

November, 14th and 15th 2024

**DIRECT DEMOCRACY AND  
PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY:  
WHAT CITIZEN ASPIRATIONS ?**

**Conference of the DEFIDEM : « The challenges of increased citizen participation in the workings of institutions: between the development of a participatory culture and the democratisation of democracies » (IRN-CNRS Project 2024-2028)**



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Thursday 14/11

13:45 **WELCOME/INTRODUCTION** by Laurence Morel (Univ. de Lille) and Marthe Fatin-Rouge Stefanini, DEFIDEM Project leader (Univ. d'Aix-Marseille)

14:00  
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14:30 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
Sofie Marien (Univ. of Leuven) : « Meeting great expectations through democratic innovations? Insights into citizens' support for different citizens' involvement processes »

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15:30 **RADIOGRAPHY OF THE DEMAND FOR DIRECT/PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRATIE**  
Chair : Laurence Morel

Jean-Benoît Pilet (Univ. Libre de Bruxelles) : « Public support for direct and deliberative democracy among European citizens »

Mathias El Berhoumi and Antoine Herinckx (Univ. Catholique de Louvain – Saint Louis Bruxelles) « Quand la Belgique s'essaie à la démocratie directe et délibérative : quelle effectivité ? »

15:30 **Coffee/tea** ☕

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17:30 **EXPLANATORY VARIABLES: PRECEDENTS, MODALITIES, INSTITUTIONALIZATION**  
Chair : Rémi Lefebvre

Patrick Taillon (Univ. de Laval ) « Quand l'échec asphyxie la demande de démocratie référendaire : le cas des référendums sur l'indépendance du Québec »

Raul Magni-Berton and Kim Graves (Institut catholique de Lille) « The devil is in the details : legal design choices of direct democracy instruments and their effect on use »

Natasa Danelciuc-Colodrovschi (Univ. d'Aix-Marseille) « The impact of the legal regulation of participatory mechanisms on the political and citizen practices: an analysis on the basis of the Eastern countries' experiences »

20:00 **Dinner** 🍴



Friday 15/11

9:30  
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10:00

### KEYNOTE LECTURE

Julien Talpin (Univ. de Lille) « Do the French want more democracy ? A qualitative analysis of the relationship between citizens and politics »

10:00  
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12:00

### DIGITAL DEMOCRACY AND PARTICIPATION

Chair : Jean-Gabriel Contamin

Kári Ragnarsson (Univ. of Island) « My neighborhood: participatory budgeting in Reykjavík »

Laura Fabiano (Univ. of Bari Aldo Moro) « Participatory democracy and digital technology: are the results inclusive or exclusive? »

11:00

Coffee/tea 

Martine Legris (Univ. de Lille) « E-petition and mobilization dynamics: the importance of territorial anchoring in the fight against environmental inequalities »

12:00  
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13:00

### MIXED EXPERIMENTS OF PARTICIPATORY, DIRECT AND SORTIVE DEMOCRACY

Chair : Julien Talpin

Nesa Zimmermann (Univ. de Neufchâtel) « The combination of participatory and direct democracy in Switzerland »

David Farrell and Jos Elkink (University College Dublin) « The differing impacts of knowledge of citizens' assemblies on referendum outcomes: The Irish experience »

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Buffet lunch 

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### NATIONAL POLITICAL CULTURES OF DIRECT AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

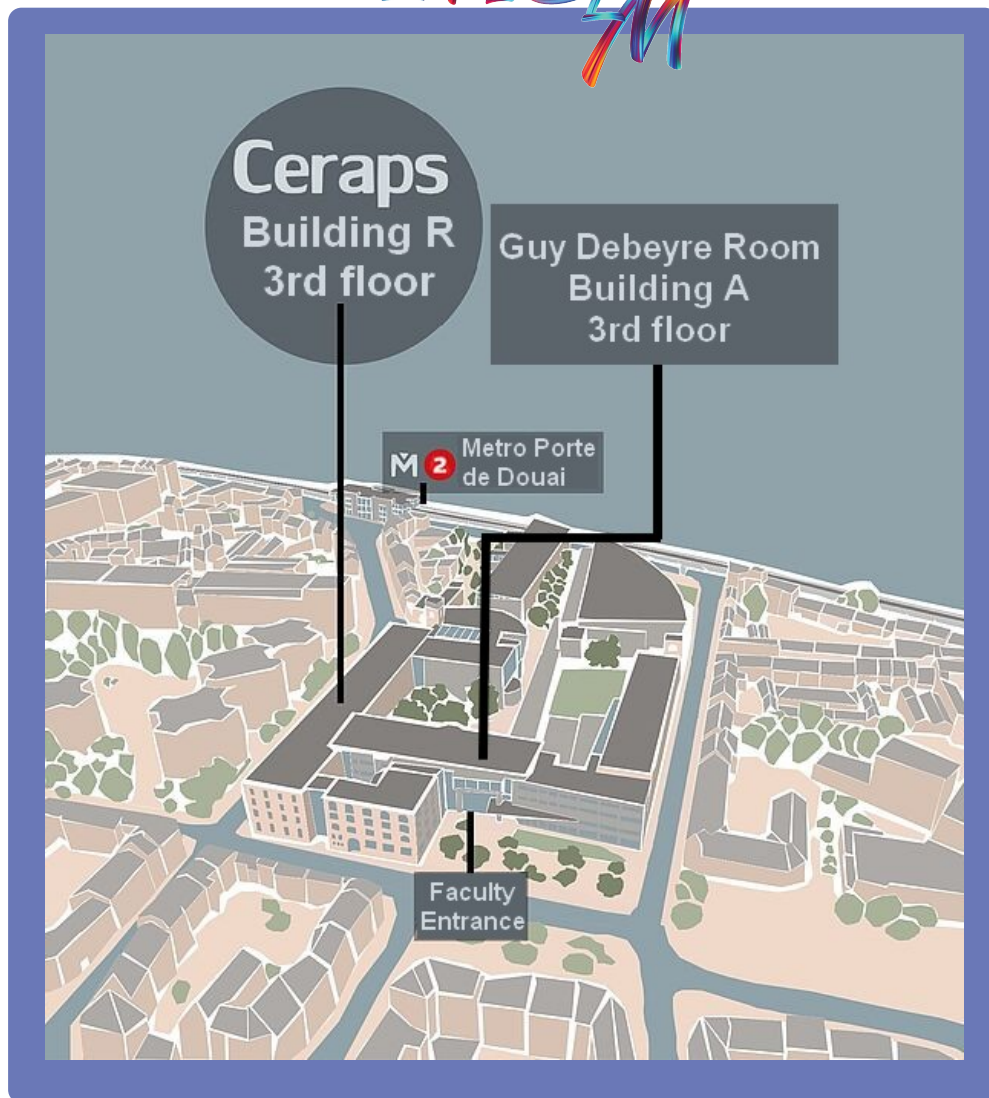
Chair : Martine Legris

Dora Pavkovic and Fran Marko Stojković (Univ. of Zagreb) « Suppressing citizens' voices: The approach of the Croatian governing elites to the instruments of the direct and participatory democracy »

Luca Sevaracz (Univ. of Szeged) « Hungarian political culture and direct democracy »

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16:30

CONCLUSIONS (reserved for DEFIDEM members)



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