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BACKGROUND
THE CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRATIC INNOVATION

Welcome to Innocracy - The Conference on democratic innovation

We are in a phase of systemic transition: from the post-war understanding of what democracy is - and how it works - towards a different, deeper democracy. Our conference seeks to openly question how to make democracies more resilient and to explore what the next steps towards this goal could be. Together, we would like to discuss how we can best adapt to changes and respond to socio-economic, cultural, technological and ecological transformations in an increasingly complex world.

The objective of today is to bring all of you together - an international community of innovators, experts, academics, and politicians. We hope to provide you with the space to discuss and share ideas on how to innovate and revive our democracy. Speakers and session hosts from more than ten countries will share their insights and expertise with you.

Together, we would like to explore three interconnected levels: new ideas and mental models; the remaking of structures; and the re-designing of processes, which also shape our work in the Democracy Lab that we founded earlier this year.

We hope that you leave this conference with new inspiration, ideas and impulses for your work and causes, and that this will generate a positive impact in the long-term. We thank the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth for their support for the project "Democracy 2025 - Democratic innovations for a changing society", which made this conference possible.

Enjoy the conference!

Best Regards,

Laura-Kristine Krause
Head of the Democracy Lab

Hanno Burmester
Strategic Lead of the Democracy Lab

PROGRAMME

Time	INNOSPACE (30+ PARTICIPANTS)	BARCAMP ROOM 1 (30 PARTICIPANTS)	BARCAMP ROOM 2 (20 PARTICIPANTS)	FOCUS LAB (15 PARTICIPANTS)	
9⁰⁰ - 9³⁰	*Arrival*	& Coffee			
9³⁰ - 10⁰⁰	**Opening Remarks:** Laura-Kristine	Krause, Das Progressive Zentrum			
10⁰⁰ - 10³⁰	**Keynote: "People, Prosperity, and our Planet - Governing the Anthropocene"**	Maja Göpel, Secretary General, German Advisory Council on Global Change | *Innospace*			
10³⁰ - 10⁴⁵	*Coffee*	*Break*			
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10⁴⁵ - 12⁰⁰	**"Citizens' assemblies - democracy that works"** Marcin Gerwin, Initiative for Citizen's Assemblies (Poland) **"Data-driven democracy? The Edgeryders guide to unbreaking politics"** Nadia El-Imam, Edgeryders (Belgium)	*Moderated by Hanno Burmester, Das Progressive Zentrum* **"New spaces for new politics: How innovative formats shake up political dialogue"** Ronan Harrington, Alter Ego (UK) Anja Adler, Open State of Politics (Germany) Philippe Narval, European Forum Alpbach (Austria)	*Session in German* **"Replacing the majority principle by a better alternative"** Erich Visotschnig, ISYKonsens Adela Mahling, Konsenslotsen (Austria and Germany)	**"La démocratie ouverte - introduction to civic innovation in France"** Florent Guignard, La Démocratie Ouverte (France)	**SESSION TRACK 1**
12⁰⁰ - 12¹⁵	*Coffee*	*Break*			
12¹⁵ - 13¹⁵	*Session in German (45 Min.) Moderated by Laura Krause, Das Progressive Zentrum* **"Political entrepreneurs or 'intrapreneurs' - who does the future belong to?"** Josef Lentsch, Neos Lab (Austria) Daniel Stich, SPD Rhineland Palatinate (Germany)	**"The Transformative Power of Commoning"** Vedran Horvat, Institute for Political Ecology (IPE) (Croatia) Daniel Chavez, Transnational Institute (TNI) (The Netherlands)	**"Experiments as Democratic Innovations"** Lari Hokkanen, DEMOS Helsinki (Finland)	**"I, We, World. After populism: Is emotional literacy and ambition the key to a new politics?"** Indra Adnan & Pat Kane, The Alternative UK (UK)	**SESSION TRACK 2**
13¹⁵ - 14¹⁵	*Lunch*	*Break*			
14¹⁵ - 15¹⁵	**"Spreading a different way of thinking - what can we learn from neoliberalism's strategy?"** Lance Bennett, SEED Initiative (USA) **"Apptivism: Making civic engagement engaging"** Alex Tupper, Apptivism (UK)	**"How to engage people in new democratic innovations"** Natalia Andrea Osorio Restrepo, Foro Nacional Por Colombia (Colombia)	**"Creating a new politics for the digital society"** Adriana Groh, Wepublic (Germany)	**"Co-creative approaches for contemporary interaction between the state and the citizens"** Caroline Paulick-Thiel & Jenna Büchy, Politics for Tomorrow (Germany)	**SESSION TRACK 3**
15¹⁵ - 15⁴⁵	*Coffee*	*Break*			
15⁴⁵ - 16⁴⁵	**"Network parties and the new paradigm of citizen-centered politics"** Katarzyna Klimowicz, University of Warsaw (Poland) **"Co-creative, integral, self-organised - the potential of political innovations in the digital age"** Joana Breidenbach, Betterplace Lab (Germany)	**"Municipalism: A tool for a radical bottom-up democratization"** Xavi Ferrer, Barcelona En Comú (Spain)	**"How democratically wise is your innovation? An exploratory Game"** Andy Paice, Co-Intelligence Institute / Wise Democracy Project (UK)	**"Democracy wins"** Jana Faus, Artikel 1 - Initiative für Menschenwürde e.V. (Germany)	**SESSION TRACK 4**
16⁴⁵ - 17⁰⁰	*Coffee*	*Break*			
17⁰⁰ - 17²⁰	**Endnote: "Democratizing Democracy. The Future of Empowerment**	**and Civic Engagement"** Robert Misik, Journalist and Author, Austria | *Innospace*			
17²⁰ - 17⁴⁰	**Closing Remarks:** Hanno Burmester,	Das Progressive Zentrum | *Innospace*			
18⁰⁰ - 19⁰⁰	**Reception:** *betahaus*	*Cafe, ground floor*			

