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END OF YEAR REPORT 2019



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



The year 2019 is our Centre's sixth year at the University of Canberra. In these six years, the Centre has grown from a small group of four staff members to a team of seventeen academic staff, research assistants, and PhD students conducting research that goes to the heart of some of the most pressing issues democracies (and autocracies!) face today.

In such a short period, we published nine books and over seventy journal articles, attracted over \$5.5 million worth of research grants including two Australian Research Council Discovery Projects, a Laureate Fellowship, a Future Fellowship and a Discovery Early Career Researcher Award. Our members' academic and public engagement contributions were honoured with prestigious prizes in Australia and overseas. Indeed, the University of Canberra, through the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, has been a good home to us.

In many ways, 2019 was also a year of transition. Some of our research projects have come to an end, and so we had to say farewell to postdoctoral research fellows and research assistants. We also invested more time in enhancing our Centre's teaching and outreach capacity, as well as developing stronger partnerships with the wider Canberra community. The University of Canberra reaffirmed its commitment to further building our capacity by allocating strategic funds to us that will enable appointment of two Deliberative Democracy Postdoctoral Fellows and one PhD student in the new year.

Amidst the changes we are experiencing, we are proud to say that our culture of academic kindness, enthusiasm and hospitality remains intact. Our Centre is turning over a new leaf in 2020, and we thank you – our collaborators, associates, and friends – for your encouragement and support through the years.

PUBLICATIONS

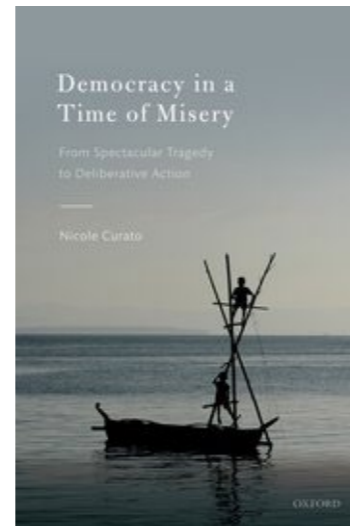
As research projects wrap up, publications begin to multiply.

Books

Democracy in a Time of Misery: From Spectacular Tragedies to Deliberative Action

Nicole Curato
Oxford University Press

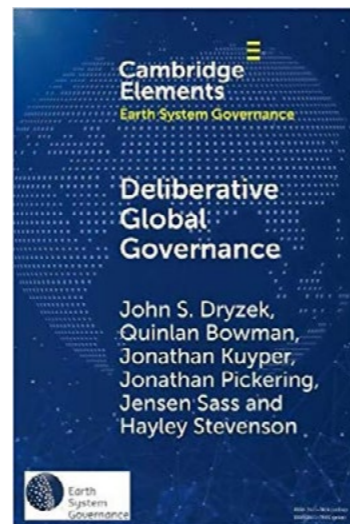
Democracy in a Time of Misery: From Spectacular Tragedy to Deliberative Action investigates how democratic politics can unfold in creative and unexpected ways even at the most trying of times. Drawing on three years of fieldwork in disaster-affected communities in Tacloban City, Philippines, this book presents ethnographic portraits of how typhoon survivors actively perform their suffering to secure political gains. This book is based on Nicole's Discovery Early Career Researcher Award funded by the Australian Research Council.



Deliberative Global Governance

John Dryzek, Quinlan Bowman, Jonathan Kuyper, Jonathan Pickering, Jensen Sass and Hayley Stevenson
Cambridge University Press

This short book, the first in a new Cambridge Elements Series on Earth System Governance, explores the prospects for a deliberative approach that puts effective, inclusive, and transformative communication at the heart of global governance. The publication presents a range of proposals for reforming existing global institutions and creating new institutions to render the global deliberative system more democratically legitimate and effective in addressing urgent global problems such as poverty, climate change and violent conflict.



Journal Articles

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2. Batalha, Luiza M., **Niemeyer, Simon J., Dryzek, John S.,** and Gastil, John (2019). Psychological mechanisms of deliberative transformation: The role of group identity. *Journal of Public Deliberation* 15(1) Article 2:1-20.
3. Biermann, Frank, Betsill Michele M., Burch, Sarah, **Dryzek, John S.,** Gordon, Christopher, Gupta, Aarti, Gupta, Joyeeta, Inoue, Cristina, Kalfagianni, Agni, Kanie, Norichika, Olsson, Lennart, Persson, Åsa, Schroeder, Heike, Scobie, Michelle (2019). The earth system governance project as a network organization: A critical assessment after ten years. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability* 39: 17-23.
4. **Dryzek, John S.** and **Niemeyer, Simon J.** (2019). Deliberative democracy and climate governance. *Nature Human Behaviour* 3: 411-413.
5. **Dryzek, John S.,** Bächtiger, André, Chambers, Simone , Cohen, Joshua, Druckman, James N., Felicetti, Andrea, Fishkin, James S., Farrell, David M., Fung, Archon, Gutmann, Amy, Landemore, Hélène, Mansbridge, Jane, Marien, Sofie, Neblo, Michael A., **Niemeyer Simon,** Setälä, Maija, Slothuus, Rune, Suiter, Jane, Thompson, Dennis and Warren, Mark E. (2019). The crisis of democracy and the science of deliberation. *Science* 363(6432): 1144-1146.
6. Elizabeth M. De Santo, Áslaug Ásgeirsdóttir, Ana Barros-Platiau, Frank Biermann, **John Dryzek,** Leandra Regina Gonçalves, Rakhyun E Kim, Elizabeth Mendenhall, Ronald Mitchell, Elizabeth Nyman, Michelle Scobie, Kai Sun; Rachel Tiller, D. G Webster, and Oran Young. (2019) Protecting Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: An Earth System Governance Perspective. *Earth System Governance.*
7. Sarah Burch, Aarti Gupta, Cristina Y.A. Inoue, Agni Kalfagianni, Åsa Persson, Andrea K. Gerlak, Atsushi Ishii, James Patterson, **Jonathan Pickering,** Michelle Scobie, Jeroen Van der Heijden, Joost Vervoort, Carolina Adler, Michael Bloomfield, Riyante Djalante, **John Dryzek,** Victor Galaz, Christopher Gordon, Renée Harmon, Sikina Jinnah, Rakhyun E. Kim, Lennart Olsson, Judith Van Leeuwen, Vasna Ramasar, Paul Wapner, and Ruben Zondervan. (2019) New Directions in Earth System Governance Research. *Earth System Governance.*
8. Hammond, Marit, **John Dryzek,** and **Jonathan Pickering.** 2019. Democracy in the Anthropocene. *Contemporary Political Theory:* 1-15.
9. Hendriks, Carolyn, **Ercan, Selen A.** and **Duus, Sonya** (2019). Listening in polarised controversies: A study of listening practices in the public sphere. *Policy Sciences* 52(1):137-51.
10. Niemeyer, Simon J. (2019). Deliberation and Ecological Democracy: From Citizen to Global System. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning.*
11. Pauw, W. Pieter, Paula Castro, **Jonathan Pickering,** and Shikha Bhasin. 2019. Conditional Nationally Determined Contributions in the Paris Agreement: Foothold for Equity or Achilles Heel? *Climate Policy:* 1-17.

