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MOVING FRONTIERS OF THE DEMOS: ENFRANCHISEMENT, YOUTH PARTICIPATION, AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Monday 12 | Wednesday 14 June 2023

Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), Maison de la paix, room S5
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Democracy is a space in permanent flux, which is shaped by a variety of political, social, institutional, and technological factors. With this conference, we seek to understand in which ways the frontiers of the demos have been moving in recent years and which key elements have been driving past – and will presumably further drive future – transformations. We build on the analysis of three drivers of frontier changes either expanding or shrinking the demos: voting rights, youth participation, and digital technologies. We will investigate these expansionary and exclusionary dynamics within three types of frontiers of the demos: 1) legal frontiers; 2) intergenerational frontiers; and 3) virtual frontiers.

By identifying and analysing the most recent and innovative (youth-led) political participation practices (i.e., what we consider weak signals), we will also identify common elements and differences among innovations, whether they are led by youth, migrants, in the physical or digital realm. Technology is not only a new frontier; it is also a transversal theme throughout the conference that we use to explore the technological dimensions of innovations, especially when focusing on youth activism.

Ultimately, our goal is to identify and analyse “weak signals” on which future research and policy intervention may build. Our main objective is to develop a common understanding and language across academic disciplines and identify research gaps in order to work together on a joint project application.

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DAY 1: MONDAY 12 JUNE

10:00 – 10:30 INTRODUCTION, CONCEPTUAL OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

Laura Bullon-Cassis, Jérôme Duberry and Christine Lutringer (AHCD, IHEID)

10:30 – 12:30 PANEL 1: LEGAL FRONTIERS (I)

Moderator: Christine Lutringer (AHCD, IHEID)

Rapporteur: Jérôme Duberry (AHCD and Tech Hub, IHEID)

Presentations by:

- Maarten Vink (GLOBALCIT, EUI)
- Sebastián Umpierrez and Maarten Vink (GLOBALCIT, EUI)
- Nina Khamsy (IHEID)
- Lucy Dubochet (AHCD, IHEID)

12:30 – 14:00: LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30 PANEL 2: LEGAL FRONTIERS (II)

Moderator: Paige Morrow (UN and IHEID)

Rapporteur: Roger Soler i Martí (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Presentations by:

- Sebastián Umpierrez, Klaudia Wegschaider and Rainer Bauböck (GLOBALCIT, EUI)
- Matias López (AHCD, IHEID), Ines Fynn (Universidad Católica del Uruguay)
- and Lihuen Nocetto (Universidad Católica de Temuco)
- Victoria Finn (GLOBALCIT, EUI)
- Klaudia Wegschaider (Oxford University)

15:30 – 16:00: COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:00 RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP

Facilitator: Maarten Vink

DAY 2: TUESDAY 13 JUNE

9:00 – 11:00 PANEL 3: GENERATIONAL FRONTIERS (I)

Moderator: Christine Lutringer (AHCD, IHEID)

Rapporteur: Yanina Welp (AHCD, IHEID)

Presentations by:

- Kalypso Nicolaidis (EUI) *joining online*
- Eduardo Belinchon (Foraus, Geneva)
- Christin Tonne (AHCD, IHEID) *joining online*
- Simon Berthoud (Agissons, Lausanne)

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:15 PANEL 4: GENERATIONAL FRONTIERS (II)

Moderator: Graziella Moraes Silva (AHCD, IHEID)

Rapporteur: Victoria Finn (GLOBALCIT, EUI)

Presentations by:

- Roger Soler i Martí (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) and Eduard Balleste (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)
- Lucas Figueroa and Yanina Welp (AHCD)
- Laura Bullon-Cassis, Christine Lutringer, Maria Mexi and Yanina Welp (AHCD, IHEID)
- Paula Gori (EUI) *joining online*

13:15 – 14:15 LUNCH

14:15 – 15:15 RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP

Facilitator: Christine Lutringer (AHCD, IHEID)

15:15 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 17:00 PHD COLLOQUIUM

Moderator: Yanina Welp (AHCD, IHEID)

Discussants: Naia Begiristain (Orkestra and AHCD, IHEID), Luisa Cruz Lobato (PUC Rio), Matias López (AHCD, IHEID), Henrique Spósito (IHEID) and Sebastián Umpierrez (GOBALCIT, EUI)

18:00 – 19:00 PUBLIC EVENT: DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC RESISTANCE

With Irene Khan, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression, Distinguished Fellow of the Graduate Institute and Research Associate at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

9:00 – 11:15 PANEL 5: DIGITAL FRONTIERS (I)

Moderator: Naia Begiristain (Orkestra and AHCD, IHEID)

Rapporteur: Manuel Hubacher (AHCD, IHEID)

Presentations by:

- Daniel Innerarity (Ikerbasque and EUI)
- Anne Lee Steele (Turing Institute)
- Karsten Donnay (University of Zurich) *joining online*
- Marta Cantero Gamito and Lucia Bosoer (EUI) *joining online*

11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:15 PANEL 6: DIGITAL FRONTIERS (II)

Moderator: Jérôme Duberry (AHCD and Tech Hub, IHEID)

Rapporteur: Pedro dos Santos (Tech Hub, IHEID)

Presentations by:

- Luisa Cruz Lobato (PUC Rio)
- Mariana Macedo (University of Toulouse)
- H.S. Jamadagni (IISc Bangalore)
- Gülin Ozcan (IHEID)
- Manuel Hubacher and Jérôme Duberry (AHCD and Tech Hub, IHEID)

13:15 – 14:15 LUNCH

14:15 – 15:00 RAPPORTEUR PRESENTATIONS AND GROUP DISCUSSION

Facilitator: Jérôme Duberry

15:00 – 17:00 IDENTIFYING AND ANALYSING “WEAK SIGNALS” – NEXT STEPS

Moderator: Cédric Dupont (IHEID)