INSPIRE
A short, catchy stage presentation followed by a Q&A session with the audience. *Inspire Talks are moderated by Linnea Riensberg throughout the day*

DEBATE
A flexible dial   ogue format aimed at exchanging   and discussing ideas as well as gathering   feedback.

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

SESSION TRACK 1

INNOSPACE   INSPIRE

"CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES - DEMOCRACY THAT WORKS"
MARCIN GERWIN, INITIATIVE FOR CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES (POLAND)

A citizens' assembly is a form of democratic decision-making that involves a group of randomly selected citizens. A composition of a citizens' assembly should match a demographic profile of the population of community in terms of gender, age, location, education level or other criteria, depending on the country. The aim of the citizens' assembly is to provide solutions that will best serve the common good of the whole community. Citizens' assemblies have been introduced last year in Poland in the city of Gdańsk, and the city has just finished organising its third citizens' assembly. Its recommendations are binding for the mayor, if they have the support of at least 80 percent of the members of the citizens' assembly. Inspired by the citizens' assemblies in Australia, the model from Gdańsk has many features designed locally, such as the method of random selection or the way of developing final recommendations. Marcin Gerwin is presenting the concept from Gdańsk as a best practice, as the process is ready to be implemented in other cities around Europe.

INNOSPACE   INSPIRE

"DATA-DRIVEN DEMOCRACY?
THE EDGERYDERS GUIDE TO UNBREAKING POLITICS"
NADIA EL-IMAM, EDGERYDERS (BELGIUM)

In democracies, the instinctive response is to get together, talk about issues and then decide what to do. However, large deliberative processes require a lot of time and are very "hackable" as they are essentially an assembly in the Agora. The Agora is the centre. If you capture the centre you capture everything. Edgeryders is working towards what we believe to be a credible plan by prototyping and testing its various components. These include methodologies and technologies we have developed for making sense of how to sustainably provide health and social care in a system under stress, how to respond to unemployment and building infrastructure to pre-empt youth radicalisation. During her talk, Ms. El-Imam will describe the theory and experiences behind the Edgeryders method. She will also share a number of tools that anyone can use in their institutional or political context.