We noted two 2019 books in last year's annual report, John Dryzek and Jonathan Pickering, *The Politics of the Anthropocene* and André Bächtiger and John Parkinson (Adjunct Professor), *Mapping and Measuring Deliberation*, both published by Oxford University Press.

PUBLICATIONS

12. **Pickering, Jonathan.** (2019). Deliberative ecologies: Complexity and social–ecological dynamics in international environmental negotiations. *Global Environmental Politics*.
13. **Pickering, Jonathan,** and Åsa Persson (2019). Democratising Planetary Boundaries: Experts, Social Values and Deliberative Risk Evaluation in Earth System Governance. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*: 1-13.
14. Schlosberg, David, Bäckstrand, Karin and **Pickering, Jonathan.** (2019). Reconciling ecological and democratic values: Recent perspectives on ecological democracy. *Environmental Values* 28(1):1-8.
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17. **Veri, Francesco** (2019). Aggregation bias and ambivalent cases: a new parameter of consistency in fuzzy set qualitative comparative analysis (fsQCA). *Comparative Sociology* 18(2):229-255.
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Book Chapters

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Interviews

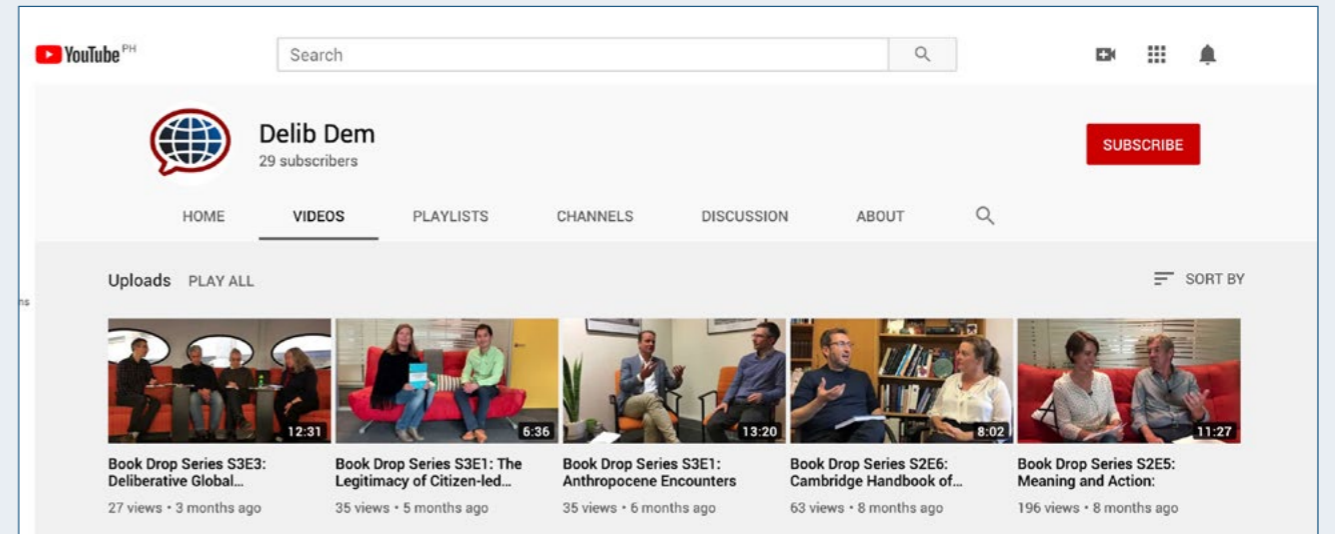
Ercan, Selen A. and Bächtiger, André (2019)
Deliberative democracy: Taking stock and looking
ahead. *Democratic Theory* 6(1): 97-110.

Republished

John Dryzek's *Conflict and Choice in Resource Management: The Case of Alaska*, published in 1983, was republished by Routledge in 2019!

(Re-)Introducing: The Journal of Deliberative Democracy

Our Centre is now the home of *The Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, formerly the Journal of Public Deliberation. Led by our very own Nicole Curato, the journal will be launched in September 2020 featuring a solid line-up of research articles and commentaries. The journal is co-edited with Åbo Akademi University's Kim Strandberg and University of Stuttgart's André Bächtiger.



Check it out: Season 2 of our #BookDropSeries

We're still vlogging! We have a dedicated YouTube page featuring the latest books of our staff and visitors. Check it out [here](#).

