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The Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance is the world-leading centre for the study of the theory, practice, and methodology of deliberative democracy. It is based at the Faculty of Business Government and Law at the University of Canberra.



It has been yet another challenging year. As things started looking up in the first half of 2021, Canberra went into its second lockdown last August.

By now, our Centre has become skilled in supporting each other while staying apart. We shifted our weekly morning tea to Zoom and used this opportunity to reconnect to our associates from all over the world. We found ways to organise Covid-safe celebrations for PhD graduations and thesis submission. Long walks and occasional hikes continued as usual.

We rolled out our new Australian Research Council grants and continued our landmark projects, including the

Global Citizens' Assembly on Genome Editing, Participedia, and Connecting to Parliament. We miraculously convened an in-person national citizens' jury at the Museum of Australian Democracy just before the Delta variant forced the closure of state borders.

This year has also been marked with welcomes and farewells, congratulations, and commiserations. Our year-end report tells all these stories. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

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Publications

Our publications reflect what we value in our Centre – global, interdisciplinary, and collaborative work inspired by normative theory and grounded on rigorous empirical research.



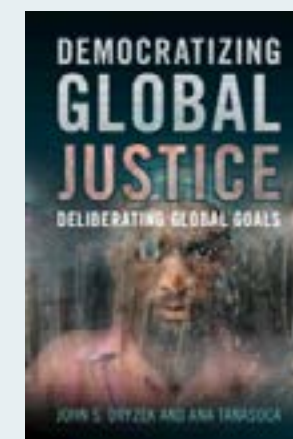
Our very own Nicole Curato with University College Dublin's David Farrell led eight of the world's leading scholars on deliberative democracy to publish a book on the purpose, impact, and limits of deliberative mini-publics.

Book

PUBLICATIONS



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Hans Asenbaum and Francesco Veri contributed to this topical book published by DemocracyNet. Available open access. Scan or click on the QR code to download.



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Reports

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2. **Curato, Nicole**, Ong, Jonathan Corpus and Tapsell, Ross (2021) 'Thank you for sharing: A deliberative forum on disinformation.' *Policy Briefing – SEARBO*. Canberra: Australian National University.
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Working Paper Series

We thank Hans Asenbaum and Madeleine Egan for co-editing our Working Paper Series this year.



2021/2 Antonin Lacelle Webster "The Political Problem of Hope and its Deliberative Manifestation".



2021/1 Pierrick Chalaye "The Discursive Sources of Environmental Progress and its Limits: Biodiversity Politics in France".



2021/3 John Rountree and Nicole Curato "Citizens' Assemblies and the Public Sphere".

Global Citizens' Assembly on Genome Editing



The Global Citizens' Assembly on Genome Editing aims to put the public at the centre of global conversations on genome editing. In 2023, this global event will bring together up to 100 participants from around the world to deliberate on the urgent ethical and legal questions surrounding genome editing technologies.



This year, our research team conducted the first national case study, with twenty-three ordinary Australians convening at the Museum of Australian Democracy at the Old Parliament House in Canberra for the Australian Citizens' Jury on Genome Editing. Our network of international partners continues to expand, with national case studies also underway in Brazil, China, USA, UK and France.

Connecting to Parliament



Connecting to Parliament is our Centre's flagship public engagement program which aims to connect MPs to their constituents. This project is a collaboration with the Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA) at The Ohio State University.

This year, our Centre worked with Alicia Payne, MP for the electoral division of Canberra to run a deliberative town hall on young people and Australian politics in August 2021. Prof Ariadne Vromen from the Australian National University lent her expertise on youth politics in Australia.

Academic Events

Our academic events showcased the breadth of our work and intellectual commitments in our Centre.

Use the QR code to watch the video on our YouTube channel.



Mending Democracy Book Launch



On 20 April 2021, the Centre for Democratic Futures at the University of Southampton hosted a book launch for Selen Ercan's book 'Mending Democracy: Democratic Repair in Disconnected Times' (co-authored with Carolyn Hendriks and John Boswell).

Our Centre hosted an on-campus book launch at the same time to celebrate the publication of this book. The book launch featured contributions from Claire Mellier, Dr Oliver Escobar, and Dr Marta Wojciechowska.



Research Forum on the Australian Citizens' Jury on Genome Editing

Simon Niemeyer, Rebecca Paxton and John Dryzek, with research collaborator Dianne Nicol presented their preliminary research findings and observations on the Australian Citizens' Jury on Genome Editing. Stephen Merrett joined the forum to present the perspective of participants.



