

Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government



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Danube University Krems
Austria

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CeDEM12 brings together e-democracy, e-participation and open government specialists working in academia, politics, government and business.

We would like to invite individuals from academic and applied backgrounds as well as business, public authorities, NGO, NPOs and education institutions to submit their papers, reflections as well as workshop proposals. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches to the emerging conference topics. This year we want to encourage practitioners to submit papers as we provide a specific section for non-academics.

Conference Chairs

Peter Parycek (Danube University Krems, AT)

Noella Edelmann (Danube University Krems, AT)

Important Dates

Deadline for the submission of papers and workshop proposals: **12 December 2011**

Notification of acceptance: **2 March 2012**

Camera-ready paper submission: **21 March 2012**

Publications

The conference proceedings will be published with the Edition Danube University; additionally, the complete proceedings will be made accessible online. A selection of best research papers and case studies of CeDEM12 will be published with the Open Access eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government. (www.jedem.org)

- **Research papers** shall be 12 pages maximum and will be double-blind peer-reviewed.
- **Case studies/project papers** shall be 12 pages maximum and will be double-blind peer-reviewed.
- **Reflections** shall be 6 pages maximum and will be selected by the chairs.

Call for Papers

In modern democracies, people are to be empowered by means of information and communication technologies. Transparency and access to data, new ways of interacting with government and democratic institutions cause profound changes in society. Social media and the new forms of societal behaviour, including content generation, collaboration and sharing as well as network organisation change our understanding of politics and business. Governmental and private internet services have increased the citizens' independence and flexibility. However, enthusiastic ideas and projects often failed to produce the expected results as technology is only the basis for new forms of organisation and interaction. CeDEM12 seeks to critically analyse present and future developments in e-democracy and open government.

CeDEM12 presents the following tracks:



Track: E-Participation

Chairs: **Julia Glidden** (21c Consultancy Ltd., UK), **Francesco Molinari** (Parterre project, IT)

- Sustainability of e-participation and citizen engagement
- Cooperative politics, future concepts
- Participation and collaboration: social media & networks, engagement and accountability, generation of content and knowledge, collaborative culture, collaboration between C2C & G2C
- Different perspectives of citizens, government, NGOs, NPOs, practitioners, service providers
- Critical perspectives: wrongdoings, worst and bad experiences, hype but not reality

Track: Government 2.0

Chairs: **Reinhard Riedl** (University of Zurich, CH), **Philipp Müller** (Universität Salzburg, AT)

- Open government initiatives; transparency, participation and collaboration in government
- E-Government modelling and simulation, technological developments, smart/mobile democracy
- Architecture, concepts & effects: access and openness, network effects, power laws, long tail, crowd sourcing for government, social web, semantic web

Track: Social Media and Networks for Public Administration

Chairs: **Sylvia Archmann** (EIPA, NL), **Peter Mambrey** (Universität Duisburg-Essen, DE), **Rebecca Schild** (University of Toronto at Scarborough, CA)

- Administration and media, social media and social networks
- Information provision, mobile devices, service delivery via new communication channels
- Blogging, micro-blogging, social networks, e-learning
- Social media to engage citizens (living labs)

Track: E-Politics and E-Campaigning

Chairs: **Ralf Lindner** (Fraunhofer ISI, DE), **Andy Williamson** (Hansard Society, UK)

- Political online campaigning, mass communication
- Mobilisation via social media, networks vs. traditional party-structure
- Social and political self-organisation, revolution via web 2.0
- New journalism, internet media

Track: European Citizen Initiative

Chairs: **Manuel J. Kripp** (e-voting.cc, AT), **Daniel van Lerberghe** (Politech EurActiv, BE), **Gregor Wenda** (Federal Ministry for the Interior, AT)

- The impact on European politics, society and European integration
- National vs. European interests, regions in Europe
- On-going projects, realisations, relations to the connected society
- Expectations, hopes and risks

Track: Participatory Budgeting

Chair: **Norbert Kersting** (Universität Münster, DE)

- Prerequisites for participatory budgeting; objectives and outcomes
- Examples, scenarios and concepts; best practices and unsuccessful cases
- Linking online and offline activities to include all person groups

Track: Bottom-Up Movements

Chairs: **Axel Bruns** (ARC Centre for Creative Industries and Innovation, AU), **Elin Wihlborg** (Linköping University, SE)

- Online communities, innovation, bottom-up vs. top-down
- NGOs/NPOs in a connected society
- Online spaces for self-organisation and citizen engagement
- User generated content, peer production

Track: Open Data and Open Access

Chairs: **Johann Höchtel** (Danube University Krems, AT), **Jörn von Lucke** (Zeppelin University, DE)

- Legal, licensing and political issues: creative commons vs. copyright, freedom of information, information sharing, data visualization, transparency, opportunities and limitations
- Technical frameworks of open data/access and mashing platforms, open data formats and API's
- Costs and benefits of open data provision, principles and good practice of open data; open access and crowd sourcing
- The role of scholarly communication democracies; implications of open access for citizens, governments, research and universities; the impact of open access and transparency on e-participation