GRANTS AND PRIZES

Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development

Jonathan Pickering is an investigator on a research project funded by the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas). The four-year, A\$1.5 million project, entitled 'National implementation of global goals: Coherence between Nationally Determined Contributions and the Sustainable Development Goals' is co-led by the Stockholm Environment Institute and Linköping University. Jonathan will be leading one of four country case studies under the project (along with studies in Sweden, Fiji and Colombia), examining synergies and tensions between Australia's commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals and to the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Rules-Based Order in Southeast Asia

Nicole Curato, together with colleagues Ross Tapsell (Australian National University) and Jonathan Corpus Ong (University Massachusetts-Amherst) are leading the #DisinformationTracker project which examines the changing face of fake news and disinformation in Southeast Asia. After a successful pilot during the 2019 mid-term elections in the Philippines, the team will extend their case studies to Indonesia and Malaysia in 2020.

This project is funded by a major grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The public report published last May has gained global attention with featured articles in Buzzfeed by prizewinning tech reporter Craig Silverman, in the LA Times, as well as the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists!

Legitimacy of Mini-Publics

Simon Niemeyer is one of the co-investigators in André Bächtiger's brand new German Research Foundation Grant on how mini-publics must be designed to increase their legitimacy with non-participating citizens. Our associate Sofie Marien (KU Leuven) and summer school alumnae Saskia Goldberg (University of Stuttgart) are also part of the project.

Irish Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality

Simon Niemeyer is collaborating with the Irish dream team of Jane Suiter and David Farrell evaluating and analysing the Irish Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality. It will be the first major road test of the methods for evaluating deliberative reasoning he has been developing and presenting as part of his European speaking tour this year. There are also plans afoot to develop a similar Assembly on gender equality in Australia in conjunction with the 50/50 Foundation at the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis at the University of Canberra.



Research Team of the Year Prize

The Faculty of Business, Government and Law awarded our Centre the Research Team of the Year prize for our intellectual leadership for scholars and practitioners of deliberative democracy around the world.



Clay Morgan Prize

John S. Dryzek and Jonathan Pickering's *The Politics of the Anthropocene* is awarded the 2019 Clay Morgan Prize of the Western Political Science Association (USA) for best book in environmental political theory.

Honourable mention

An article co-authored by Jonathan Pickering ("Global Climate Governance between Hard and Soft Law: Can the Paris Agreement's 'Crème Brûlée' Approach Enhance Ecological Reflexivity?") received an honourable mention for the 2019 Richard Macrory Prize for the Best Article in the Journal of Environmental Law.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

The deliberative democracy community is growing all over the world.
We gave it our best effort to be part of these exciting conversations.

This year we continued to presented our work in a variety of national and international workshops, and disciplinary conferences including the annual conferences of Australian Political Studies Association (APSA), American Political Science Association (APSA), British Political Studies Association (PSA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), and for the first time we digitally participated in the deliberative democracy panel of the Russian Political Science Association (RPSA).



A postcard from Wrocław

Our active involvement to the Standing Group on Democratic Innovations continues, with Nicole, Selen and Simon coming to Wrocław in full force to present papers, convene panels, serve as discussants, and spark joy at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference.

Our Centre hosted a reception to celebrate women in Democratic Innovations with no less than former American Political Science Association President Professor Jane Mansbridge as guest of honour. This event was co-hosted by Participedia via Edana Beauvais (Harvard), and the Standing Group on Democratic Innovations with Sofie Marien and Lala Muradova (KU Leuven) and André Bächtiger (University of Stuttgart).

Australia

Nardine Alnemr
Presenter
After Liberalism? Populism and the Future of Democracy
Deakin University

Nardine Alnemr
Selen Ercan
Presenters
Political Organisations and Participation Workshop
Australian National University

Jane Alver
Speaker
Public Sector Women in Leadership Summit
Canberra

Nicole Curato
Panellist
Women in the Era of Strongmen
Lowy Institute

John Dryzek
Jonathan Pickering
Jensen Sass
Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference
University of Canberra

Simon Niemeyer
Green Institute Conference on Cultivating Democracy
Canberra

Jonathan Pickering
Navigating the Backlash against Global Law and Institutions; Australian Perspectives,
Australian National University

Jonathan Pickering
Australasian Aid Conference
Australian National University

Jonathan Pickering
Jensen Sass
Francesco Veri
Paper presenters
Australian Political Studies Association Conference
Flinders University

Emerson Sanchez
Speaker
Global Forum on Environmental Disasters
University of Sydney

Jensen Sass
Paper presentation
The Australian Sociological Association Meeting
University of Western Sydney

Belgium

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Meta-Forum Institute Public Lecture
KU Leuven

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Crisis of Democracy, Crisis of Communication
Leuven Town Hall

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Expert Seminar on Media and Democracy
Belgian Royal Academy for Sciences and Arts

Simon Niemeyer
Speaker
Consequences of Democratic Deliberation Workshop
Catholic University of Louvain

Simon Niemeyer
Speaker
Democratic Renewal in Times of Polarization
KU Leuven

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

Canada

John Dryzek

Speaker
Future Earth/CFAR Workshop on
Sustainability in the Digital Era
Montreal

Finland

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Public Lecture on the Future-
Sensitivity of Democracy
Turku City Library

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Crisis of Democracy, Crisis of Communication
Leuven Town Hall

Nicole Curato

Panellist
Roundtable on the Participation in Long-
Term Decision-Making Project
University of Turku

Nicole Curato

Plenary Speaker
European Society for Ecological Economics
University of Turku

France

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Centre for International Studies Seminar Series
Sciences Po, Paris

Germany

Nardine Alnemr

Paper Presenter
Annual Conference of the German Communication
Association's Division "Digital Communication"
Free University

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Political and Economic Sciences Seminar Series
Helmut Schmidt University