Decolonizing Democratic Innovations

The online webinar Decolonizing Democratic Innovations sought to interrogate the extent to which democratic innovations and the theoretical perspectives that inform these emerging institutions perpetuate the legacies of colonialism and white supremacy.

This event was a collaboration between our Centre and the Centre for the Study of Democracy at the University of Westminster with the support of the Political Studies Association's Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group and the Journal of Deliberative Democracy.

Grants

Congratulations to our colleagues on their brand-new research grants!

Participedia

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

\$2.7 MILLION

Selen Ercan, Hans Asenbaum, Nick Vlahos, Francesco Veri and Lucy Parry are among 63 researchers across 12 countries benefitting from Participedia's Phase 2 funding. The Centre has been actively involved in the project since 2016 documenting democratic innovations in Australia and beyond. Led by Professor Bonny Ibhawoh at McMaster University, Phase 2 of Participedia focuses efforts on documenting and analysing cases and methods that respond to key challenges in democracies including representation and human and political rights.

Canberra Multicultural Service

Industry partnership co-funding PhD scholarship

\$110,000

This year the Centre partnered with the Canberra Multicultural Service to undertake research on the present state and future of multiculturalism in Australia. As part of this partnership, Selen Ercan will supervise Sahana Sehgal's PhD project investigating intercultural engagement amongst culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia. CMS is Ethnic Broadcasters' Council of the ACT broadcasting in over 30+ ethnic languages. It is funded by the Federal Government, Community Broadcasting Foundation. Our collaboration is also sponsored by the 50/50 industry partnership initiative of the University of Canberra.

Strongmen of Asia: Democratic Bosses and How to Understand Them

Norwegian Research Council

\$2.1 MILLION

Nicole Curato is a co-investigator of a research project with an interdisciplinary group of scholars based in the University of Oslo to study the strongmen of Asia. This is an important project at a time when Asia's democracies are at ever greater risk of democratic deconsolidation.

Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) Policy Options for Philippine Off-shore Energy Resources

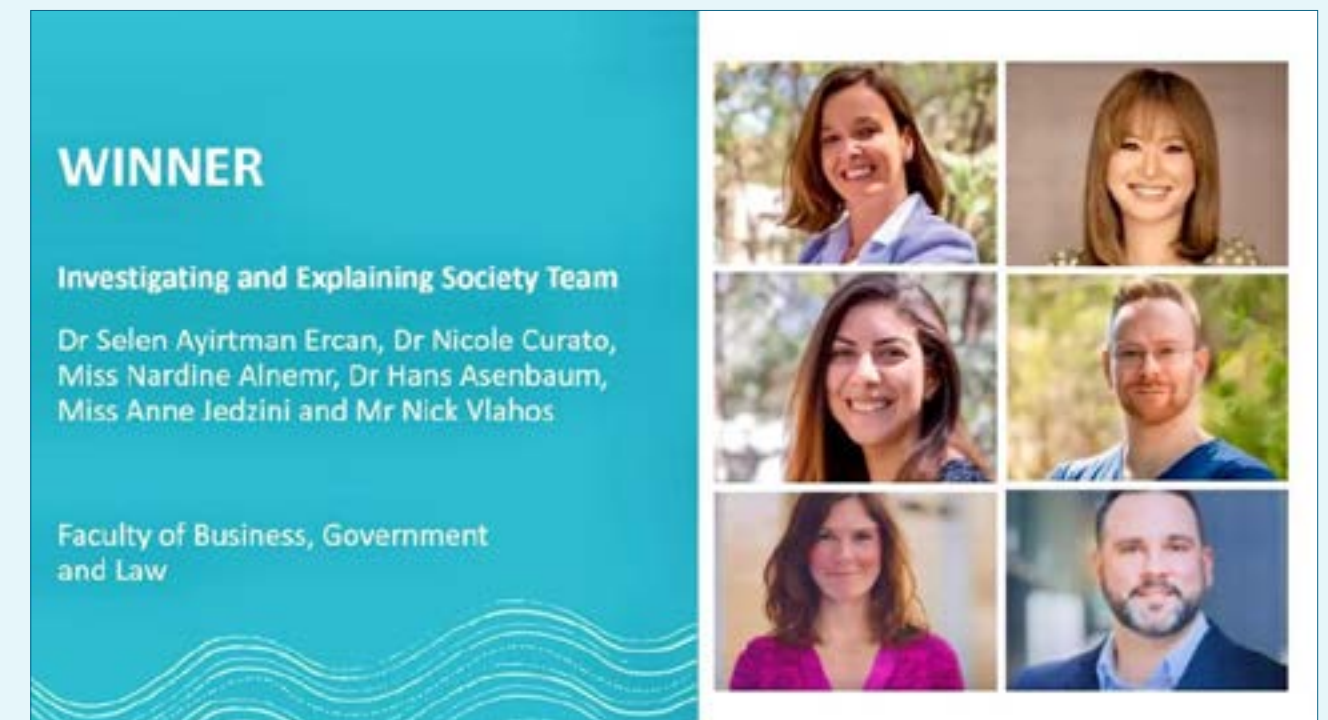
Access to Sustainable Energy
Programme Clean Energy Living
Laboratories (European Union-funded)