BARCAMP ROOM 1 *(30 PARTICIPANTS)* **DEBATE**

"NEW SPACES FOR NEW POLITICS: HOW INNOVATIVE FORMATS SHAKE UP POLITICAL DIALOGUE"

RONAN HARRINGTON, ALTER EGO NETWORK (UK) | ANJA ADLER, OPEN STATE OF POLITICS (GERMANY) | PHILIPPE NARVAL, EUROPEAN FORUM ALPBACH (AUSTRIA)

The crisis of democracy is also a crisis of standard political formats. Spaces that encourage open exploration, dialogue, and innovative thinking are a rarity. Philippe Narval, Anja Adler and Ronan Harrington curate three different formats that aim to facilitate exchange and co-creation among guests that usually do not meet and collaborate. To a varying degree, these spaces foster self-awareness and self-reflection, a prerequisite for creating transformational impact in the political arena. They will discuss the power of spaces that nudge politics towards the new, reflect their experiences and ask what mainstream institutions can learn from these three organisations.

BARCAMP ROOM 2 *(20 PARTICIPANTS)* **CO-CREATE**

"REPLACING THE MAJORITY PRINCIPLE BY A BETTER ALTERNATIVE"

ERICH VISOTSCHNIG, ISYKONSENS (AUSTRIA) | ADELA MAHLING, KONSENSLOTSEN (GERMANY)

(SESSION WILL BE HELD IN GERMAN)

In democracies, we are accustomed to the majority principle. But this principle has many disadvantages. Above all, it creates winners and losers. In this workshop, we would like to present an alternative, the "Systemic Konsensing Principle". In this system, those that create the least dissatisfaction in the group are elected, coming closest to consensus, containing the lowest potential for conflict and raising the least resistance when implemented. Group cohesion is strengthened, group efficiency increases as well as overall satisfaction. The process has been applied successfully in civil society and businesses for years. First examples in political areas have been equally effective. To be successful when using the "SK-Principle", one must formulate proposals that represent one's own interests while generating as little resistance as possible. Politically, this means that decisions will no longer reflect the interests of powerful groups, but are oriented to the well being of all. A democracy beyond power and profit emerges.

FOCUS LAB *(15 PARTICIPANTS)* **CO-CREATE**

"LA DÉMOCRATIE OUVERTE - INTRODUCTION TO CIVIC INNOVATION IN FRANCE"
FLORENT GUIGNARD, LA DÉMOCRATIE OUVERTE (FRANCE)

This workshop offers insights into the small and yet fast-growing world of civic innovation in France, with a focus on seven particularly interesting innovations. It will also include a first brainstorming about how to become engaged citizens and explore different ways of civic engagement. Enough time will be kept for questions and answers, as well as discussions, in order to share interesting initiatives and thoughts related to civic tech, civic engagement, and the future of political participation.

SESSION TRACK 2

INNOSPACE **DEBATE**

"POLITICAL ENTREPRENEURS OR 'INTRAPRENEURS' - WHO DOES THE FUTURE BELONG TO?""
JOSEF LENTSCH, NEOS LAB (AUSTRIA) & DANIEL STICH, SPD RHINELAND-PALATINATE (GERMANY)

(SESSION WILL BE HELD IN GERMAN)
Does it make sense to try and revive established political parties from the inside? Many don't think so - and found new parties and movements, as Emmanuel Macron's example vividly shows. All over Europe, political entrepreneurs celebrate successes, despite the hardships that come with setting up new organisations. At the same time, the sclerotic state of established parties creates opportunities for intrapreneurs that aim at renewing structures and cultures from within. This session asks what we can learn from both entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs when it comes to reviving the idea of the political party. Josef Lentsch, who co-founded Austria's NEOs, and Daniel Stich, General Secretary of the Social Democratic Party in Rhineland-Palatinate, will explore patterns for future success and share insights from their work.

BARCAMP ROOM 1 *(30 PARTICIPANTS)*   **DEBATE**

"THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF COMMONING"
VEDRAN HORVAT, INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL ECOLOGY (IPE) (CROATIA) &
DANIEL CHAVEZ, TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE (TNI) (THE NETHERLANDS)

Point of departure of the debate will be the Transnational Institute's most recent research on remunicipalisation practices across Europe, as well as the empirical research on the democratisation of public companies carried out by the Institute of Political Ecology. The main goal of this research was to create counter-arguments against privatisation, to improve governance models through citizen's participation and to increase social control over resource management. This session explores how innovation is needed in order to build collaborative relations in the public sphere, and even more radically, how to introduce more complex models of civic participation in the governance of public companies.