Simon Niemeyer

Keynote speaker
Annual Meeting for the Mercator Institute on
Global Commons and Climate Change
Berlin

Hong Kong

John Dryzek

Speaker
A Deliberative Response to the Crisis of Democracy
Chinese University of Hong Kong

John Dryzek

Speaker
Symposium on Confucian Political Meritocracy
City University of Hong Kong

Ireland

Simon Niemeyer

Department of Politics and International
Relations Seminar Series
University College Dublin

Mexico

Jonathan Pickering

Paper presenter
Mexico Conference on Earth System Governance
*National Autonomous University of
Mexico (UNAM), Oaxaca*

The Netherlands

Simon Niemeyer

Centre for the Study of Democratic Cultures
and Politics Research Colloquium
University of Groningen

Poland

Nicole Curato

Selen Ercan

Simon Niemeyer

Paper Presenters
European Consortium of Political
Research General Conference
University of Wrocław

Portugal

John Dryzek

Speaker
The Changing Politics of the Earth
University Institute of Lisbon

John Dryzek

Keynote Speaker
Inaugural Conference of the COST Network
on Argumentation and Public Policy Analysis
Lisbon



CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

Singapore

Nicole Curato

Representation in Southeast Asia Workshop
National University of Singapore

Sweden

Jonathan Pickering

Presenter
Environmental Politics, Policy and
Learning Seminar
Stockholm University

Simon Niemeyer

Department of Politics Seminar
Uppsala University



United Kingdom

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Political Studies Association
Annual Conference
Nottingham Trent University

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Democracy, the digital, and the public sphere
University of Westminster

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Department of Politics and International
Relations Seminar Series
University of Southampton

Nicole Curato

Speaker
Deliberative Mini-Publics: A Solution for the
Crisis of Democracy or Wishful Thinking?
University of Newcastle

Selen Ercan

Speaker
Participedia Partners Conference
University of Sussex

Selen Ercan

Panellist
Democracy in crisis? Democratic innovations
and the future of democratic politics
University of Sussex

United States

Nicole Curato

John Dryzek

Presenters
American Political Science Association Conference
Washington, DC



ACADEMIC EVENTS

Participedia and the Politics of the Anthropocene are the key focus areas of academic events we hosted this year.



Using Participedia for Democracy Research: A Roundtable Discussion

University of Canberra

Convened by Selen Ercan, this roundtable featured scholars who use Participedia as a data source for researching democratic innovations and citizen engagement. The roundtable brought together 20 scholars of deliberative democracy and democratic innovations. Speakers included Edana Beauvais (Harvard), Simon Niemeyer (University of Canberra) and Francesco Veri (University of Canberra).



ACADEMIC EVENTS

Earthly Entanglements: Politics in the Anthropocene

University of Canberra

The conference on 'Earthly Entanglements: Politics in the Anthropocene', hosted by our Centre and co-sponsored by the Sydney Environment Institute, brought around forty researchers together from a range of disciplines to discuss the political implications of the idea that humans have changed the planet's life-support systems so much that the Earth has entered a new geological epoch.

Speakers included Lisa Disch (University of Michigan), Cristina Inoue (University Brasilia) and Marit Hammond (Keele University) and a range of interstate and Canberra-based speakers.



Transforming Australia's Resource and Energy Governance

Adelaide

Jonathan Pickering co-convened a workshop on 'Transforming Australia's Resource and Energy Governance' along with colleagues from Flinders University and the University of Sydney. The workshop, sponsored by the Australian Political Studies Association, was an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to reflect on recent experiences of success and failure in energy, mining and water governance and to identify opportunities and obstacles for transformation towards more sustainable practices.

Mexico Conference on Earth System Governance

Oaxaca

Jonathan Pickering co-organised the Earth System Governance Project's annual conference for 2019, which was held in Oaxaca, Mexico. The event, hosted by the National Autonomous University of Mexico and involving around 240 participants, addressed the theme of 'Urgent transformations and earth system governance: towards sustainability and justice'.

Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference

University of Canberra

The Australian Political Theory and Philosophy Conference featured a roundtable on John Dryzek and Jonathan Pickering's book *The Politics of the Anthropocene*. John and Jonathan gave an overview of the book, and Tony Burke (UNSW Canberra) and Marit Hammond (Keele University) delivered commentaries on the work. Jensen Sass delivered a paper on 'The Problem of the Corporation in Normative Democratic Theory'.

Feasibility and Poverty

Australian National University

With the Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory at Australian National University, the Centre co-sponsored this workshop. John Dryzek presented 'Democratizing Global Justice', Ana Tanasoca presented 'Democratic Altruism' (both of these papers were co-authored by John and Ana).

SEMINAR SERIES

Our decade-long tradition of Tuesday morning tea continues, followed by seminars from local and international speakers about deliberative democracy *and much more*

February 12

Paul Kenny, Australian National University
Situation Normal: Populism from Antiquity to the Age of Trump

February 19

André Bächtiger, University of Stuttgart
Towards a New Deliberative Quality: From Unitary and Idealized to Pluralistic and Re-Politicized Visions of Deliberative Democracy

February 26

Andreas Schäfer, Humboldt University
Fast Track or Wrong Track: Heuristics in Deliberative Systems

February 26

Kari de Pryck, University of Geneva
Building International Epistemic Authority: The Case of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

March 5

George Varughese, Niti Foundation
Deliberation in Transitions: A Practitioner's Reflections from Nepal and Afghanistan

March 5

David Farrell, University College Dublin
Measuring Epistemic Deliberation on Polarized Issues: The Case of Abortion Provision in Ireland

March 12

Hendrik Wagenaar, King's College London
Compromised Democracy: Citizen Participation in the Age of Finance Capitalism

March 19

Viktor Orri Valgarðsson, University of Southampton
Turnout Decline in Western Europe: Apathy or Alienation?

