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# Electronic Democracy: Achievements and Challenges

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Chair: **Herbert Kubicek**, University of Bremen, DE

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# Final Programme

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## Wednesday, 21 November

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| Late afternoon /<br>early evening | Registration at the ESF-RC desk |
| 19.00                             | Welcome Drink                   |
| 20.00                             | Dinner                          |

## Thursday, 22 November

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| 09.00-9.15 | Conference Opening |
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### Session 1: Where We Come From

Chair: **Herbert Kubicek**, University of Bremen, DE

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| 09.15-09.45 | <b>Herbert Kubicek</b><br>University of Bremen, DE<br><i>Mapping the eDemocracy Research Topic Landscape – A Proposal from DEMO-net</i>                       |
| 09.45-10.15 | <b>William Dutton</b><br>Oxford Internet Institute, UK<br><i>30 Years eDemocracy Research – Lessons to be Learned</i>   |
| 10.15-10.45 | <b>Brian Loader</b><br>University of York, UK<br><i>Scientific Foundations of eDemocracy Research – Theory or Technology ?</i>                                |
| 10.45-11.00 | Discussion  |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break  |
| 11.30-12.00 | <b>Lawrence Pratchett</b><br>De Montfort University (DMU), UK<br><i>Changing Society – Changing eDemocracy? The Development of Democracy in Europe</i>        |
| 12.00-12.30 | <b>David Osimo</b><br>European Commission - DG JRC - Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, ES<br><i>Changing Technology – Changing eDemocracy?</i> |
| 12.30-13.00 | Summary and Discussion  |
| 13.00       | Lunch   |

### Session 2: Where We Are (Parallel Sessions)

#### Session 2 A: eVoting

Chair: **Alexander Trechsel**, European University Institute, IT

- 15.00-17.00      **Input from**  
**Alexander Trechsel**  
European University Institute, IT  
**Robert Krimmer**  
Center for Electronic Voting and Participation, AT  
**With short contributions by** Jordi Barrat (ES), Letizia Caporusso (IT), Jasper Sebastian Laros (NL), Joseph M. Reniu (ES) and Jose Rodrigues Filho (BR)
- 17.00-18.00      Discussion & Summary: State of the Art of Research on eVoting -Theoretical and Methodological Foundations

## **Session 2 B: Freedom of Information / Access to Public Information**

**Chair: Georg Aichholzer, Institute of Technology Assessment, AT**

- 15.00-17.00      **Input from**  
**Helena Jäderblom**  
The Administrative Court of Appeal in Stockholm, SE  
*Access to Information Laws: Country Differences, Lessons and Perspectives*  
**Georg Aichholzer**  
Institute of Technology Assessment (ITA), Vienna, AT  
*Does e-Government Enhance Democracy?*
- With a short contribution by Olena Prykhodko (UA)
- 17.00-18.00      Discussion and Summary: State of the Art of Research on Freedom of Information - Theoretical and Methodological Foundations
- 19.00              Dinner with Speech by Councillor **Mathew Ellis** (ICELE, UK)

## **Friday, 23 November**

## **Session 2: Where We Are (Parallel Sessions continued)**

### **Session 2 C: eConsultation / eDeliberation**

**Chair: Lawrence Pratchett, De Montfort University (DMU), UK**

- 09.00-11.30      **Input from**  
**Lawrence Pratchett**  
De Montfort University (DMU), UK  
**Ann Macintosh**  
University of Leeds, UK  
**Hilmar Westholm**  
Institute for Informationmanagement Bremen, DE  
**With short contributions by** Steffen Albrecht (DE), Michele Campagna (IT), Clelia Colombo (ES) and Anton Shirikov (RU)
- 11.30-12.00      Coffee Break
- 12.00-13.00      Discussion and Summary: State of the Art of Research on eConsultation and eDeliberation - Theoretical and Methodological Foundations

## Session 2 D: eCampaigning / eActivism

Chair: **Thierry Vedel**, National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), FR

