



## The Deliberative Quality of Communication Conference 2018

Citizens, Media and Politics in Challenging Times:

Perspectives on the Deliberative Quality of Communication

November 8 – 9, 2018

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Mannheim, Germany

### Wednesday, November 7

19:00 Informal get-together (self-paying event) (location tba)

### Thursday, November 8

08:45 - 09:15 Registration

#### 09:15 - 09:30 Conference opening and introduction

#### 09:30 - 10:50 Session 1: Spheres of deliberation

Scott Althaus (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Tamir Sheafer (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Gadi Wolfsfeld (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *A normative framework for assessing media performance in both democratic and autocratic regimes.*

Thomas Häussler (University of Bern): *The deliberative topologies of informal public spheres.*

Christiane Eilders (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf), Katharina Esau (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf): *It takes more than good arguments! Integrating approaches on deliberation, social influence and social choice.*

Idit Manosevitch (Netanya Academic College), Elie Friedman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Uncivil or engaged? A meta discursive analysis of Israeli students' perceptions of public dialogue.*

10:50 - 11:20 Coffee break

#### 11:20 - 12:20 Session 2: Deliberating on policies

Stephen Elstub (Newcastle University), Sara Drury (University of Edinburgh), Oliver Escobar (University of Edinburgh), Jennifer Roberts (University of Strathclyde): *Deliberative quality and expertise: Uses of evidence in citizens' juries on wind farms.*

Rosa Borge (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya), Joan Balcells (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya), Albert Padró-Solanet (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya): *Online citizen deliberation on participatory platforms and Twitter: The case of Barcelona.*

Rainer Freudenthaler (University of Mannheim): *Are echo chambers the issue? An assessment of the online debate on refugee policy on Facebook.*



12:20 - 13:30 Lunch at the conference venue

**13:30 - 14:30 Keynote address**

Kaisa Herne (University of Tampere)

14:30 - 14:40 Short break

**14:40 - 16:00 Session 3: Determinants and consequences of citizens' deliberation**

Lea Gärtner (University of Mannheim), Alexander Wuttke (University of Mannheim), Harald Schoen (University of Mannheim): *Who talks and who listens? Examining moderators of conversation effects on vote choice.*

Valentin Gold (University of Goettingen): *How to motivate participants to deliberate? Extracting and analyzing deliberative sequences.*

Carina Weinmann (University of Koblenz-Landau), Frank M. Schneider (University of Mannheim): *In need of the devil's advocate: The impact of cross-cutting exposure on deliberation-within, argument quality, and political participation.*

Marius Bayer (University of Konstanz): *Deliberation in the lab - The effect of communication on information sharing, cooperation, and consensus.*

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

**16:30 - 17:50 Session 4: Political actors and citizens in deliberative discourses**

Uta Rußmann (University of Applied Sciences for Management & Communication Vienna): *Productive, democratic validity claims? – Testing the role of Jürgen Habermas' validity claims for the quality of public discourse.*

Eleonore Fournier-Tombs (University of Geneva), Giovanna Di Marzo Serungendo (University of Geneva): *DelibAnalysis: Measuring deliberative quality of online political discourse using machine learning.*

Resul Umit (University of Lucerne), Katrin Auel (Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna): *Saboteurs in the house: The effects of disagreement on speeches and sentiments in parliament.*

Jürgen Maier (University of Koblenz-Landau), Alessandro Nai (University of Amsterdam): *When conflict fuels negativity. A comparative analysis of the tone of electoral campaigns worldwide.*

19:00 Conference dinner (location tba)



**Friday, November 9**

**09:30 - 10:30 Session 5: Deliberative qualities of user comments**

Ines Engelmann (Friedrich Schiller University Jena), Hanna Marzinkowski (Friedrich Schiller University Jena): *Is there a connection between mediated public deliberation and the deliberative quality of subsequent user discussions?*

Constanze Küchler (Augsburg University), Teresa K. Naab (Augsburg University): *Negotiating with others online: How users interact in comment sections and indicate approval and disapproval of others' ideas.*

Hanna Marzinkowski (Friedrich Schiller University Jena): *Deliberative (dis)similarities in the comment section.*

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

**11:00 - 12:00 Session 6: Deliberative interventions**

Marike Bormann (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf), Dominique Heinbach (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf), Dennis Friess (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf): *Is uncivil communication always bad? Theoretical considerations towards a systematization of incivility in online discussions.*

Pablo Porten-Cheé (Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Freie Universität Berlin), Marlene Kunst (Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Freie Universität Berlin): *Conceptualizing emergent citizenship norms as drivers of user interventions in disrupted online discussions.*

Dennis Friess (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf), Marc Ziegele (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf): *Trolling for deliberation? Theoretical considerations and empirical evidence on the impact of organized counter speech in online discussions.*

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch at the conference venue

**12:45 - 13:45 Roundtable: Drafting a strategic roadmap for the future of deliberation research**

André Bächtiger (University of Stuttgart), Céline Colombo (University of Zürich), Christiane Eilders (Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf), Hartmut Wessler (University of Mannheim)

13:45 - 14:00 Closing remarks

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