BARCAMP ROOM 2 *(20 PARTICIPANTS)*   **CO-CREATE**

"EXPERIMENTS AS DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS"
LARI HOKKANEN, DEMOS HELSINKI (FINLAND)

In this session, Lari Hokkanen talks about experimentation as a democratic and transformative way for the public sector to address the biggest problems of our time. He will present the "finnish model of experimentation" that Demos carried out for the Prime Minister's Office in 2015. Demos' Governance Innovation unit is interested in how to use behavioural insights, co-creation and randomised controlled trials as novel ways to craft more efficient policies. Lari particularly explores the democratic aspects of experimentation processes. Demos doesn't want experimentation to be technocratic in any way. Some concrete cases will be presented that illustrates how the think tank implements the experimentation model. Participants will also learn about the Basic Income Experiment as an important step forward, even though it is no perfect experiment.

FOCUS LAB *(15 PARTICIPANTS)*   **CO-CREATE**

"I, WE, WORLD. AFTER POPULISM: IS EMOTIONAL LITERACY AND AMBITION THE KEY TO A NEW POLITICS?"
INDRA ADNAN & PAT KANE, THE ALTERNATIVE UK (UK)

In the UK, only 2% of people are members of political parties – despite the recent Corbyn surge and Scottish nationalism. In the rest of Europe, it's not much better. From within the political bubble, the 98% are caricatured as apathetic and disempowered. Yet, when harnessed emotionally, they come out in numbers – causing both the Brexit and Trump upsets. Given the revolution of connectivity and information we have been in for over ten years, it's no longer enough to offer ideology and mobilise the people. There is a cry and capacity for autonomy, belonging, meaning and purpose in the public space. Yet politics is notoriously disconnected, even more so after twenty years of neoliberalism. Increasingly, people are organising on local, municipal and city levels. Unlike national politics, the possibility of relationship between the leaders and the citizens gives rise to greater engagement across the traditional political divides. Decision makers can know each other, negotiate and share vision. What's more, they can respond to each other's needs. In this workshop, we will look at how this culture can scale up, develop a new political sensibility, and enliven the social space.

SESSION TRACK 3

INNOSPACE   **INSPIRE**

"SPREADING A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING - WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM NEOLIBERALISM'S STRATEGY?"
LANCE BENNETT, SEED INITIATIVE (USA)

Progressive movements are engaged with a broad but fragmented spectrum of activism. How can these groups join their messages and strategies in order to become more successful? What are the common themes that can bridge diverse causes, travel more easily in society, and influence parties and elections? Understanding how the global neoliberal regime came into power offers some ideas about how progressives can develop simpler and more appealing messages that unite their causes, reach broader publics, and renew the ideas of political parties.

INNOSPACE   **INSPIRE**

"APPTIVISM: MAKING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ENGAGING"
ALEX TUPPER, APPTIVISM (UK)

Apptivism is pioneering a new way for people to engage with government through Facebook Messenger. Using automated conversations called 'chatbots', Apptivism makes it easier for people to share their voice and for government to listen and take action. This presentation highlights the latest results of the application of this new platform and aims to inspire the audience to consider how to make civic engagement engaging. Its objective is to demonstrate the effectiveness of using 'chatbots' for civic engagement and to discuss the wider adoption of such methods.

BARCAMP ROOM 1 *(30 PARTICIPANTS)*   **DEBATE**

"HOW TO ENGAGE PEOPLE IN NEW DEMOCRATIC INNOVATIONS"
NATALIA ANDREA OSORIO RESTREPO, FORO NACIONAL POR COLOMBIA (COLOMBIA)

One of the main difficulties setting up a democratic innovation is to engage communities in the participatory processes. The factors that lead citizens to participate and become involved in collective actions are at the very core of a democratic system. Although the institutional design of democratic innovations plays a significant role to engage citizens, contextual factors such as the legal framework or the existing social capital present challenges that need to be addressed when designing the participatory model. This session will explore and discuss the factors that contribute to community involvement. Participants will learn about two experiences in Antioquia (Colombia) and how the regional and local government encouraged citizen's participation in educational infrastructural planning in 80 municipalities. Ms. Osorio was part of both experiences during her time working with the governments of Antioquia and Medellin. Both experiences won international innovation prices for their ability to create networks between the public and private sector as well as civil society organisations. The research also finds that a structured political communication strategy helped both experiences to achieve success, an element often neglected in the area of democratic innovations.