\$10,000

Emerson Sanchez joined other co-investigators from the Australian National University and Pacific Forum to study the benefits and feasibility of SWF policies in the Philippines. The project is a significant policy intervention in a country beset with a history of natural resource plunder.

Prizes

Our Centre is humbled by the prizes we received this year.



Our very first teaching prize!

We won our very first teaching excellence prize from the University of Canberra for the undergraduate unit Investigating and Explaining Society. Our teaching team was recognised for connecting research excellence with creative multimedia teaching innovations that enhance the student learning experience. Congratulations to co-conveners Hans Asenbaum, Nicole Curato, Selen Ercan and Nick Vlahos and tutors Nardine Alnemr and Anne Jedzini.



Research excellence

Nicole Curato received a commendation for research excellence awarded at the University's Professional, Research & Teaching Excellence Awards for 2021.

Specialist Group of the Year








The Political Studies Association (UK) awarded the Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group won this year's specialist group of the year prize in recognition of the outstanding community support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our very own Hans Asenbaum is one of this group's co-conveners.







Seminar Series

From sortition to food democracy, our seminar series covered a range of topics critical to today's understanding of democratic theory and practice. Thank you to Francesco Veri for convening our seminar series this year.

Missed the seminar? Click on the buttons to watch the video on demand.



March 16 Jean-Benoit Pilet Université libre de Bruxelles and Damien Bol King's College London <i>Public Support for Citizens' Assemblies Selected Through Sortition: Survey and Experimental Evidence From 15 Countries</i>	May 4 WATCH  Nick Vlahos, Selen Ercan, Nardine Alnemr, John Dryzek, University of Canberra Andrew Leigh, MP <i>From Elected to Connected: Designing for Recursive Representation</i>
April 13 WATCH  Hans Asenbaum, University of Canberra <i>Democratic Theorizing</i>	May 18 WATCH  Amelia Thorpe, University of New South Wales Andrew Leigh, MP <i>Owning The Street: The Everyday Life of Property</i>
April 20 WATCH  Anna Drake, University of Waterloo <i>Activist Inclusion in Deliberative Systems</i>	May 25 WATCH  Michael Neblo, Ohio State University <i>Connecting To Congress During Covid-19: Political Representation and Two-Way Crisis Communication</i>
April 27 WATCH  Antonin Lacelle-Webster, University of British Columbia <i>Spaces Of Hope: Theorizing Hope in An Imperfect Yet Open Democratic System</i>	June 22 WATCH  Ron Levy, Australian National University <i>Deliberative Peace Referendums</i>

July 20 WATCH  Francesco Veri, University of Canberra <i>Mapping Democratic Innovations in Participedia</i>	October 26 WATCH  Sarah Sorial, Macquarie University <i>Mini-Publics and The Legitimacy Dilemma: Balancing the Tension Between Deliberation and Participation in Deliberative Theory</i>
August 10 Jeffrey C. Alexander, Yale University <i>Democracy, Crisis, Resilience - In Conversation with Professor Jeffrey Alexander</i>	November 16 WATCH  Wendy Russell, Australian National University Kei Nishiyama, Doshisha University Pierrick Chalaye, Australian National University <i>Facilitation of Deliberation in The Classroom: The Interplay of Technique and Design to Make Space for Democracy</i>
September 7 WATCH  Wolfgang Merkel, Berlin Social Science Center <i>Erosion Of Democracy and Democratic Resilience</i>	November 30 WATCH  Johanna Jacobi, ETH Zurich <i>Does Food Democracy Matter? Linking The Deliberative Quality Of Soy And Coffee Value Chains To Ecological 'Foodprints'</i>
September 14 WATCH  Kaiping Chen, University of Wisconsin-Madison <i>Science Factionalism: How Group Identity Language Affects Public Engagement with Controversial Science on A Popular Q&A Digital Platform in China</i>	

Reading Group

This year's reading group sought to examine the threats democracies face and pathways for reform. We thank Pierrick Chalaye for convening our reading group in 2021. Here's what we read together.