April 2

Pierrick Chalaye, Kei Nishiyama, University of Canberra
Wendy Russell, Double Arrow Consulting
Deliberation in Schools

May 7

Sara Drury, Wabash College
Rhetoric of Expertise and Local Knowledge in Citizen's Juries on Wind Farm Development

June 4

Simon Niemeyer, University of Canberra
Reasoning Together: Understanding and Measuring the Deliberativeness of a Situation

June 18

Min Reuchamps, Catholic University of Louvain
Designing Permanent Deliberative Democracy: The Ostbelgien Modell in Belgium

July 2

John Parkinson, Maastricht University
Inclusion and the Meta-Conversation: Structural Topic Modelling the Scottish Independence Referendum

August 6

Jensen Sass, University of Canberra
Backstage Orchestration: The Problem of the Corporation in the Public Sphere

August 13

Annika Werner, Australian National University
How Do Voters Want to be Represented? An Investigation in How Parties Can Strengthen Democracy



October 22

Jonathan Pickering, University of Canberra
Democratic Transformations in Earth System Governance

November 5

Mary (Molly) F. Scudder, Purdue University
Operationalizing Democratic Listening

November 12

Thaís Choucair, The Federal University of Minas Gerais
(Non) Reciprocity Across the System: The Case of Abortion in Brazil

November 26

Walden Bello, State University of New York in Binghamton
Why Am I Engaged?

November 26

Molly Scudder, Purdue University
John Dryzek, Henrik Bang and David Marsh, University of Canberra
Can We Design a Directly Representative Democracy?

December 3

Claudia Chwalisz, OECD
Institutionalising Deliberative Mini-Publics in Public Decision-Making



VISITORS

This year, Canberra was home to eleven scholars from around the world.

Australia

Carolyn Hendriks,
Australian National University

Europe

André Bächtiger, University of Stuttgart
Claudia Chwalisz, OECD
Kari De Pryck, University of Geneva
David Farrell, University College Dublin
Andreas Schaefer, Humboldt University
Viktor Orri Valgarðsson, Southampton University

North America

Sara Drury, Wabash College
Molly Scudder, Purdue University

South America

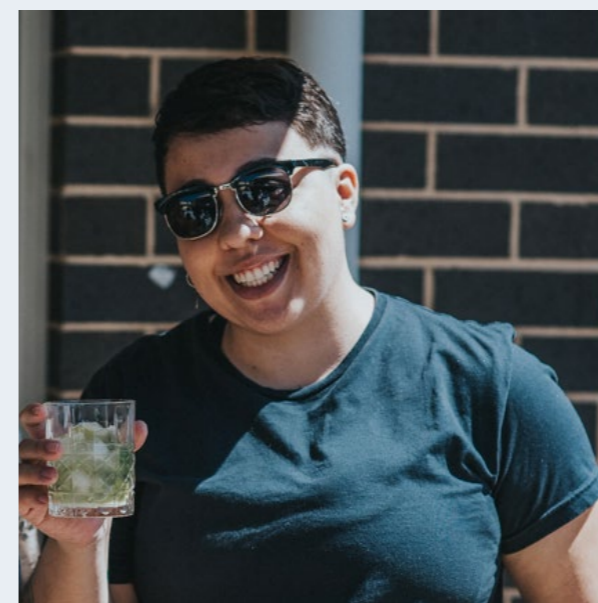
Thaís Choucair, Federal University of Minas Gerais
Filipe Motta, Federal University of Minas Gerais

Claudia Chwalisz is this year's recipient of the University of Canberra's Distinguished International Visitor Prize.

Claudia is a Policy Analyst from the OECD's Open Government Unit and project leader of the Future of Democracy Project. She is the author of *The People's Verdict: Adding Informed Citizen Voices to Public Decision-Making* (2017) and *The Populist Signal: Why Politics and Democracy Need to Change* (2015).



Visitors Testimonials



Thaís Choucair
The Federal University of Minas Gerais

In the first three months of my visit to the Centre, I was able to make great progress in my PhD through discussions and feedback with professors, researchers and other PhD students. The Centre promotes an excellent exchange of research experiences and theoretical perspectives. Seminars, weekly morning tea, doctoral student chats are some examples of activities that have allowed a huge improvement in my PhD development, as well as ideas and planning for new publications.



David Farrell
University College Dublin

It was wonderful to spend a few days (too few for me!) at the Centre, which is seen rightly as the mecca for the study of deliberative democracy today. I was delighted to have had an opportunity to spend valuable time with colleagues there, notably Nicole and Simon with whom I am in the process of collaborating on a number of fronts. I was grateful for the opportunity to present some of the findings of our research on the Irish citizens' assembly process at the Centre's seminar series — the feedback was extremely helpful. And I am grateful to the Centre for arranging for me to give a well-attended public talk in Old Parliament House as part of their Museum of Australian Democracy series. I look forward to other visits in the future.

VISITORS



Molly Scudder
Purdue University

My three months as a visiting scholar at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance have been extremely productive and generative thanks to the engagement and generosity of the community of scholars working here. Between the weekly morning teas, research seminars, and working lunches, I have had numerous opportunities to discuss my work and develop new collaborations with colleagues at the Centre. I think of the Centre as an idea accelerator. The collaborative conditions and world-class expertise you'll find here allow ideas to grow and develop much faster than anywhere else!



Viktor Orri Valgarðsson
Southampton University

I've had a fantastic time visiting the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance. Getting to know the good people here has been wonderful and discussing our different ideas about democracy, its current status and way forward has been really stimulating. It's been great to feel how willing everyone has been to help out with my work, read my drafts and talk about my ideas and findings. The interest that senior academics have shown in me and my work, and the feedback and opportunities for collaboration they have provided, has been particularly rewarding and is by no means a given in an academic environment. I am also especially thankful for the warmth and hospitality I've received from everyone here; whether in terms of afternoon drinks, philosophical soup-parties or driving around the coast for some paddle boarding and kangaroo patting! I trust and hope I will see you all again before too long, whether on this side of the world or the other!