- 09.00-11.30      **Input from**  
**Thierry Vedel**  
National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), FR  
**Christoph Bieber**  
Zentrum für Medien und Interaktivität, Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, DE  
**With short contributions by** Gallego Aina (ES), Marijn Bom (NL), Dorina Gutu (RO) and Andrej Skolkay (SK)
- 11.30-12.00      Coffee Break
- 12.00-13.00      Discussion and Summary: State of the Art of Research on eCampaigning and eActivism - Theoretical and Methodological Foundations
- 13.00              Lunch

## Session 2 E: eCommunities / eMovements

Chair: **Jens Hoff**, University of Copenhagen, DK

- 14.30-16.30      **Input from**  
**Jens Hoff**  
University of Copenhagen, DK  
**With short contributions by** Ovid Pacific Boyd (US), Andrea Calderaro (IT), Anastasia Kavada (GR), Cristiano Maciel (BR) and Arina Shadrikova (RU)
- 16.30-17.00      Coffee Break
- 17.00-18.00      Discussion and Summary: State of the Art of Research on eCommunities and eMovements - Theoretical and Methodological Foundations

## Session 2 F: ePetition

Chair: **Ann Macintosh**, University of Leeds, UK

- 14.30-16.30      **Input from**  
**Matthias Trénel**  
ZebraLog e.V., DE  
**With a short contribution by** Daria Santucci (IT)
- 16.30-17.00      Coffee Break
- 17.00-18.00      Discussion and Summary: State of the Art of Research on ePetitions - Theoretical and Methodological Foundations
- 19.00              Dinner

**Saturday, 24 November**

## Session 3: Where We Want To Go - Theoretical and Methodological Challenges

Chair: **Herbert Kubicek**, University of Bremen, DE

### Panel I: Practical Challenges of eDemocracy in a Multicultural Europe

Chair: **Michael Remmert**, Council of Europe, FR

- 9.00-10.30 **Thomas M. Buchsbaum**  
Ad Hoc Committee on E-Democracy, Council of Europe / Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs (AT)
- Dylan Jeffrey**  
Department for Communities & Local Government, UK
- Eric Legale**  
Forum des Territoires Numériques Franciliens, Issy-les-Moulinaux, FR & World e-Democracy Forum
- Dmitri Efremenko**  
Institute for Scientific Information on Social Sciences, Moscow, RU
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30 **Short Presentations - Poster Session – PhD Projects**  
with presentations by Cristinel Iftene (RO) and Cuiming Pang (CN)
- 11.00-12.30 **Parallel Working Sessions with Chairs of Working Groups + 2 Rapporteurs: Comparing Results of the Working Groups – Research Challenges Across Areas:**
1. Discussion of Results of Groups A + F
  2. Discussion of Results of Groups B + C
  3. Discussion of Results of Groups D + E
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch

**Panel II: Methodological Challenges: Assessing e-Democracy Activities**

**Chair: Kim Viborg Andersen, Copenhagen Business School, DK**

- 14.00-15.30 One Rapporteur for each pair of Working Groups +  
**Daniel van Lerberghe**  
POLITECH Institute, European Center of Political Technologies, BE  
*The European eDemocracy Awards Report & Methodology*

**Mikael Sandberg**

Halmstad University, SE

- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

**Panel III: Theoretical Challenges: Comparative Analysis of eDemocracy Activities**

**Chair: Brian Loader, University of York, UK**

- 16.00-17.30 Comparisons Between Types and Sectors of eDemocracy / Comparisons Between Countries and Cultures  
One Rapporteur for each pair of Working Groups and Speakers from Session 1

**Closing Up: An Agenda of Research Challenges**

**Chair: Herbert Kubicek, University of Bremen, DE**

- 17.30-18.30 Forward Looking Plenary Discussion
- 19.30 Get-together & Conference Dinner

**Sunday, 25 November**

- 8.00 Breakfast & Departure