Conference program

Deliberative Democracy in Action

Wednesday, 6 June 2012

Conference venue: Åbo Akademi, ASA-building

09:30 – 11:00 Keynote speech: John Dryzek (Australian National University): Deliberative Capacity

Parallel workshops on ‘Deliberative capacity’ and ‘Scaling up’

11:15 – 13:15 Workshop session I

14:00 – 15:30 Workshop session II

16:00 – 17:30 Workshop session III

Thursday, 7 June 2012

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9:30 – 11:00 Keynote speech II: Mark Warren (University of British Columbia): Deliberative Democracy and the Corruption of Language

11:15 – 12:45 Workshop session IV

13:30 – 15:00 Workshop session V

Preliminary program of workshops

Workshop 1: Deliberative Capacity

Session I Wednesday, 6 June, 11:15 – 13:15

Chair: Kimmo Grönlund

1. Andrea Felicetti: Deliberative Capacity in Context
2. Beibei Tang: Public Sphere, Social Heterogeneity and Deliberative Capacity Building in China
3. Harri Raisio & Pirkko Vartiainen: Public deliberation in a bilingual society: Ostrobothnian model of deliberative democracy

Discussant: André Bächtiger
Session II Wednesday, 6 June, 14:00 – 15:30

Chair: Kimmo Grönlund

1. André Bächtiger & Marlène Gerber: “Gentlemanly conversation” or vigorous contestation? An exploratory analysis of communication modes in a transnational deliberative poll (Europolis)
2. Didier Caluwaerts: Zealotry in intergroup deliberation
3. Kimmo Grönlund, Kaisa Herne & Maija Setälä: Deliberation within and across enclaves
Discussant: Robert E. Goodin

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Session III Wednesday, 6 June, 16:00 – 17:30

Chair: Kimmo Grönlund

1. Peter Söderlund & Marina Lindell: Information, deliberation and attitude change
2. Michael E. Morrell: The Process Model of Empathy and Democratic Deliberation
Discussant: Kaisa Herne

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Session IV Thursday, 7 June, 11:15 – 12:45

Chair: Kaisa Herne

2. Irena Fiket & Francesco Olmastroni: Deliberative capacity: a pre-condition for opinion change? An experimental model for explaining opinion change in deliberative mini-publics
3. Staffan Himmelroos & Henrik Serup Christensen: Deliberative processes and opinion transformation
Discussant: Michael E. Morrell

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Session V Thursday, 7 June, 13:30 – 15:00

Chair: Kaisa Herne

2. Krister Lundell: Deliberative Capacity of Individuals: Dimensions and Determinants
3. Magnus E. Jonsson: Online deliberation and the challenges for political science
Discussant: John Dryzek

Workshop 2: Scaling up

Session I Wednesday, 6 June, 11:15 – 13:15

Chair: Maija Setälä

1. Harshan Kumarasingham: The House of Lords: Deliberative Democracy in Action?
3. Jenni Rinne: Trajectories of representative deliberation: Case on Finnish parliamentary committees
4. Peter McLaverty: The Public Policy Process and Deliberative Democracy
Discussant: John Parkinson

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Session II Wednesday, 6 June, 14:00 – 15:30

Chair: Maija Setälä

1. John Boswell: How ‘the fat bomb’ got defused: empty platitudes, powerful interests and the importance of ‘scaling along’ deliberation
2. Mikko Rask, Jade Herriman, Chris Riedyg & Richard Worthington: Policy effectiveness of large-scale DDPs
3. Vanessa Liston, Clodagh Harris & Mark O’Toole: SOWIT: A model for inclusion and political legitimacy in scaling up citizen deliberations
Discussant: Simon Niemeyer

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Chair: Maija Setälä

1. Nicole Curato & Simon Niemeyer: Is this just a big group hug? Assessing the role of appreciative inquiry in deliberative forums and the implications for developing deliberative capacity
2. Seraina Pedrini: Mapping Deliberative Capacity in the Political and Civic Sphere
3. Martin Karlsson: How deliberative is the Swedish political blogosphere?
Discussant: Stephen Elstub

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Session IV Thursday, 7 June, 11:15 – 12:45

Chair: Pilvi Toppinen

1. Ricardo Fabrino Mendonça & Eleonora S. M. Cunha: Wide participation without deliberation?
2. Thamy Pogrebinschi: Large-scale deliberation made possible: Lessons from Brazil
3. Joan Font & Carolina Galais: Participation and/or deliberation: do we have to choose?
Discussant: Maija Setälä

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Chair: Pilvi Toppinen

1. John Parkinson: Time and deliberative systems
Discussant: Peter McLaverty