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Special Issue on “E-Deliberation 2.0”

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The concept of deliberation has a powerful normative value for democracy that is seldom contested. Under deliberative conditions, opinion formation and decision-making is based on processes of public argumentation and reasoning among equal citizens. In the last decades, the advent of online communication technologies has removed some hitherto insurmountable constraints in the realization of large-scale political deliberation and has revived the deliberative ideal: governments increasingly include deliberative elements in their e-government projects, while unstructured political discussion is flourishing on the “wild” web. The so-called “web 2.0” communication applications (such as social networking media, blogs, twitter, wikis, collaborative filtering etc.) provide their users a whole new set of opportunities and different modes of processing information, networking and interacting. What is less clear is their potential for creating the conditions needed for true deliberation.

The special issue focuses on exploring the deliberative potential of web 2.0 technologies, and, at the same time, on the question whether we need to rethink the very notion(s) of deliberation, in view of the ways in which people put in use the online tools available to them.

Subject Coverage

Contributions are sought for research papers pertinent to E-Deliberation 2.0, on a set of themes that include, but are not exclusively limited to, the following topics:

- definitions and typologies: criteria and methods for evaluating and measuring the deliberative potential of web 2.0 technologies
- tensions between deliberation and equality, political activism/advocacy, identity politics: what advances, if any, are provided by the ‘participatory web’ in these respects?
- new media and the problems of like-mindedness, fragmentation and poor quality in online deliberation
- applications and design of online deliberation

- impact of online deliberation (in comparison to face-to-face deliberation)
- the question of scale: local, national, or transnational online deliberation? Challenges and opportunities
- aims and scope of online deliberation: opinion formation, community/identity building, decision-making?

Additionally, case studies, experience reports and impact/efficiency assessments are sought, based on operational findings from E-Deliberation 2.0 implementations with considerable impact and learning potential and documenting for each case the problems addressed and solution achieved; policy context and strategy; e-deliberation 2.0 aspects of the solution; evaluation of effectiveness and impact assessment; as well as results and lessons drawn.

The aim of this special issue is to provide broad and international coverage.

Contributors may operate in a number of disciplines, in theoretical or applied research, while they may use various methodological perspectives, so that the notion of online deliberation is studied from different standpoints.

Notes for Intending Authors

Submitted papers should not have been previously published or be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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