facilitation
revisited

Paper Authors

Martin King, Stephen Elstub Climate Assemblies, Multi-level Governance and the Global Climate Crisis

Elisa Minsart Climate assemblies, yes, but what for ? Questioning their uses and functions in
climate public action through an in-depth case study

Janosch Prinz, Manon
Westphal The People's Climate Tribunal. Addressing the Climate Emergency with
Democratic Innovation

PRA155 | Wed 08:30-10:15

Democratic innovations and the maxi-public: Democratic legitimacy and consent

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Eva-Maria Trüdinger	
Co-Chair	Francesco Veri	
Discussant	Brigitte Geißel	
	Giada Gianola	In Digital Platforms We Trust: Legitimacy Perceptions of a Digital Democratic Innovation and a Digital Vote Leaflet Created by Ordinary Citizens
	Eva-Maria Trüdinger, André Bächtiger, James Druckman, Mark Warren	Citizens' Preferences for Generic Democratic Practices: A Conjoint Experiment in the U.S. and Germany
Paper Authors	Stella Koenen	The effect of adding deliberation to a direct democratic process on outcome acceptance among the maxi-public
	Jelle Turkenburg	The impact of participatory budgeting on maxi-public political attitudes: mixed-methods findings from two cases in Amsterdam
	Matthias Rosenthal	Direct democratic consent? On the relative effect of direct democratic victory and loss on political support in multi-ballot elections

VIR011 | Wed 08:30-10:15

Innovating local governance: local democracy from below

Virtual + Building A, Ground Floor, Room 21

Chair	Carolina Galais	
Co-Chair	Andrea Felicetti	
Discussant	Roberto Falanga	
Paper Authors	Sumit Kumar	Decolonizing Panchayats: Exploring Gandhian decentralization as a mechanism for grassroots involvement
	Carolina Galais, Carlos Rico Motos, Joan Font	Is the left still “special” regarding participation? Left-wing parties and democratic innovations in Spain.
	Marina Pera Ros, Sonia Bussu	Democratising policy-making from below. Civic managed facilities in Barcelona
	Nicolina Kirby, Dorota Stasiak, Dirk von Schneidemesser	Community resilience through bottom-up participation: When civil society drives urban transformation processes
	Thamy Pogrebinschi	Democratic Innovation Beyond the State: The Role of Civil Society in the Promotion of Citizen Participation in Latin America

PRA157 | Wed 10:45-12:30

Democratic Innovations, Participation and the Media

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair Paschalia Sprydow

Discussant Matt Ryan

Frank Hendriks, Ank Michels

Strengthening democracy through hybrid democratic innovation: Combining talk-centric and vote-centric innovation in Participatory Budgeting-new style

Nefeli Michalitou, Anna Maria Boutzi

Assessing the Outcomes of Different Forms of Participatory Budgeting: An Experimental Study

Paper Authors

Carlos Mendez

Democratic Innovations in Local Governance: A comparative study of Participatory Budgeting Institutionalisation

Gabriel Badescu

Democratic Innovations and Political Participation: Evidence from a Ten-country survey

Nikandros Ioannidis

The Role of Journalism in Diffusing Democratic Innovations: The Case of Participatory Budgeting

PRA009 | Wed 16-17:45

S23 Environmental Politics

Engaging citizens in the climate transition

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair

Marina Lindell

Discussant

Janosch Pfeffer

Simone Haarbosch, Tamara
Metze

Deliberation through mapping assignments: exploring energy justice in citizen
mapping assignments

Atte Ojanen

Long-term policy problems in deliberative citizen participation: climate change
versus emerging technology

Paper Authors

Julia Hansel, Antonia Graf

Experimental and participatory governance of mobility hubs in urban sustainable
transitions

Irene Bronsvoort

The citizen multiple. Investigating the enactment of citizen engagement in the
energy transition

PRA339 | Thu 08:30-10:15

Novel perspectives on theories of participatory governance

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair Tetsuki Tamura

Discussant Nino Junius

Victor Sanchez-Mazas Towards democratic diagnosis: Building a framework to identify context-specific problems of democratic systems

Antonin Lacelle-Webster,
Julien Vrydagh A systemic approach to democracy: conceptualizing democratic systems

Paper Authors Eva Schmidt Internal Exclusion and Epistemic Injustice in Deliberative Mini Publics

