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Final Conference

“FOSTERING PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE AND DEMOCRACY”

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th, June 2024




Venue:

[NTNU Brussel office - Rue Guimard 9, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium](#)

Registration link for online participation: <https://forms.gle/4s76GYq1UkbfjAS7>

DAY 1 - Tuesday 11th (2.30 - 5.30 pm CET)


Programme

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| 2.30-2.45 pm | <p>Welcome  <i>also from remote</i></p> | <p>ISEED coordinator - Eleonora MONTUSCHI (UNIVE), EC Project Officer - Agnes NAGY HEGYVARINE, NTNU Brussels officers</p> |
| 2.45 - 3.30 | <p>ISEED: mission, objectives, outputs and conference aims  <i>also from remote</i></p> | <p>ISEED Coordinator</p> |
| | <p>The project coordinator will present, by means of an introduction, how the concept of deliberative participation has been conceptualised throughout the different strands of research within the life cycle of the project, and how – in the light of the results and outputs of the project – such concept might meet some of the needs of good democratic life. An overall description of the conference will follow.</p> | |
| 3.30 - 4.00 | <p>Coffee Break</p> | |
| 4.00 - 5.00 | <p>Citizen participation in ISEED: from science to democracy  <i>also from remote</i></p> | <p>ISEED coordinator with C. Llorente Lope (UPF), S. Bavetta (UNIPA), A. Dimova (Arc Fund)</p> |
| | <p>The coordinating team that assembled the project’s ultimate vision of democratic citizen participation will delineate how a worthy idea of engaged citizenship (in ways that will be qualified) can emerge from fostering different forms of citizen/community-based science, and how it can become equally beneficial to the practice of science and the good of society.</p> | |
| 5.00 - 5.30 | <p>Q&A and general discussion</p> | |

7.30 pm - Dinner

DAY 2 - Wednesday 12th (9.30 am - 5.15 pm CET)

Programme

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| 9.30-10.30 am | Empirical research: poster display and discussion | all leaders of ISEED empirical research tasks |
| | This session will showcase the different strands of the project's empirical research, which have been instrumental to the implementation of the project's vision as discussed in session 2. It will comprise eight posters, each of them offering a visual summary of the goals, methods, milestones and outputs of the different areas of work, and members of the individual teams will be available to answer questions and offer explanations. | |
| 10.30-11.00 | Coffee Break | |
| 11.00 - 12.30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online deliberation: familiarizing with the 'Argument extractor' • Online participation: prospects and problems <p> <i>also from remote</i></p> | M. Warglien (UNIVE), G. A. Veltri (UNITN), G. Gaskell (UNITN) |
| | Prospects and opportunities, as well as the limitations, of online deliberation and participation as studied in the project will here be addressed. The project has developed a particular tool (an 'argument extractor') for digging out and analysing causal statements and other forms of argumentation from social media, in particular on-line textual data on science-based topics of current public interest. This tool will be presented, and its use will be demonstrated and discussed, during the session. Other types of digital analysis used by the project will also be presented. | |
| 12.30 - 2.00 pm | Light Lunch | |

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| 2.00 - 3.00 | Promoting Deliberative Participation: Discussion of Policy briefing and recommendations  <i>also from remote</i> | S. Efstathiou (NTNU), ISEED coordinator |
| | <p>Parallel sets of recommendations to foster deliberative participation will be presented and offered for discussion. The session will focus on how to rethink the governance of science within the domain of citizen science; how to pursue a policy of making citizen science a real option of research in the practice of science; how to design citizen science projects as educational grounds for the creation of a democratically ‘engaged citizen’; how to encourage institutional commitment towards making citizens more skillful in deliberation while respecting diversity in public engagement.</p> | |
| 3.00-3.30 | Coffee Break | |
| 3.30 - 5.00 | Panel discussion: Deliberative participation and democratic impact | <p>ISEED Advisory Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Douglas • Agata Gozdzik <p>ISEED coordinator, EC officers</p> |
| | <p>Taking the cue from some of the leading questions of the project, members of the project’s Advisory Board in interaction with the audience will address a number of issues of relevance regarding public deliberation and democratic participation. In particular, they will focus on the challenges that making ‘engaged citizenship’ a non-dispensable aspect of democratic life seems to entail – including taking into account the variety and differences of citizen awareness, interests and engagement provided by the European socio-political context.</p> | |
| 5.00 - 5.15 | Conclusions and farewell | |

7.30 pm - Dinner