

Preliminary Programme

Online participation on the local level – a comparative perspective

1. International Conference | 13 -15 December 2017 | Düsseldorf/Germany | Haus der Universität

About the Conference

The international conference *“Online participation on the local level – a comparative perspective”* will be held from 13 to 15 December 2017 in Düsseldorf/Germany. The conference brings together an international group of researchers from different disciplines to provide a variety of perspectives on local online participation.

The conference is jointly organized by the [Düsseldorf Institute of Internet and Democracy](#) (DIID) and the [NRW Fortschrittskolleg Online Participation](#) both at the University of Düsseldorf.

The main theme of the conference is to investigate the role of digital technologies in political participation with a focus on the local level, ranging from small neighborhoods to large municipalities. This encompasses both top-down as well as bottom-up e-participation initiatives (i.e. invited as well as invented spaces). Questions of interest include, but are not limited to:

- How do the results of online participation compare with the outcomes of classic forms of participation?
- How to combine online and offline forms of participation?
- What effects are specific to particular participation formats and how do they compare to each other?
- How do institutions and their members (need to) change when adapting to digital forms of participation?
- How does the context of a particular country shape the role of local e-participation?
- What methods should be used to research the effects of e-participation?

Venue

The conference takes place at the [„Haus der Universität“](#) (Schadowplatz 14, 40212 Düsseldorf) in the heart of the city center of Düsseldorf. You can reach the venue easily by public transport.

Accommodation

A limited amount of rooms is available for the participants of the conference at the [Inter City Hotel Düsseldorf](#) (Graf-Adolf-Str. 81-87, 40210 Düsseldorf). To book one of the rooms please follow this link: [room booking](#)

Registration

Participants can register for the conference at no charge until the 30th November via Email: diid@hhu.de. Invited Speakers don't have to register for the conference in advance.

Wednesday, 13th December | Public Welcome Event

Time	
5.00 pm	Arrival & Registration
5.15 - 6.30 pm	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <p><i>Martin Mauve</i> NRW-Fortschrittskolleg Online-Participation</p> <p><i>Michael Baurmann</i> Düsseldorfer Institute for Internet and Democracy – DIID</p> <p><i>Panayiotis Zaphiris</i> Network for Social Computing Research – NOTRE</p>
6.30 - 8.00 pm	<p>Interactive Poster-Session (Snacks & Drinks)</p> <p><i>Joint event by DIID, NOTRE and the NRW-Fortschrittskolleg Online Participation. Showcasing current research on Online-Participation and Social Computing</i></p>
8.30 pm	End of Welcome Event

Thursday, 14th December | Conference Day 1

Time	
9.00 am	Arrival & Coffee
9.30 – 11.00 am	<p>Panel 1: Online Participation – stock taking (Chair: Tobias Escher)</p> <p><i>Paolo Spada University of Coimbra (Portugal)</i> The Untapped Potential of Participatory Systems</p> <p><i>Panos Panagiotopoulos Queen Mary University of London (UK)</i> 'eParticipation research: from government platforms to new forms of interaction'. Review</p>
11.00 – 11.30 am	Coffee Break
11.30 – 1.00 pm	<p>Panel 2: Case Studies I (Chair: Katrin Möltgen-Sicking)</p> <p><i>Ismael Peña-López Open University of Catalonia (Spain)</i> decidim.barcelona, from e-participation to the devolution of sovereignty</p> <p><i>Soraya Vargas Cortes Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)</i> Enabling e-participation in municipal governments in Brazil: the digital divide in a highly unequal Federation</p>
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 – 3.30 pm	<p>Panel 3: Case Studies 2 (Chair: Frank Bätge)</p> <p><i>Jon Mellon University of Oxford / World Bank</i> Digital Citizen Engagement by the World Bank</p> <p><i>Julia Drozdova Volgograd Academy of Public Administration (Russia)</i> E-government potential in management of migration risks.</p>
3.30 – 4.00 pm	Coffee Break
4.00 – 5.30	<p>Panel 4: Actors in the Field of Online Participation (Chair: Michael Baumann)</p> <p><i>Mary Feeney Arizona State University (USA)</i> What does e-participation mean for managers in small to medium sized cities? US trends and research challenges</p> <p><i>Karen Mossberger Arizona State University (USA)</i> Emerging Platforms for Online Engagement in US Local Governments – Who is innovating and how?</p>
5.30 pm	End of Conference Day 1
7.00 pm	Dinner

Friday, 15th December | Conference Day 2

Time	
9.00 am	Arrival & Coffee
9.30 – 11.00 am	<p>Panel 5: Online and Offline Participation <i>(Chair: Dennis Frieß)</i></p> <p><i>Herbert Kubicek University of Bremen (Germany)</i> How to combine online and offline forms of participation?</p> <p><i>Sonia Royo University of Zaragoza (Spain)</i> How to Keep Citizens Engaged? Advantages and Disadvantages of Online and Offline Citizen Participation</p>
11.00 – 11.30 am	Coffee Break
11.30 – 1.00 pm	<p>Panel 6: Evaluation of Online-Participation <i>(Chair: Stefan Marschall)</i></p> <p><i>Norbert Kersting Universität Münster (Germany)</i> Monitoring and Evaluation of E-Participation</p> <p><i>Maria A. Wimmer Universität Koblenz</i> Evaluation of e-Participation Initiatives</p>
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 – 3.30 pm	<p>Panel 7: Case Studies 3 <i>(Chair: Katharina Gerl)</i></p> <p><i>Anna Przybylska University of Warsaw (Poland)</i> ICT solutions for public consultations: Methodology and design of inDialogue</p> <p><i>José L Martí Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona (Spain)</i> Crowdlaw and the internal/external dimension of online local participation</p>
3.30 pm	End of Conference Day 2 (Possibility for a Snack)