

## Selected Publications

**Dean, Rikki J. 2017:** Beyond Radicalism and Resignation: The Competing Logics for Public Participation in Policy Decisions, *Policy & Politics*, 45 (2).

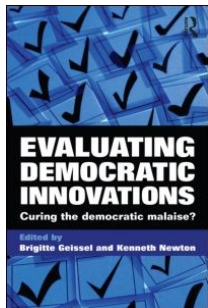
**Geißel, Brigitte; Heß, Pamela 2017:** Explaining Political Efficacy in Deliberative Procedures – A Novel Methodological Approach. *Journal of Public Deliberation*, 13(2).

**Geißel, Brigitte; Michels, Ank 2017:** Patterns of Democracies and Participatory Developments – A Matter of Path Dependency? Farazmand, A. (ed.): *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, Springer Verlag.

**Geißel, Brigitte; Mayne, Quinton 2016:** Putting The Demos Back into the Concept of Democratic Quality. *International Political Science Review*, 37(5).

**Guasti, Petra 2016:** Development of Citizen Participation in Central and Eastern Europe after the EU Enlargement and Economic Crises. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 49(3).

**Kneuer, Marianne; Geißel, Brigitte; Lauth, Hans-Joachim 2016:** Special Issue 'Measuring the Quality of Democracy'. *International Political Science Review*, 37(5).



**Geißel, Brigitte; Newton, Kenneth:**  
Evaluating Democratic Innovations.  
Curing the Democratic  
Malaise?  
London, New York: Routledge.



“Nowadays, a number of democracies are coping with serious problems of public disappointment and dissatisfaction by experimenting with new forms of participation. Systematic and in depth research on this topic, which is one of the most crucial and salient research questions in contemporary democratic theory, is still lacking and at the same time needed. Hence, the recently established Research Unit on ‘Democratic Innovations’ at Goethe University Frankfurt in Germany, which addresses this topic on the development of new participatory procedures, will play an especially significant role in filling this gap.”

Prof. Leonardo Morlino (LUISS, Rome),  
Former President of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)

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## Agenda



“Party democracy is becoming a thing of the past. Societies change – and democracy has to adapt. The future of democracy is an innovative combinations of representative, deliberative, and direct democratic procedures.” - Prof. Dr. Brigitte Geißel

The Democratic Innovations Research Unit (Forschungsstelle Demokratische Innovationen) focuses on fundamental transformations of contemporary democracy. Purely representative and elite-driven democracy is declining in favour of increasing citizens' involvement in politics. We conceptualize and assess the current challenges facing democracies, examine existing democratic innovations in comparative perspective and develop proposals for the future of democracy.

Our interdisciplinary work draws on a variety of theoretical or methodological schools. It combines theories of representative democracy with deliberative and participatory concepts, and employs a mixture of qualitative and quantitative methods.

Our core research encompasses both new and established democracies, but our analysis of how democratic tasks can be achieved with various combinations of democratic instruments and procedures is also applicable for political systems transitioning towards democracy.

## Focus

- ⊗ Challenges of Democracy
- ⊗ Democratic Innovations: Processes & Effects
- ⊗ Future of Democracy



Dr. Petra Guasti, Dr. Rikki Dean, Sonja Stamness, Amelie Buck, Hendric Fuchs, Lars Paulus, Anna Krämling, Jonathan Rinne, Prof. Dr. Brigitte Geißel, Stefan Jung, Viola Joschko

### Partners

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School

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## Projects



**Inequality and Direct Democracy in Europe**  
Anna Krämling, Lars Paulus, Amelie Buck  
Funding: German Research Foundation (2017-2020)



**(New) Claims of Representation: A Global View**  
Dr. Petra Guasti, Viola Joschko  
Funding: German Research Foundation (2016-2019)



**Impacts of Dialogoriented Participatory Procedure - Metaanalytical Pilotstudy**  
Dr. Pamela Heß, Marco Brehme, Nadine Jungbluth  
Funding: German Research Foundation (2014-2016)

More projects: [www.demokratische-innovationen.de](http://www.demokratische-innovationen.de)

### Habilitation and PhD Projects

Dr. Rikki Dean: Citizen Participation and the Future of Democracy in Theory and Practice.

Dr. Sergiu Gherghina: From Representation to Involvement: The Political Participation of Citizens in Contemporary Europe.

Dr. Petra Guasti: Broadening the Scope of Representation.

Anna Krämling: Implications of Direct Democracy for Minorities.

Lars Paulus: Direct Democracy and Political Culture in Europe: Does Exposure to Referenda lead to more Democratic Attitudes?

Jonathan Rinne: Citizens Set the Course. Embedding Citizen Participation in Representative Systems.