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## Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government 2013 Call for Papers

The international Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government brings together e-democracy, e-participation and open government specialists working in academia, politics, government and business to critically analyse the innovations, issues, ideas and challenges in the networked societies of the digital age.

The CeDEM represents a continuation and development of the E-democracy conference initiated in 2007. The Centre for E-Governance at the Danube University Krems has been organising conferences on e-democracy and public administration since 2007. The CeDEM was first presented in 2011, and in the meantime also boasts a spin-off in Asia, held for the first time in November 2012.

Papers submitted are peer-reviewed in a double-blind process (with a 50% rejection rate) and if accepted, are published in the proceedings (Edition Donau-Universität Krems) in paper format and online according to open access principles. Workshops proposals, PhD colloquium papers and reflections that have been selected by the chairs will also be published in the proceedings. Authors of the best peer-reviewed papers will be asked to re-submit their revised and extended papers for the autumn issue of the Centre for E-Governance's open access eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government ([www.jedem.org](http://www.jedem.org)).

The CeDEM offers a PhD Colloquium in cooperation with the Danube University Krems' Platform for Political Communication and netPOL ([www.netpol.at](http://www.netpol.at)). The Doctoral Colloquium provides PhD students the opportunity to present their work and gain feedback from experts as well as meet other PhD students. Students from any stage of their PhD are invited to submit their papers on any of the conference topics (see the tracks); prospective students should send a report of their PhD projects and work so far.

### Important Dates

- Deadline for the submission of all papers, workshop proposals, reflections: 15 January 2013
- Notification of acceptance: 29 March 2013
- Camera-ready paper submission: 21 April 2013
- Pre-conference event: 21 May 2013
- Conference: 22-23 May 2013
- Open space, extended workshops, PhD colloquium: 24-25 May 2013

### Submissions

On the basis of the open discussion held with participants, track chairs and PC-members, the CeDEM13 will focus on e-democracy and open government in the context of human rights and freedom in a digital society. **We 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 to the topics addressed in the tracks below. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches to the emerging conference topics.**

The conference proceedings will be published with the Edition Danube University; in addition, the complete proceedings are fully accessible online.

- 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;
- Workshop papers shall be 4 pages maximum and will be selected by the chairs;
- PhD Colloquium papers shall be 3 pages maximum (excluding literature list) and selected by the organisers of the colloquium;

A selection of revised and extended papers from the CeDEM13 will be published with the autumn 2013 issue of the Open Access eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government. ([www.jedem.org](http://www.jedem.org)). A special issue is planned for the submissions made to the PhD Colloquium.

## Conference Chairs

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## CeDEM13 includes the following tracks:

### Track: E-Democracy and E-Participation

Chairs: **Axel Maireder** (University of Vienna, AT), **Francesco Molinari** (Parterre project, IT), **Marko Skoric** (Nanyang Technological University, SG)

- Sustainability of e-participation and citizen engagement; best practices and key factors for success; motivational factors and the impact of participation;
- Participatory and communication platforms; ICT for e-participation; mobile media and new forms of participation; applications for citizens;
- Citizens and government interaction, business and government interaction; different perspectives of citizens, government, NGOs, NPOs, practitioners, service providers;
- Digital divide: gender, age, education, etc.; citizen inclusion;
- Participatory budgeting, the European Citizen Initiative; new approaches to direct democracy, new forms of democracy enhanced by ICT;
- Critical perspectives: wrongdoings, bad and worst experiences, hype but not reality, fringe groups;

### Track: Open Collaborative Government

Chairs: **Sylvia Archmann** (EIPA, NL), **Reinhard Riedl** (Bern University of Applied Sciences, CH), **Norbert Kersting** (Universität Münster, DE)

- Open government initiatives;
- 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;
- Citizen vs. consumer; public administration vs. business; key stakeholders and roles in collaboration; motivational factors, collaborative intelligence;
- Social media & networks, engagement and accountability, generation of content and knowledge, collaborative culture, G2C & G2B collaboration;
- Increasing effectiveness and efficiency;
- Collaboration tools, decision making tools;
- Critical perspectives: wrongdoings, worst and bad experiences, hype but not reality, fringe groups;

### Track: E-Policies and E-Society - Human Rights for the Internet Age

Chairs: **Matthias C. Kettemann** (University of Graz, AT), **Edith Maier** (FHS St. Gallen, CH), **Philipp Müller** (University of Salzburg, AT)

- E-policies for an e-polity?
- Human rights for the Internet age;
- Internet Governance between international law and national rules;
- Freedom of expression on the Internet: Copyright vs. creative commons;
- The right to access the Internet as a new foundation for participation in society;
- New human values for new technologies: dignity in e-society;
- The re-emerging importance of the real: a new dawn for physicality in a digital world?
- Machine-human interaction and the Internet of things: legal and political aspects;

## Track: Social and Mobile Media for Public Administration

Chairs: **Peter Mambrey** (Universität Duisburg-Essen, DE), **Morten Meyerhoff Nielsen** (Danish Agency for Digitisation, DK),

- Administration and media, social media and social networks;
- Information provision, mobile devices, service delivery with new communication channels;
- Blogging, micro-blogging, social networks, e-learning; social media to engage citizens (living labs);
- One-stop-shops;
- Private engagement and civil servants' official roles;

## Track: E-Campaigning & E-Politics

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, the European Citizen Initiative, new parties and political movements (pirates);
- New journalism, internet media;
- Best practices; lessons learned;

## 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;
- ICT and revolutions: who are the good and bad? The role of journalism, alternative media and the counter-public sphere;
- Online activism, grassroots and their organisation;
- What happens after the online revolutions?

## Track: Open Data, Transparency and Open Innovation

Chairs: **Julia Glidden** (21c Consultancy Ltd., UK), **Johann Höchtl** (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 APIs;
- Open innovation for public services;
- Costs and benefits of open data provision, principles and good practice of open data; open access and crowd sourcing

## Track Open Science and Access

Chair: **Helmut Leopold** (Austrian Institute of Technology, AT)

- The role of scholarly communication for democracies;
- Implications of open access for citizens, governments, research and universities;
- The impact of open access and transparency on e-participation;

## Track: Freedom and Ethics in Digital Societies

Chairs: **Peter Kampits** (Danube University Krems, AT),

- Technology and responsibility: rational technology assessment;
- Internet: the enlargement or the illusion of freedom;
- The might of Internet;
- The disappearance of reality in the cyberspace;
- Knowledge versus information;
- From homo sapiens to homo digitalis