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Giraudet, L.-G., Apouey, B., Arab, H., Baeckelandt, S., Begout, P., et al. (2021). Deliberating on Climate Action: Insights from the French Citizens' Convention for Climate. Hal-03119539

Pin, L. (2020) Race, Citizenship and Participation: Interrogating the Racial Dynamics of Participatory Budgeting, *New Political Science*, 42:4, 578-594, DOI: 10.1080/07393148.2020.1840199

Landemore, H. (2020). *Open Democracy*. Princeton University Press. Chapter 2.

Curato, N., & Fossati, D. (2020). Authoritarian Innovations: Crafting support for a less democratic Southeast Asia. *Democratization*, 27(6), 1006-1020.

Glasius, M. (2018). What authoritarianism is... and is not: a practice perspective. *International Affairs*, 94(3), 515-533.

Moore, A. (2012) Following from the front: theorizing deliberative facilitation. *Critical Policy Studies*, 6:2, 146-162, DOI: 10.1080/19460171.2012.689735

Boswell, J. Seeing Like a Citizen: How being a participant in a Citizens Assembly changed everything I thought I knew about deliberative mini-publics... Work in progress – to be published in *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*

Conference, Workshops, and Webinars

This list is a celebration of our emerging skills in switching between talks online and IRL.



Embodied online conference

We started a new tradition this year by organising a watch party during the Political Studies Association annual conference. We recreated conference snacks and organised our own conference dinner.

Australia

Jane Alver
Presenter
Australian Human Rights Institute
University of New South Wales

Jane Alver
Presenter
Oceanic Conference on International
Studies
Australian National University

Jane Alver
Chair
Parliament as a Gendered Workplace:
Towards a New Code of Conduct
Global Institute for Women's Leadership
Australian National University

Nardine Alnemr
Presenter
Australian Research Network for Utopian
Studies
Australian National University

Nardine Alnemr
Selen Ercan
Speakers
DemFest 21
The Canberra Alliance for Participatory
Democracy

Wendy Conway-Lamb,
Institute of Australian Geographers &
New Zealand Geographical Society Joint
Conference University of Sydney

Nicole Curato
Workshop presenter
APSA Postgraduate Workshop

Nicole Curato
Roundtable presenter
Australian Strategic Policy Institute
Masterclass

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Rules based order in Southeast Asia
culminating conference
DFAT Diplomatic Academy

Selen Ercan
Presenter
University of Queensland
Visual Politics Forum

Emerson Sanchez
Presenter
Infrastructure Engagement Excellence
Standards Working Group
ANU Crawford School of Public Policy

Francesco Veri
Presenter
APSA Annual Conference

Nick Vlahos and John Dryzek
Presenters
U3A Forum

Nick Vlahos
Workshop presenter
Parliamentary Engagement Workshop,
University of Canberra, Mar. 26, 2021.
"Connecting to Parliament: Preliminary
Findings."

Asia

Nicole Curato
Keynote Speaker
Institute for Strategic Research and
Development Studies Anniversary
Visayas State University

Nicole Curato
Roundtable speaker
New democracy forms post COVID-19
Konrad Adenauer Foundation
Philippines

Nicole Curato
Featured speaker
DoubleThink Lab's series on
disinformation in Asia

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Defining Democracy Roundtable
YouthLed Philippines x USAID

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Waseda Institute of Asia-Pacific
Studies Seminar
Waseda University

Nicole Curato
Discussant
Academic Council on the United
Nations System Seminar
Hiroshima University



North America

Nicole Curato
Roundtable Presenter
Navigating Covid19 in Southeast Asia
The Brookings Institution

Nicole Curato
Roundtable Presenter
Global Learning on Democratic Innovation
Public Agenda x Club de Madrid

Nicole Curato
Discussant
Launch event: Participatory Budgeting's
Global Theory of Change
People Powered

John Dryzek
Panel Chair
American Political Science Association
Annual Conference

South America

Hans Asenbaum
Speaker
Democracy Seminar Series
Federal University of Minas Gerais

Europe

Mohammad Abdul-Hwas
Presenter
NEXT Generation Deliberation
Celebration Symposium, KU Leuven

Nardine Alnemr
Presenter
Political Studies Association Annual
Conference

Hans Asenbaum
Presenter
COSMOS Seminar Series
Scuola Normale Superiore

Hans Asenbaum
Presenter
Black Lives Matter and Antiracist
Mobilizations in Europe