BARCAMP ROOM 2 *(20 PARTICIPANTS)*   **DEBATE**

"CREATING A NEW POLITICS FOR THE DIGITAL SOCIETY"
ADRIANA GROH, WEPUBLIC (GERMANY)

Wepublic's "+me" is an easy-to-use messenger app - citizens can vote on questions which politicians then need to answer. Citizens receive the answers directly on their phone where they can compare and rate them. The idea behind this project is simple: we want to create the first medium for constructive social and political communication. Wepublic addresses young citizens without strong party ties, who use the internet as their prime news channel. It follows an issue-specific rather than a party-specific approach. Our vision is to embed direct tools and measures into the representative political process in a way that surpasses e.g. petitions and referendums. During the debate we will discuss questions such as: Why and how do we want to talk about politics? What are the pains and gains? What works and what does not - and why? Our goal is to come up with criteria for innovative and democratic digital tools while keeping in mind user-centered design and target groups.

FOCUS LAB *(15 PARTICIPANTS)*   **CO-CREATE**

"CO-CREATIVE APPROACHES FOR CONTEMPORARY INTERACTION BETWEEN THE STATE AND CITIZENS"
CAROLINE PAULICK-THIEL & JENNA BÜCHY, POLITICS FOR TOMORROW (GERMANY)

At Politics for Tomorrow, we believe in learning by doing and convincing by building experiences. During the workshop, we would like to engage participants in applying central elements of human-centered methodologies: In a short design sprint we will co-creatively develop examples for desired state-citizen interactions. Building on the topics presented during the morning sessions, we will collect challenges from the workshop participants in an open space-inspired marketplace, form teams around a selection of those challenges to develop new ideas, build prototypes in order to make them tangible and reflect on next steps and personal contributions towards a contemporary democracy.

SESSION TRACK 4

INNOSPACE   **INSPIRE**

"NETWORK PARTIES AND THE NEW PARADIGM OF CITIZEN-CENTERED POLITICS"

KATARZYNA KLIMOWICZ, UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW (POLAND)

New network parties are announcing the new era of citizen-centered politics. They will change the way of thinking about public decision-making and the possibilities of civic engagement. These citizen-led political movements, standing out against 'professional' politicians and a 'traditional' way of doing politics, propose alternative models of governance in which ordinary people change their role from passive subordinates to proper decision-makers. Tech-savvy leaders and members of new political movements together with academics, urban activists and hacktivists search for ways of opening up public decision-making. For the purpose of constructing a new model of network governance, they experiment with various digital tools and design online, interactive participatory platforms which facilitate direct decision-making processes and public deliberation of citizens. In her transdisciplinary research project, Ms. Klimowicz analyses the ideological, structural and organisational changes and challenges concerning the transition to this new understanding. Her focus is placed on democratic innovations aiming at changing the model of public governance into more horizontal and collaborative ones through the use of collective intelligence and digital tools.

INNOSPACE   **INSPIRE**

"CO-CREATIVE, INTEGRAL, SELF-ORGANISED - THE POTENTIAL OF POLITICAL INNOVATIONS IN THE DIGITAL AGE"

JOANA BREIDENBACH, BETTERPLACE LAB (GERMANY)

Technology is increasingly perceived as a danger for our democracy. At the same time, we see a wave of digital innovations, which aims at strengthening participation and the debating culture as well as redesigning representation. Beyond dystopia and utopia, Ms. Breidenbach would like to discuss a model of individual and collective maturation that can help us assess the progressive potential of digital political innovations and to design these in a more sustainable fashion.

BARCAMP ROOM 1 *(30 PARTICIPANTS)*   `CO-CREATE`

"MUNICIPALISM: A TOOL FOR A RADICAL BOTTOM-UP DEMOCRATIZATION"
XAVI FERRER, BARCELONA EN COMÚ (SPAIN)

In this session, Xavi Ferrer will talk about the creation and work at "Barcelona En Comú", an organisation which aims at engaging citizens more actively in local politics, with a strong bottom-up approach. Their objective is to break borders between social affairs, people's everyday life and politics. "Barcelona En Comú" uses municipalism as a strategy: with radical democracy, feminisation of politics, and a strong local approach to create new values and new politics at local level. Of course, the competences of the municipality are limited, but Barcelona En Comú is taking advantage of what is in its scope of action, making changes in both in goals and implementation of local projects. It is showing people that innovation is possible whilst creating new horizons for citizens-led politics.