TEACHING

Our Centre teaches in the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis's Master of Public Administration (MPA) programme and provides guest lectures to Australian universities and international partners. Our PhD students also collaborated with the Faculty of Business, Government and Law's Jean-Paul Gagnon to teach in the module Policy Instruments.



Policy Instruments: Introduction to Public Policy
Faculty of Business, Government and Law, University of Canberra
Nardine Alnemr, Pierrick Chalaye and Emerson Sanchez

Introduction to Deliberative Democracy
Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra
Nicole Curato

Master of Public Administration, Management Dissertation Unit
Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
Convened by Selen Ercan

Interpretive Research Methods
Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra
Selen Ercan

Interdisciplinary Research: Prospects and Challenges
Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra
Selen Ercan, Jonathan Pickering

Good Policy Requires a Good Public Sphere
Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra
Selen Ercan

TEACHING



Social Movements: Actors and Arenas of Democracy
Crawford School of Public Policy,
Australian National University
Selen Ercan

What are the PhD Examiners Looking For?
Institute for Governance and Policy
Analysis, University of Canberra
Selen Ercan, John Dryzek

Polymaking in Times of Crisis: Cases in Contemporary Public Policy
Crawford School of Public Policy,
Australian National University
Emerson Sanchez

Community Engagement
Webinar, Climatelab.org
Simon Niemeyer

Academic Writing
Methodology Lab, KU Leven
Nicole Curato

Contemporary Social Issues
Department of Sociology
Mindanao State University
Nicole Curato

Studying the Digital Public Sphere through Interpretive Research
Digital lecture, Federal University of Minas Gerais
Nicole Curato, Selen Ercan

The Changing Politics of the Earth
Digital lecture, Uppsala University
John Dryzek

Good Policy is Deliberative and Democratic Process
Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
John Dryzek

Deliberative Democracy and Environmental Governance
Fenner School of Environment and Society
Jonathan Pickering

Deliberative Democracy and Environmental Policy
Environment and Resource Economics,
University of Canberra
Jonathan Pickering

ENGAGING WITH THE CANBERRA COMMUNITY

They say Canberra is a bubble, but our experience tells us otherwise. Our engagement with the Canberra community tells us that we can look to the world for inspiration and collaborate locally to make things happen.

Bringing citizens into the heart of political debate: Ireland’s constitutional mini-publics

Our Centre collaborated with Democracy 2025 and the Museum of Australian Democracy to discuss David Farrell’s work on the Irish Citizens’ Assembly. Nicole Curato and Simon Niemeyer joined the panel discussion. The event was well-attended, with plenty of participation for the ACT and Federal public service, who were on hand to hear how relatively modest deliberative events and amplify their effects to achieve big scale impacts and improve political discourse.



A Citizens’ Agenda for the ACT? Lessons from Belgium’s Permanent Citizens’ Council

Min Reuchamps from the Catholic University of Louvain was in Canberra to talk about the permanent deliberative assembly in Belgium’s German-speaking community. The Citizens’ Council is composed of a rotating set of 24 randomly selected citizens who will work alongside the existing 25 elected representatives, setting agendas, supporting deliberation, and holding MPs to account. This event was hosted by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis’ Canberra Conversation series. Simon Niemeyer, Carolyn Hendriks (ANU), Luca Belgiorno-Nettis (newDemocracy) and Beth Slatyer (Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy) joined the discussion.



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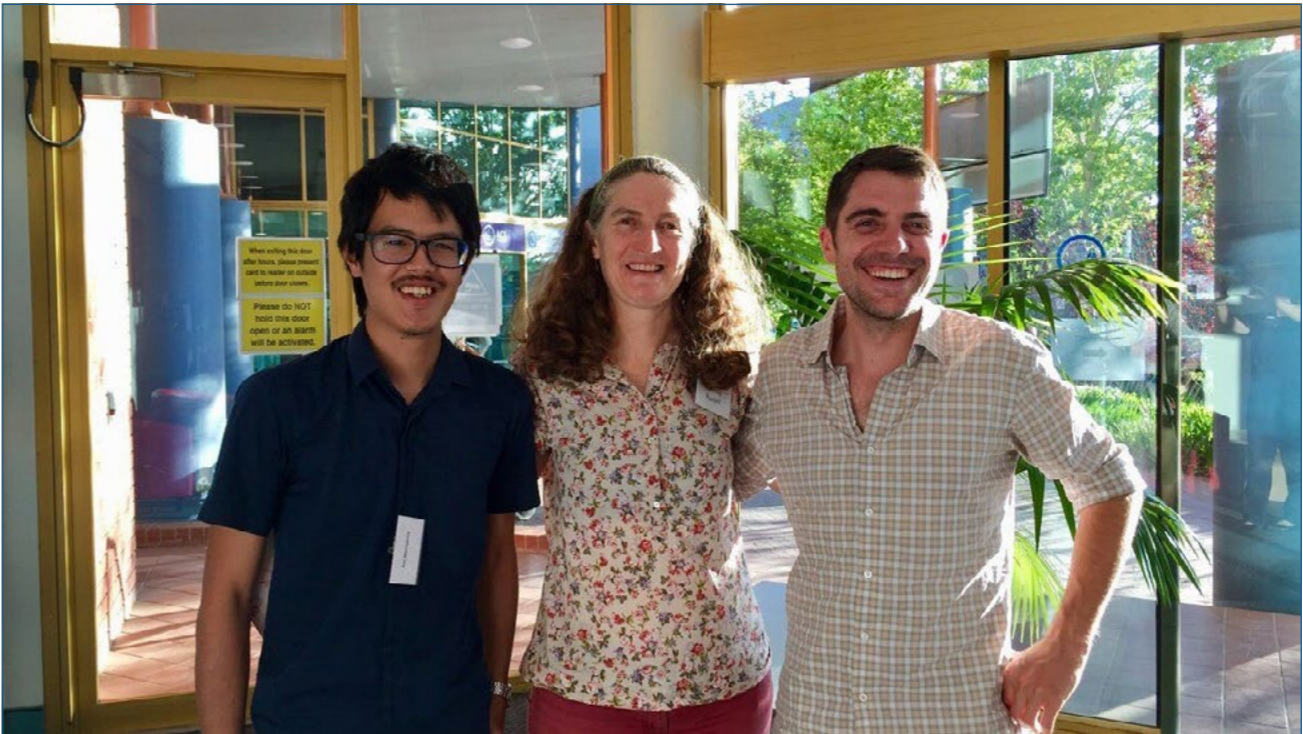
Deliberative Democratic prospects? International and Australian experience