Dannica Fleuß Realizing Radical Openness: Conversation starters for innovating democracy "bottom-up"

Janosch Prinz Facts and Norms: Radical Realists' Alternative

PRA446 | Thu 10:45-12:30

Roundtable: The Role of social movements in reinventing participatory governance

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair & Intro	Sonia Bussu	
Book Chapter Authors	Dannica Fleuß	Challenging the “Rules of the Game” – The Role of Bottom-up Participatory Experiments for Deliberative Democracy
	Paola Pierri	Towards Participatory Transition Governance: The role of social movements as ‘collaborators’ for democratic innovation
	Roberto Falanga	Whose and what right to the city? Insights from Lisbon
	Fabiola Motta	How can democracy-driven governance turn into techno-populism? Arguing on the case of Ahora Madrid
Paper Author	Andrea Felicetti	What hinders democratic innovation? A local level analysis of participation during the pandemic emergency in Tuscany.
Discussion & Q&A	Markus Holdo Marina Pera Ros	

PRA157 | Thu 13:30-15:15

Digging deeper on the Global South distinction in the field of democratic innovation

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Felipe Rey Salamanca	
Discussant	Melisa Ross, Felipe Rey Salamanca	
Paper Authors	Roberto Falanga	What democratic legitimacy? Analysing sample composition in the Lisbon citizens' assembly
	Alice Siu, Estelle Joanna Ciesla	AI and Deliberative Polling in Sub-Saharan Africa: Results and Reflections from 4 National Deliberative Polls
	Felipe Rey Salamanca, Indira Latorre	Beyond colonization and tropicalization: The deliberative wave in Latin America
	Melisa Ross	Learning from actually-existing deliberation: The deliberative principles of self-convened popular assemblies

PRA491 | Thu 13:30-15:15

The macro-political effects of democratic innovations

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Alexander Geisler	
Discussant	James Pow	
Paper Authors	Seraphine Arnold, André Bächtiger	The determinants of minipublic uptake: results from a new databank
	Maija Jäske, Mikko Leino, Maija Setälä	Mini-public statements and media as transmitters of deliberative verdicts: A survey experiment on a Citizens' Jury on forest policy
	Lisa Van Dijk	Just because they are not politicians? Examining trust in citizens as decision-makers
	Nanuli Silagadze	Referendums and minorities: old topic, new findings
	Alexander Geisler, Megan Mattes	Weaponizing memory of an undemocratic past against a democratic future: A study of political actors' deliberate mischaracterization of emergent deliberative democratic forums

PRA524 | Fri 10:45-12:30

Theorizing Democratic Innovations

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Dannica Fleuß	
Discussant	Felipe Rey Salamanca	
Paper Authors	Nicole Curato, Lucy Parry, John Dryzek	Deliberative integrity: Emerging consensus and divergent views in the governance of deliberative mini-publics
	Paolo Spada, Giovanni Allegretti	Putting Back the Complexity into the Deliberative System: The case of Italian regional laws
	Jens Newig, Julia Brinkmann, Ricarda Hille	Populating the Democracy Cube. Assessing Power Delegation, Participant Interaction and Representation in Participatory Governance
	Julian Frinken	The Representative Claim of Mini-Publics: Descriptive and Deliberative
	Andreas Busen	Grounding democratic theory: A problem-based approach

PRA518 | Fri 13:30-15:15

The role of government and governance in democratic innovations

Building B, 4th Floor, Room 417

Chair	Kaisa Herne	
Discussant	Frank Hendriks, Kaisa Herne	
Paper Authors	Kaisa Herne, Maija Jäske, Mikko Värttö, Kimmo Grönlund	The development of civic virtues and perceptions of democratic governance in a citizens' panel: Does the presence of politicians make a difference?
	Nino Junius	How mini-publics deal with the challenge of elite manipulation: comparing two models in Belgium
	Charlotte Wagenaar, Carolien van Ham	Political support for hybrid democratic innovations: Local councilors' perceptions of the merits and challenges of sequencing deliberative and aggregative participatory instruments
	Andi Heimann	Elite perspectives on the merits of deliberative mini-publics. Local officials' tales from three Swiss cities.
	Adelie Chevee	Fact-checking and expertise in transnational citizen assemblies: the case of the European Citizen Panels

Info & Links

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