Nicole Curato
ECPR General Conference

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Populism and Popular Culture Digital
Lecture Series
University of Groningen

Nicole Curato
Speaker
COSMOS Seminar Series
Scuola Normale Superiore

Nicole Curato
Speaker
Methodology Seminar Series
London School of Economics

Nicole Curato
Speaker
LSE Festival Roundtable
London School of Economics

John Dryzek
Keynote lecture
Facing Systemic Change Together: Citizen
Deliberation In Informed and Just Climate
Transitions (FACTOR)
Turku, Finland

John Dryzek
Presenter
Democratizing Global Justice (book
launch)
UK Political Studies Association,
Participatory and Deliberative Democracy
Group



John Dryzek
Presenter
International Political Science
Association World Congress
Lisbon

John Dryzek
Presenter
Workshop
Geneva Science and Diplomacy
Anticipator

Madeleine Egan
Presenter
Political Studies Association Annual
Conference

Selen Ercan
Presenter
University of Southampton, Center for
Democratic Futures

Selen Ercan
Presenter
University of Birmingham, School of
Government

Selen Ercan
Discussant
ECPR General Conference

Lucy Parry
Presenter
NEXT Generation Deliberation Celebration
Symposium, KU Leuven

Francesco Veri
Simon Niemeyer
Presenters
Political Studies Association Annual
Conference

Francesco Veri
Presenter
Brown Bag Lecture Series, Department of
Political Science
University of Lucerne

Nick Vlahos
Workshop presenter
Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference

Nick Vlahos
Presenter
Political Studies Association Annual
Conference



Partnerships and Linkages



Global Assembly on the Climate and Ecological Emergency

Our Centre is proud to lead the research and evaluation team of the world's first global assembly on the climate and ecological emergency. Included in the research team are Mohammad Abdul-Hwas, Nardine Alnemr, Hans Asenbaum, John Dryzek and Nick Vlahos. The team is led by Nicole Curato who also serves as chair of the Governance and Participation Committee of the Global Assembly.

This research is a collaboration with the Australian National University via former PhD students Pierrick Chalaye and Emerson Sanchez, the Institute of Advanced Sustainability Studies (Germany) and the Democratic Innovations and Legitimacy Group at KU Leuven (Belgium).



Global Citizens' Assembly Consortium

Our network of partners for the deliberative global citizens' assembly on genome editing continues to grow. At the global level, partners include Missions Publiques (France and Germany), Involve (UK), Genepool Productions, and the University of Tasmania Centre for Law and Genetics. Partners involved in developing national-level deliberative processes include researchers at Wellcome Genome Campus (UK), Keele University (UK), Deakin University, Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil), Shenzhen University (China), ETH Zurich (Switzerland), Arizona State University (USA), and ARRIGE (France).



Democracy R&D

Our Centre is proud to be part of Democracy R&D – a global consortium of advocates, scholars, and practitioners of deliberative democracy. Our Centre is represented by Nick Vlahos, Nardine Alnemr and Nicole Curato in their activities. Democracy R&D convenes monthly regional learning calls on practitioner engagements regarding deliberative minipublics. The coordination working group (Nick is a member) hosted an international conference with practitioners and academics in 2021. In addition, \$50,000 in financial support has been garnered from the Salvia Foundation in Switzerland to support Democracy R&D outreach strategies.



Political Studies Association UK

The Centre collaborates with the PSA Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group (PDD) on various projects. Hans Asenbaum is a long standing PDD co-convenor. With 350 members, PDD is a vibrant network of scholars of deliberative democracy. The connection to PDD allows the Centre to deepen its contacts and collaborative projects with leading scholars in the UK.



European Consortium for Political Research's Standing Group on Democratic Innovations

Our Centre's role as secretariat of the ECPR's Standing Group on Democratic Innovations concluded this year. Thank you to Nicole Curato for serving as co-chair of the Standing Group and to Nardine Alnemr for her work in running the Secretariat.



Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA) at The Ohio State University

Our Connecting to Parliament project works in close partnership with IDEA. In 2021, CDDGG and IDEA co-designed a second series of Connecting to Parliament and produced a research article currently under review.



Brazilian National Science and Technology Institute for Digital Democracy

The Centre continues to collaborate with the Brazilian National Science and Technology Institute for Digital Democracy, which is multi-institutional and multidisciplinary network of research groups and laboratories from all over the world focusing on the use of digital tools to enhance democracy. This year, Selen Ercan, Hans Asenbaum and Nicole Curato completed a BIG collaboration with our associate Ricardo Mendonça – an open access collection on research methods in deliberative democracy published by Oxford University Press.