Australia has been an early adopter in democratic innovations but faces challenges in scaling up these reforms to the federal level. The hour-long panel discussion at the Museum of Australian Democracy featured Claudia Chwalisz from the OECD with reactions from Nicole Curato, Beth Slatyer (Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy) and Damian Carmichael (Department of Industry, Science and Innovation). The panel discussed lessons from OECD countries and reflected on the role, opportunities and limits of these national forums in Australia. This forum is part of Simon, John and Nicole’s ARC Discovery Project on the Meta-Study of Public Deliberation.



Towards Earth System Governance: Planetary Politics in the 21st Century University of Canberra

The Centre hosted a public lecture by Frank Biermann, research professor of Global Sustainability Governance at Utrecht University. Professor Biermann is the founder of the Earth System Governance project. He spoke on how a planetary perspective can change the way we think about governing problems such as climate change and biodiversity loss.



Project Deliberation in Schools

Led by Pierrick Chalaye and Kei Nishiyama with Wendy Russell (Double Arrow Consulting), the deliberation in schools project aims to build capacity for school children to listen, reason, think, communicate and collaborate so they can be agents of deliberative democratisation. The program engaged with Ainslie Primary School and Hawker College with plans to scale up the programme in the coming years.

This project is funded by the International Association for Public Participation.

Reshaping Planetary Politics: Governance and Activism in the Anthropocene University of Canberra

Is democracy capable of dealing with the risks that humanity faces in the Anthropocene? Lisa Disch (University of Michigan), Cristina Inoue (University of Brasilia), Lauren Rickards (RMIT University), James Trezise (Australian Conservation Foundation) and Tim Hollo (Greens candidate for Canberra and Executive Director of the Green Institute) discussed ways of rethinking contemporary politics and social movements.

This forum is part of John Dryzek’s ARC Laureate Project.



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Solidarity with the children of the Anthropocene

Non-deliberative acts may have deliberative consequences? Snapshots of solidarity as we join a series of global strikes on climate change. #SchoolStrike4Climate

MULTIMEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

We shared our ideas on print, in the airwaves, and on digital.

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MULTIMEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

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2. Curato, Nicole. The Philippines under a strongman. *ABC Radio Melbourne*. 31 January.
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4. Curato, Nicole. [Democracy and Disinformation](#). *Rules Based Audio by The Lowy Institute*. 27 August.
5. Curato, Nicole. [Democracy, Authoritarianism and Duterte](#). *McGill International Review Podcast*. 23 September.
6. Curato, Nicole. [Women in the Era of Strongmen](#). *Big Ideas*. ABC Radio National. 25 September.

FINANCIAL TIMES

“Deliberative democracy is just what politics needs”



The Financial Times draws attention to the Centre's 12 Key Findings

'Deliberative democracy is just what politics needs,' argues the Editorial Board of the Financial Times. In this piece published last August, FT drew attention to the 'respectable academic program' underpinning deliberative democracy. This links to the Centre's widely-circulated piece 'Twelve Key Findings in Deliberative Democracy Research' published in *Daedalus*.



Deliberative democratisation of talk shows?

Nicole continues to produce and host television specials for CNN Philippines. Her approach is deliberative and participatory, where she invites her guests from marginalised communities to co-design the show to amplify alternative perspectives. This year, she also used this platform to draw attention to the findings of her research on disinformation and democracy, as well as her recent work on deliberative peacebuilding.

PARTNERSHIPS AND LINKAGES

Deliberative democracy is a global project. Here's a snapshot of our connections in Australia and around the world.



Standing Group on Democratic Innovations

Nicole Curato and Sofie Marien (KU Leuven) are now co-chairs of the European Consortium for Political Research's Standing Group on Democratic Innovations. The standing group coordinates activities related to the study of democratic innovations, with the aim of fostering an epistemic community of scholars working towards understanding how democratic innovations can improve our politics.

Part of the steering committee are André Bächtiger (University of Stuttgart), Kimmo Grönlund (Åbo Akademi) and Jane Suiter (Dublin City University).

The Centre plays an active part in the Standing Group by convening panels and joint sessions with international collaborators.



Democratic Innovations and Legitimacy Research Group

We stepped up our partnership with KU Leuven's #Demolnno group this year! They served as host for Nicole's three-month visiting fellowship where she delivered a series of lectures and workshops with PhD students. Meanwhile, Selen Ercan is co-convening the ECPR Joint Sessions next year in Toulouse with Andrea Felicetti. Andrea is also leading a major grant application for the Global Citizens' Assembly. And their PhD student Lala Muradova – who is currently collaborating with Nicole and Simon – is visiting us next year! There are more connections here we need to do a social network analysis!!



