

CALL FOR IDEAS

THE NEXT DEMOCRACY TRANSFORMING PARADIGMS, INSTITUTIONS AND THE MARKET

On **Thursday 28 June from 9.30am - 6pm**, the Democracy Lab of Das Progressive Zentrum will host the second Innocracy - Conference in Berlin. The conference will explore concepts beyond our current understanding of liberal democracy and ask what kind of political system is best adapted to our society, environment and economy in transformative times.

Traditionally, the main focus of liberal democracies has been to provide the framework for citizens to lead “good lives”, often with an exclusive focus on material prosperity. Economic growth and social mobility were at the core of the “social contract” and helped to legitimise the post-War political system.

Today, the **ecological crisis and rising inequality** challenge this long-lasting political focus. In addition, **automation and digitisation** have a transformative impact on the labour market and the social system. The **rise of authoritarian and illiberal movements** demonstrates the vulnerability of liberal democracy, as they attack fundamental values of liberal democracy and put into question collective identities.

These challenges are fundamental. They require new answers – **democracy will not be saved by defending the status quo**. Thus, to preserve the core values and principles of democracy, we will have to rethink society in all its aspects. **Innocracy 2018 invites you to confront the systemic challenges democracy must overcome in order to survive.**

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Inspiring ideas and projects about the future of democracy
- Knowledge and expertise in one of the thematic clusters
- Skills in public speaking and workshops facilitation
- Full proficiency in English
- Openness to eye-level dialogue and new ideas

WHAT WE OFFER:

- The opportunity to present and discuss your idea with an international audience, decision-makers, academia and the media
- An networking dinner the day before the conference for all speakers and session hosts
- A free pass to the summer party of Das Progressive after the conference
- Travel costs to and from Berlin, public transport to and from the conference as well as accommodation in Berlin for two nights, so that you can join the summer party of Das Progressive Zentrum
- An interactive workshop the day before the conference with all session hosts and speakers

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Please choose one of the topics below and a time slot. Please note that we are looking for interactive workshop formats, no speeches or long talks.

THEMATIC CLUSTERS



SYSTEMIC REFORM

How must democratic institutions and structures change to serve citizens in times of fundamental transformation?



SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY

How can political and economic systems, i.e. democracies and markets, be integrated in the boundaries of our eco-system?



DIGITAL DEMOCRACY

Which kind of governance does it take to make technological progress compatible with the “social contract”?



COMMUNITY & BELONGING

How can we create individual and collective identities that serve as drivers to build the next democracy?

FORMAT: CO-CREATION WORKSHOP



- A workshop format which aims at collaboratively working together on a question in a co-creative and interactive process.
- This format is made to gather the participant's potential and develop constructive proposal to the topics of the workshop.
- You are the process facilitator.

TIMING



- 1,5 hours slots
- 1 hour slots

If you would like to apply, please send us the following documents **in one e-mail with the subject line “Application - Innocracy 2018” no later than 21 May 2018 at 12pm (C.E.T)** to democracylab@progressives-zentrum.org:

1. The application form, including the topic and format of your choice

2. Your CV (max. 2 pages)

3. A colour picture (min. 200 KB, landscape format)

Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. **We especially support applications from women and people with diverse backgrounds.** We are looking forward to your applications!

THE DEMOCRACY LAB



Das Progressive Zentrum launched the *Democracy Lab* in April 2017. It offers a space for creative, interdisciplinary and international exchange. As a collaborative platform, our objective is to translate ideas coming from civil society into practical recommendations for decision-makers in the field of democratic innovation. Our projects cover a wide range of topics, from digital democracy, the engagement of young people in politics to the issue of representativity and trust.

www.democracylab.de

DAS PROGRESSIVE ZENTRUM



Das Progressive Zentrum, located in Berlin, is an independent and non-profit think tank. The aim of *Das Progressive Zentrum* is to foster new networks of progressive actors from different backgrounds and to promote innovative politics as well as economic and social progress. In this respect, *Das Progressive Zentrum* gathers mainly young thinkers and decision-makers from Germany and Europe in its progressive debates.

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