PARTICIPEDIA

Participedia

The Centre has continued its work with Participedia, entering a new phase with the receipt of follow-on funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in Canada. Selen Ercan, Hans Asenbaum, Lucy Parry and Nick Vlahos took part in this year's Participedia conference in June which kicked off a co-design process involving more than 50 collaborators.

Following a participatory co-design process, the Centre plays a key role in shaping Participedia's research and teaching activities over the next five years. Our very own Selen Ercan is the co-chair of Participedia's Participatory Governance Cluster.



Earth System Governance Early Career Dialogue

Our Centre continues our involvement with the Earth System Governance Project. This year, our PhD student **Wendy Conway-Lamb** joined 45 early career researchers from around the world to exchange ideas on different aspects of governance and global environmental change. A highlight was the Pecha Kucha session where each participant presented their research project using only 10 slides, 10 seconds per slide: like speed-dating for environmental politics nerds! As an early career researcher, it's an inspiring and supportive community to be a part of, and a great place to spark collaborations.

Teaching



Our Centre is proud to convene Investigating and Explaining Society – a mandatory undergraduate unit on research methods at the School of Politics, Economics, and Society at the Faculty of Business, Government & Law.

Hans Asenbaum, Nicole Curato, Selen Ercan and Nick Vlahos co-convened this unit with Nardine Alnemr and Anne Jedzini as tutors.



I liked I really loved the tutorial discussions in this unit, I think they were really rich, and I loved coming to class every week and hearing what my peers had to say.

– **Atka Mekki**



[Our tutor] gave us everything she's got... every bit of the lecture was something we could resonate with.

– **Emmanuel Amechi Okafor**



Another thing that I really enjoyed in this unit was that alongside the lectures, there would also be interviews with experts in their field of research.

– **Nitya Reddy**



I'm really grateful that this course was one of the first ones that I started with, because the structure of the modules really made it easy to follow on with the amount of work and I knew exactly what was expected of me week to week.

– **Kara Stevens**

Aside from co-convening Investigating and Explaining Society, our Centre is also actively collaborating with our colleagues around the world in teaching democratic theory and practice. Here's a snapshot of our guest lectures this year.

University of Canberra

Selen Ercan delivered a guest lecture for the European Politics unit in the School of Politics, Economics and Society on the immigration and multiculturalism in Europe and a guest lecture on qualitative research methods in public policy for the Public Policy unit of the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis.

Australian National University

Nicole Curato called for a deliberative approach to understanding disinformation in the National Security College's masterclass on disinformation.

RMIT

Nicole discussed her work on disinformation and deliberative democracy at RMIT's postgraduate unit on political communication.

Ateneo de Manila University

Nicole Curato introduced the principles of deliberative democracy in a masters' class on negotiation and conflict management at the Ateneo School of Government.

Federal University of Minas Gerais

Selen Ercan delivered a guest lecture on visual research methods for to the students of the Political Science program.

Internship Programme

Now on its third year, our Centre continues to mentor research interns from the Faculty of Arts and Design.



This year, we welcomed Rose Koeller, Celine Langlands and Billie McDermott who worked on the Australian Citizens' Jury on Genome Editing, Global Citizens' Assembly of Genome Editing and Connecting to Parliament.



Rose Koellner

“My internship at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance was a fantastic experience. During my time at the centre, I worked closely with the Australian Citizens’ Jury on Genome Editing and am truly grateful to have been a part of such a great team and witness Australia’s first national citizens’ jury. I worked closely with former intern and Event Manager Mia McGaffin and Project Coordinator Anne Jedzini, whilst always having continuous support from Professor Nicole Curato.

My roles included helping prepare for the Australian Citizens’ Jury and liaising between the event managers and participants during the event to support where was needed. Throughout my time at the Centre, I began to understand the process of deliberating and why citizen juries are important. I also set out to develop my writing and communication skills which I reflected on as my internship was coming to an end and I was lucky enough to co-write with Professor Nicole Curato for the Murra Magazine, released in July.

Overall, I have gained lifelong knowledge and skills from the Centre and thank everyone for their continued support throughout my time there.”



Celine Langlands

“My internship at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance was a wonderful experience which allowed me to encounter the world work in a professional and supportive environment.