Earth System Governance Project

Several members of the Centre are involved in the Earth System Governance Project, the world's largest network of social scientists working on environmental governance. Jonathan Pickering serves as a member of the Project's Scientific Steering Committee, co-convenes its working group on democracy, and co-organised the Project's annual conference in 2019.

Federal University of Minas Gerais

We are working closely with the Federal University of Minas Gerais on a range of projects. This year, two PhD students—Thais Choucair and Filipe Motta—are visiting Canberra to write their dissertations, present their work, and join the summer school in February. Early this year, Nicole Curato and Selen A. Ercan delivered a digital lecture about interpretive research methods in studying the digital public sphere for the Brazilian National Science and Technology Institute for Digital Democracy. One of our closest collaborators is Ricardo F. Mendonça, who is working with us on several academic projects, including the Global Citizens Assembly on Genome Editing.

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Participedia

This year we continued to strengthen our partnership with Participedia. The brand new [Participedia](#) site now has [88 Australian cases of democratic innovations](#) documented by our Associate Lucy J. Parry and many other contributors. The variety of cases provide a valuable insight into the state of democratic innovation in Australia and increasingly [include important lessons](#) that can be learnt from deliberative practice.

In June, Selen Ercan joined Lucy at the Participedia Partners Conference at the Institute for Development Studies in Brighton where they presented their ongoing work on using Participedia for qualitative research. The Partners Conference brought together 65 participants from 13 different countries to share current research and around Participedia and participation more broadly. It also included a public event where our own Selen Ercan joined an esteemed panel to share [insights on the perceived crisis of democracy](#).

International Ethics Research Group

John Dryzek, Jonathan Pickering and Ana Tanasoca are members of the International Ethics Research Group convened by ANU and the University of New South Wales Canberra. The group meets regularly to discuss work-in-progress papers. Presentations by Centre members this year included a paper by Ana and John on 'Democratic Altruism.'

Genepool Productions

We are collaborating with the Emmy award-winning filmmakers to convene the world's first truly Global Citizens Assembly on Genome Editing. Led by Simon, John, and Nicole, together with Professor Dianne Nicol from the University of Tasmania, we are developing the technique of 'deliberative documentary' as a mechanism to scale up the effects of citizen deliberation around the world, on a topic that provokes discussions on ethics, morality, and scientific benefit and harm.

Check out <https://www.globalca.org/> for more information.

DeliberateACT

Collaboration between the Centre and local ACT practitioners, government and civil society engaged in public participation and policy making continued in 2019 via involvement in DeliberateACT, which held six events. These included involvement in a public event hosted by the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House in March, with David Farrell reporting on the impact of the Irish Citizens Assembly. The question of whether similar impacts can be achieved in Australia was an important theme, which was raised in another co-hosted event with Claudia Chwalisz presenting on developments in Europe, also at Old Parliament House.

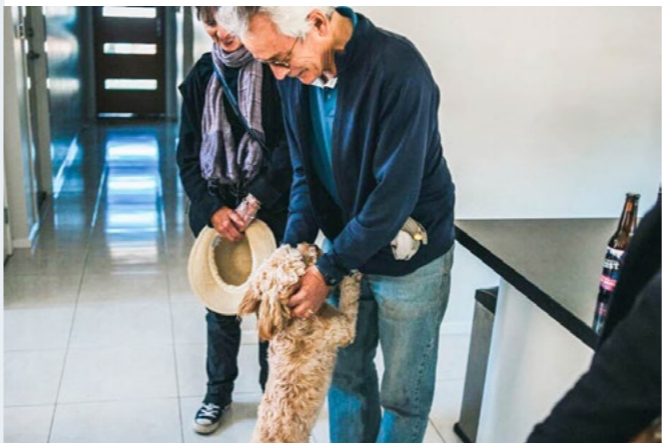


A SOCIAL SPACE

Keeping a vibrant social space is always our proud achievement. We made lots of fond memories this year, from a successful trek in Tasmania to a chilled out caipirinha party.



A SOCIAL SPACE



FAREWELL, WELCOME, AND CONGRATULATIONS

Farewell

We said farewell to a number of colleagues this year, including our Postdoctoral Research Fellows Ana Tanasoca and Hannah Barrowman. Ana joined the Philosophy Department of Macquarie University while Hannah will begin working full-time in the Australia Pacific Climate Partnership – a program funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

We also said farewell to Kei Nishiyama as he moved back to Japan after graduating from his PhD. Kei recently received an overseas postdoctoral fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

And it really breaks our hearts to say good bye to the ever-reliable Juliana Rocha – our Centre administrator for the past seven years. Juliana is moving to a new executive assistant post in the city. We miss her already [insert crying emoji].



Welcome

We welcomed three new colleagues this year: Francesco Veri who moved from Switzerland to join our ARC Metastudy team, Jo Wright who works from Melbourne on our Global Citizens' Assembly project, and Adrian Fernandez, our very first intern.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our PhD students Mohammad Abdul-Hwas and Nardine Alnemr for their impressive performance in their respective confirmation seminars. Mohammad recently returned from his extensive fieldwork in Jordan to analyse the role of deliberation in the Syrian refugee crisis. Meanwhile, Nardine is making headway in her research on deliberative algorithms.

Congratulations are also in order for Simon, who recently assumed the role of Associate Dean for Research at the Faculty of Business, Government, and Law. This, officially, makes Simon our boss!



THE YEAR AHEAD



WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BIG YEAR IN 2020.

Our Centre will continue to grow as make new academic appointments. We are also looking forward to welcoming over twenty international delegates for the Fourth Deliberative Democracy Summer School in February, and more visitors throughout the year. Deepening our engagement with the Canberra community remains top on our list, as well as developing links with national and global industry partners.

As always, we are keen to hear from old and new collaborators. Ping us on Twitter, drop us an email, or send us a postcard.

None of Simon Niemeyer's bike medals were harmed in this photo shoot.

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