



Final Program

DEMO-net research workshop

Empowerment and e-Participation in Civil Society:

Local, National and International Implications

Örebro University, Sweden, May 9-10th 2008

Thursday May 8th:

- Afternoon Arrive to Örebro and check-in/pay Scandic Hotel Grand
Let us know your arrival time to Örebro, we will try to meet you at the train station.
- 20.00 Come to hotel lobby to pay transportation fee to university
- 20.30 Walk together to welcome dinner at Slottsskänkens

Friday May 9th:

- 7.00 Breakfast and hotel check-out
- 8.15 Group bus leaves to Grythyttan
- 9.15 Arrive and check-in to Grythyttan Inn
- 10.00-12.00 Introduction session
- 1) What is DEMO-net? (*Peter Mambrey*)
 - 2) Workshop aim (*Joachim Åström*)
 - 3) Workshop program (*Ovid Boyd*)
 - 4) Participant introductions (about 3 min. each)
 - 5) Interactive session: workshop expectations (*Peter Mambrey*)
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch

Joint sessions with the CINEFOGO research network

- 13.00-13.30 Keynote speech, “*Representative democracy and new modes of citizen involvement*” Peter Esaiasson, Professor of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg
- 13.30-14.00 Keynote speech: “*What is e-participation and where does it happen?*” Stephen Coleman, Professor of Political Communication, University of Leeds
- 14.00-14.45 Panel discussion between Peter Esaiasson, and Stephen Coleman chaired by Erik Amnå, Professor of Political Science, Örebro University
- 14.45-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.00 CINEFOGO papers related to ICTs and politics (*Session chair Emanuela Bozzini*)
- Kristin Strömsnes: *Democracy or Do-ocracy: The Activist Group ‘Byen Vår’ and the Mobilization against Advertisement-Financed Furnishings in Bergen*
 - Giovanni Navarra: *Transparency, accountability and representativeness in the age of blogging: the complex case of beppegrillo.it*
 - Pia Brundin: *Politics on the Net – Internet use in American and Swedish NGOs*
 - Marc Hooghe, Sofie Marien, Ellen Quintelier: *Inequalities in new forms of participation*
- 16.00-16.30 Paper discussion
- 16.30-17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00-18.00 DEMO-Net paper presentations (*Session chair Ovid Boyd*)
- Ravi Vatrapu, Scott Robertson, Wimal Dissanayake, Aparajita Jeedigunta: *Political Blogs as Public Spheres*
 - Laura Toogood: *The impact of technology on voluntary groups and community organisations*
 - Peter Mambrey: *Civil Society and Multi-channel Participation: the German perspective*
 - Rony Medaglia and Kim V. Andersen: *Retirement and Web 2.0: eParticipation in the Third Age*
- 18.00-18:30 Paper discussants: Joachim Åström, Ravi Kian Vatrapu, Vasilena Neykova, Wang Ruili, Rony Medaglia and Hannu Larsson
- 20.00 Dinner

Saturday May 10th:

- 7:00-8.30 Breakfast
- 8.45-9.45 DEMO-net workshop deliverable meeting (*Åke Grönlund*)
- 9.45-10.15 Presentation of junior researcher papers (*Session chair Joachim Åström*)
- Vasilena Neykova, Wang Ruili and Hannu Larsson: *Challenges and prospects of e-participation in Bulgaria*
 - Wang Zhe: *Communication from Citizen to Government through the Internet*
- 10.15-10.45 Paper discussants: Wang Zhe, Laura Toogood
- 10.45-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.45 Discussion: Looking back on our workshop expectations (*Peter Mambrey*)
- 11.45-13:00 Lunch and check-out (pay Grythyttan Inn if haven't yet done so)
- 13.00-17:00 Bus from Grythyttan Inn to Arlanda airport
(*passes through Örebro for those who wish to get off*)