As part of my internship, I was given the opportunity to develop a strategy for multilingual communication as part of the Global Citizens Assembly on Genome Editing. This was an extremely thought-provoking and rewarding experience which allowed me to collaborate with experts across the globe and utilise my research and problem-solving skills to produce a feasible strategy. This was an extremely interesting project, made better by the guidance and support provided by both Professor Nicole Curato and the other researchers.”

Engaging with the Canberra Community

We are committed to the University of Canberra's mission of being a civic university. Here are some of our community engagement programmes this year.



Festival of Democracy

Our Centre is proud to be part of the Festival of Democracy organised by the Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy. DEMFEST2021 encourages anyone interested in strengthening democracy in Australia by presenting on

topics related grassroots mobilisation and augmenting relationships between constituents and elected officials. The CDDGG presented a 12min video on how Connecting to Parliament is experimenting with town halls to build connections between the public and their MPs.

Library for All

Nardine Alnemr, Jane Alver and Wendy Conway-Lamb wrote children's books for Library for All – an Australia-based education technology developer with a global reach.



Our PhD student Mohammad Abdul-Hwas shows us the nexus between sport and solidarity.

Multimedia engagements

Our Centre connects our scholarly work to a variety of audiences through various multimedia engagements.



Blogs

Alver, Jane (2021) Commission on the Status of Women; Who is left out of the digital frame? *BroadAgenda*. February 16.

Alver, Jane (2021) Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future, *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research*. March 5.

Hans, Asenbaum, Ercan, Selen and Mendonca, Ricardo F. Mendonça (2021) Speaking without words: doing deliberation differently. *The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA)*. May 7.

Curato, Nicole (2021) Democratic expressions amidst fragile institutions: Possibilities for reform in Duterte's Philippines. *The Brookings Institution*. January 22.

Franco, Bianca Ysabelle and **Curato, Nicole** (2021) How Democratic Deliberation Can Challenge Disinformation: A Dispatch from the Philippines. *Escaping the Mist: Disinformation Walkthrough*. September 23.

Parry, Lucy, Asenbaum, Hans and Ercan, Selen (2021) Recipes for democratic participation during the pandemic: From anti-lockdown protest to a participatory system. *Agora*. March 15.

Vlahos, Nick (2021) Investing in the Commons? GameStop and loosely coordinated action in a rigged financial system. *Agora*. March 19.

Podcast

Nicole's work on disinformation in the Philippines was featured in Richard Aedy's Radio National series entitled 'This Much is True' while her prize winning book *Democracy in a Time of Misery* was featured in the *New Books in Southeast Asia* podcast.

Television

The Australian Citizens' Jury on Genome Editing received national television and radio coverage, including an interview on ABC News Breakfast with Jury participant Angus and Project Leader Simon Niemeyer.

Nicole provided live television commentaries on Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's final state of the nation address at CNN Philippines, Deutsche Welle, and more.

Academic Citizenship

We consider committee memberships and service to the profession as core to our tasks as research-focused academics. Here are some of our staff members' engagements in the University and around the world.



Journal Editing

Our Centre is the home of the Journal of Deliberative Democracy (formerly Journal of Public Deliberation) and its companion piece, the Deliberative Democracy Digest. This journal is led by our very own Nicole Curato in collaboration with Kim Strandberg (Abo Akademi), Andre Bachtiger (University of Stuttgart) and Graham Smith (University of Westminster).

Our very own John Dryzek, Selen Ercan, and Simon Niemeyer are part of the journal's editorial board.

The Journal publishes all articles open access with the support of the University of Westminster Press, newDemocracy Foundation, and the International Association of Public Participation.

Our Centre is also proud to play an active role in the journal Democratic Theory. Hans Asenbaum and Selen Ercan are Associate Editors of the Journal.

Nicole Curato continues her role as Associate Editor of Political Studies and the Australian Journal of Political Science – the flagship journals of the Political Studies Association (UK) and the Australian Political Studies Association.

Committee Memberships

Hans Asenbaum and Selen Ercan are part of the Faculty of Business Government and Law's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group.

Nick Vlahos is representing our Centre to the Faculty's Workload Committee while Selen Ercan is part of the the Faculty's Graduate Research Committee and University Ethics Committee.

Nicole Curato is part of the editorial team of Murra – our Faculty's external facing publication.

Professional Associations

Our Centre plays leadership roles in professional associations around the world. Hans Asenbaum is the co-convenor of the Political Studies Association Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group. Nicole Curato is the co-convenor of the European Consortium for Political Research's Standing Group on Democratic Innovations while Selen Ercan co-convenes ECPR's Standing Group on Theoretical Perspectives to Policy Analysis.

