



**Doctoral Program Democracy Studies**

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**Workshop Democratic Innovations in Theory & Practice**

Zurich, Affolternstr. 56, 8050 Zurich

6 – 7 December 2018

The Doctoral Program Democracy Studies at the University of Zurich invites PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and advanced MA students for its 2-day workshop on democratic innovations.

The workshop will bring together renowned academic experts and practitioners from the field of democratic innovations, with the intention to analyze how democratic innovations face opportunities and challenges not only in theory but also in practice; thus, seeking to foster a dialogue between academic research and practical knowledge.

*Thematic focus*

We invite contributions providing conceptual, methodological and/or empirical answers to the following questions:

How have democratic innovations been implemented across the world?

- What challenges have they faced?
- What actors have been involved?
- Under what conditions has the institutionalization of democratic innovations taken place? Why have they failed?

How are democratic innovations theorized across the world?

- What are the different forms, goals, scales and cultural settings in which citizens can be included in the public decision-making?

*Invited guests*

- Joan Font (IESA, Institute for Advanced Social Studies, Spain)
- Brigitte Geißel (Goethe-University Frankfurt) \* To be confirmed
- Leonardo Avritzer (Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil)
- Participation Commissioner from Barcelona
- Operation Libero (Representative to be confirmed)

*Program*

	<b>Thursday 6.12: Democratic innovations theorized and implemented across the world</b>	<b>Friday 7.12: From democratic innovations to democratic institutions</b>
9:00-9:15	Opening	
9:15-10:15	Keynote speaker	Keynote speaker
10:30-12:30	Students presentations	Students presentations
12:30-13:30	Lunch	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Practitioner presentation	Practitioner presentation
14:30-16:30	Students presentations	Students presentations/General discussion
17:00 -19:00	Walking Tour "Women's Power"	Public conference "Opportunities and Challenges of Democratic Innovations in Theory & Practice"
19:00	Workshop dinner	

*Application*

For applicants who wish to present a paper or otherwise take an active role in the workshop (discussant or moderator), the deadline is August 30, 2018. Listeners please also register by August 30, 2018. Applications and registrations should be sent to Martha Sandoval ([martha.sandoval@uzh.ch](mailto:martha.sandoval@uzh.ch)) and Yanina Welp ([yanina.welp@zda.uzh.ch](mailto:yanina.welp@zda.uzh.ch)). Paper proposals should consist of an abstract (max. 300 words).