BARCAMP ROOM 2 *(20 PARTICIPANTS)*   `CO-CREATE`

"HOW DEMOCRATICALLY WISE IS YOUR INNOVATION? AN EXPLORATORY GAME"
ANDY PAICE, CO-INTELLIGENCE INSTITUTE / WISE DEMOCRACY PROJECT (UK)

This co-creative, facilitated game workshop will help participants share and further develop democracy projects they're already involved in, while exploring the usefulness of the Wise Democracy Pattern Language (WDPL) as a strategic learning tool for democracy innovators. The session starts with an introduction to the Wise Democracy Project and an audio-visual projection of its website for an overview of the "pattern language" tool the participants will be using in this game. The participants form groups of 4-6 participants, seated around tables provided with paper, pens and one deck of 70 WDPL cards. Each person gives a brief explanation of their project. Then one person at each table is randomly selected to present their project in more detail. The card deck is then dealt and each participant picks 2 or 3 patterns in their hand they feel may be of use or interest for the presenter and explain why. Once all participants have spoken the presenter comments on what has been offered, checks out at least one pattern on the website, and shares any insights they've had. Discussion ensues. The workshop concludes with a plenary discussion sharing insights, feedback and possible ways to continue working with the pattern language.

FOCUS LAB *(15 PARTICIPANTS)*   **CO-CREATE**

"DEMOCRACY WINS"
JANA FAUS, ARTIKEL 1 - INITIATIVE FÜR MENSCHENWÜRDE E.V. (GERMANY)

We are all different. But we all agree on one thing: Human dignity is inviolable. And we know: This is not just simply something written in the German Basic Law, but something we have to fight for. We see that the common ties of our society and our democracy are in danger. We want to oppose the destructive and backward-looking, anti-democratic tendencies and foster an open and tolerant culture in our society. That's why we've built the platform "Artikel 1 – Initiative für Menschenwürde e.V." This session is about what we do to convince people of the democratic values, to shake out lethargy, to challenge and to support all those who are fighting for democracy. In this session, we would like to discuss the most pressing issues in the fight for democracy and develop strategies to better deal with those challenges.

SPEAKERS & SESSION HOSTS
BIOGRAPHIES

ANJA ADLER
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, OPEN STATE OF POLITICS | GERMANY

Anja Adler is co-founder and CEO of Open State, a transition studio and collective that designs formats to push forward a more resilient future. She has just recently finished her Ph.D. in political science at the NRW School of Governance, University Duisburg Essen, researching Liquid Democracy as a collective and digital decision-making alternative in the context of the Pirate Party. In addition to her research, Anja has also been working on new forms of organising, communicating and decision-making in her different roles as author, facilitator and consultant with various organisations in the third sector, among them Stiftung Mercator, Advocate Europe, MitOst or Betterplace Lab.

INDRA ADNAN
CO-INITATOR, THE ALTERNATIVE UK | UK

Indra Adnan is Co-Initiator of The Alternative UK – part of a global network of political platforms originating with Alternativet in Denmark. She is concurrently a journalist (The Guardian, Huffington Post), a psychotherapist (Human Givens Institute) and founder of the Soft Power Network (consulting to Finnish, Brazilian, British governments and NATO). Recent publications include "Is The Party Over?" and "New Times", and e-book Soft Power Agenda. Her commitment is evolving towards a politics which serves both the individual and society.

LANCE BENNETT
INITIATOR, SEED INITIATIVE | USA

Lance Bennett is Professor of Political Science and Communication at University of Washington, Seattle, and Humboldt Research Fellow at the Freie Universität Berlin. His current work is focused on the rise of anti-democratic movements and parties, and the reasons why progressive movements have been less able to translate their high levels of activism into political party and election success. He is one of the founders of the SEED project, exploring Solutions for Environment, Economy, and Democracy. The goal is to develop communication logics that bridge diverse political networks with simple ideas that work better for people and the planet.