A Social Space

A convivial working environment remains to be our most cherished collective achievement.







Welcome, farewell and congratulations

A toast to new beginnings and farewells in 2021.



Welcome to our new PhD students!

Anne Jedzini commenced her PhD on deliberative power-sharing as part of the Centre's ARC Special Research Initiative Grant on Deliberative Integrity. Prior to that she worked for the Centre as Project Coordinator on the Australian Citizens' Jury on Genome Editing.

"It has been a humbling experience writing my first journal article this year and learn from my supportive supervisors Professor Nicole Curato and Associate Professor Selen Ercan. I am also appreciative of the tutoring opportunities I have taken on in Investigating and Explaining Society and Political Leadership. I look forward continuing the PhD journey with my new colleagues in 2022."

Sahana Sehgal commenced her PhD investigating intercultural engagement amongst culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia from July 2021. Sahana has joined the centre as part of a 50-50 Industry Partnership with Canberra Multicultural Service.

"Being able to do a PhD has been a lifelong aspiration and a dream come true. More so, as the academics in the Centre are extremely supportive and considered experts in their respective fields. The DelDem Centre was my first choice, and I am incredibly grateful to have Associate Professor Selen Ercan and Professor Kim Rubenstein on my supervisory panel. I have no doubt, this is going to be an awesome journey and I look forward to my time at the centre."

Welcome to our new research assistant

The Centre welcomed Friedel Marquardt as a research assistant supporting Participedia's work on participatory governance.



Congratulations

Nardine Alnemr submitted her PhD thesis for examination in October 2021. Nardine's thesis puts forward an account of how deliberative democratic normative theory can be used to scrutinise the roles of algorithms, automation and artificial intelligence in political communication and decision making.



“It was a very important moment in my life when I was offered to do my PhD at the Centre. I didn't think twice about accepting the offer and moving to Canberra. During the first few months, I was still trying to wrap my head around the very fact that my supervisors are Simon Niemeyer, Nicole Curato and John Dryzek. I have read and taught some of their works prior to joining the Centre but never thought I would be working with them. Simon, Nicole and John have challenged me to think critically about the work I can do, the bigger picture of where my final contributions and what kind of academic I want to be. They have set an all-rounded example of research excellence and academic community that made me see academia differently where can we also become better colleagues, reviewers and mentors.”



Our PhD student Madeleine Egan successfully completed her confirmation seminar with Ron Levy (Australian National University) and Ricardo Mendonça (Federal University of Minas Gerais) as panel members. She is currently in intermission to serve as project manager of the Global Citizens' Assembly on Genome Editing.

Farewell



We said farewell to our postdoc Francesco Veri who will move to the Centre for Democracy Studies (ZDA) at the University of Zurich. Francesco will be leading the 'New Forms of Participation in Established Democracies' project at ZDA.

Meanwhile, our new PhD grads Emerson Sanchez and Pierrick Chalaye moved to the other side of the Black Mountain to become postdoctoral research fellows at the Australian National University. Jane Alver joined the Australian Council for International Development.



It is with profound sadness we said farewell to our dearest colleague, Professor Marian Sims. We celebrate Marian's life as our Centre's biggest cheerleader in writing grants and most fascinating colleague in spontaneous corridor chats. We will miss you, Marian!



The Year Ahead



We are gearing up for another exciting year. Our Global Citizens' Assembly on Genome Editing is going full steam ahead, while our Deliberative Integrity Project's empirical and engagement work kicks off.

Our core projects will continue, including Connecting to Parliament and Participedia, as well as our suite of activities including seminars, workshops, reading groups and the Deliberative Democracy Summer School (Finland edition).

We are also looking forward to welcoming Jordan McSwiney as Postdoctoral Research Fellow who will join the Democratic Resilience project team.

Finally, we are keeping our fingers crossed for Australia's smooth transition to reopening its borders so we can finally throw the most awesome welcome party to our Postdoctoral Research Fellows Hans Asenbaum and Nick Vlahos.

We'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email, send us a DM, or mail us a postcard.

We wish you a happy new year.

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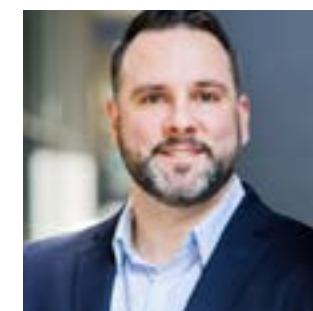
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