

CALL FOR IDEAS

On 28 November, the Democracy Lab is hosting the first Conference on Democratic Innovation in Berlin. **Our objective is to bring together an international community of innovators, experts, academics and politicians in order to share ideas, experience and expertise in the field of democratic innovation.** Together, we would like to discuss how our democracies can adapt to changes in society and better respond to the socio-economic, cultural, technological and ecological transformations.

Would you like to share your insights or present your project to an international audience, decision-makers and the media? Are you open to eye-level dialogue? Do you want to get to know innovators from Germany and around the globe? Whether you are working on reforming parliamentary structures or ministries, the digitalisation of parties, or on projects to involve youth in decision-making processes: **We would like to give you the opportunity to present your project or idea in the field of democratic innovation during the conference as a session host.**

WE OFFER THREE SESSION FORMATS:



CO-CREATE

A facilitated workshop format which aims at working together on a question in a collaborative environment.



INSPIRE

A short, catchy stage presentation followed by a Q&A session with the audience.



DEBATE

A flexible dialogue format; You're free to invite guests or have a discussion with the participants.

Please complete the **attached application form** and send it back to democracylab@progressives-zentrum.org no later than **27 September 2017** (Subject line: Session Host - Conference on Democratic Innovation).

Successful applicants will have the chance to attend the conference, as well as an exclusive networking dinner for contributors the night before. Das Progressive Zentrum will cover travel expenses to and from Berlin as well as accommodation in Berlin.

We encourage next generation thinkers and doers to apply and are looking forward to your ideas!

THE DEMOCRACY LAB

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Das Progressive Zentrum launched the Democracy Lab in April 2017. It offers a **space for creative, interdisciplinary and international exchange as well as network-building**. As a collaborative platform, we aim at translating 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.

The Democracy Lab aims to:

- illustrate that constant change, agility, **a culture of openness and innovative spirit** provide benefits and foster the legitimacy of our democratic institutions;
- collect and further **develop proposals for the innovation of democracy** through research and collaborative thinking;
- develop ideas that **empower democratic institutions and their actors** in order for them to successfully tackle the complex challenges we currently face.



DAS PROGRESSIVE ZENTRUM



Das Progressive Zentrum, located in Berlin, is an independent and non-profit think tank. The objective 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.

The Progressive Zentrum aims to:

- promote progressive politics in Germany and **shape a new understanding of progress** – a new progressive narrative for a modern dynamic society, a just economy and a modern state in the 21st century;
- **link discussions in Germany to international debates** by bringing together key actors from academia, the media, business and politics;
- provide a **platform for an international exchange of ideas**, in particular for the next generation of progressive thinkers, researchers and policymakers.