JOANA BREIDENBACH
FOUNDER, BETTERPLACE LAB | GERMANY

Joana has a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology and is the author of numerous books on the cultural effects of globalisation, migration and tourism, including "Tanz der Kulturen" (Rowohlt 2000), "Maxikulti" (Campus 2008), and "Seeing Culture Everywhere" (University of Washington Press, 2009). Joana is co-founder of betterplace.org, Germany's largest donation platform. In 2010 she founded the betterplace lab, a think and do tank researching the use of digital technologies for the common good. In line with her interest in digital-social innovations, she supports initiatives such as the Redi School for digital integration, CRCLR, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung and Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft. Joana also invests in mission-driven startups such as Clue, BESolutions and nebenan.de

JENNA BÜCHY
SOCIAL SCIENTIST, POLITICS FOR TOMORROW | GERMANY

A trained social scientist, Jenna Büchy designs supportive learning environments and facilitates co-creation processes that take advantage of diversity. She has extensive experience in coordinating international executive education programs for the public sector with the UP Transfer GmbH at the University of Potsdam, cooperating with organisations such as the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) und the Thai Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC). At Humboldt University, Jenna has researched entryways to co-determination bodies and opportunities for political co-creation at local level. She is interested in the dialogue between politics and society and methods facilitating eye-level collaboration between actors with diverse experiences, objectives and needs.

DANIEL CHAVEZ
RESEARCHER, TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE (TNI) | THE NETHERLANDS

Daniel Chavez is an Amsterdam-based Uruguayan urban anthropologist and political economist whose research and activist interests focus on participatory democracy, public policy and emancipatory politics. He joined the Amsterdam-based Transnational Institute (TNI) in 2001 as coordinator of the Energy Project, looking at democratic and participatory alternatives to market-drive service provision in the Global South. He currently coordinates TNI's New Politics Project, focused on the renewal of radical political theory and democratic innovations internationally. He holds a B.A. in Social Anthropology from the University of the Republic (UDELAR, Montevideo), and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University (ISS, The Hague).

NADIA EL-IMAM
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, EDGERYDERS | BELGIUM

Nadia is an engineer and designer born in Sweden to African parents, raised in Europe and Asia. She is co-founder and CEO of Edgeryders LBG, a social enterprise that develops novel methods and technologies to induce and harness collective intelligence dynamics towards tackling complex societal challenges. Nadia is currently developing new methodologies and programmes for the World Bank, United Nations Development Program as well as the European Commission.

JANA FAUS
CHAIRWOMAN, ARTIKEL 1 - INITIATIVE FÜR MENSCHENWÜRDE E.V. | GERMANY

Jana Faus is the chairwoman of Artikel 1. She is a feminist and a dedicated fighter for democracy. She trains local volunteers on how to deal with right-wing populism throughout Germany. When she is not engaging for Artikel 1, she is responsible for developing and testing campaigns and ideas for pollytix strategic research GmbH and has been a managing partner there since 2012. Jana Faus graduated in social sciences from Mannheim University and Utrecht University. She has previously worked as a research executive at Research International Pty Ltd in Singapore, as a senior account manager of The Leading Edge Pty Ltd in Sydney and as a freelance consultant in Berlin.

XAVI FERRER
CO-HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, BARCELONA EN COMÚ | SPAIN

Xavi Ferrer is an Industrial Engineer and a Development Cooperation specialist, skilled in project management. He is one of founders of Barcelona En Comú and has been active in neighbourhood and social movements in Barcelona, particularly the PAH (Platform for people affected by mortgages). Over the past years, he has worked in social communication, social fundraising and coordination of mixed teams (volunteer-professionals), experiences applied in the development of Barcelona En Comú. He has collaborated with European and international movements since the late 90's and been part of the 'Right to the City' movements, first in Madrid and then in Barcelona.

MARCIN GERWIN
INITIATOR, INITIATIVE FOR CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES | POLAND

Marcin Gerwin is a specialist in participation and sustainability. He initiated the first citizens' assembly in the city of Gdańsk in Poland and was involved in designing and coordinating three of them. Initiative for Citizens' Assemblies is an informal group from Poland established to promote deliberative democracy. Citizens' assemblies provide high-quality decisions developed by an independent group of citizens, thanks to the process of random selection.

MAJA GÖPEL
SECRETARY GENERAL, GERMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GLOBAL CHANGE | GERMANY

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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.

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