



Project PARTIREP

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Title

Participation and Representation. A comparative study of linkage mechanisms between citizens and the political system in contemporary democracies

Abstract

Democratic governance requires mechanisms and actors that link citizens to the state. Citizens should be able to voice their demands and political outputs need to be congruent with these demands. It is precisely over the manner in which this desired match between citizens' preferences and the state's policies can be produced that discussions about the functioning of democracy in contemporary Europe voice concern. Traditional forms of participation and traditional partisan frames giving meaning to the democratic exchange appear to be under pressure. Both the institutional environment and the societal norms and values in which political actors have to make their choices have been evolving. The democratic dialogue has become more complex and more fragmented

In this second phase of the project, these ideas will be investigated by focusing on three broad research themes or work packages: substantive representation, personalization and democratic innovation.

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