

Seminar of digital democracy • session #4



How are you doing?

...and your projects?



Programme

Session	Theme	Date	Place
✓ Session #1	Introduction	22 September 14:00	LECL80
✓ Session #2	Social media politics	13 October 14:00	LECL80
✓ Session #3	Algorithms and filter bubbles	27 October 14:00	LECL80
👉 Session #4	Digital divide and online tools to shape political opinions	10 November 14:00	LECL80
📅 Session #5	Civic tech and the digitalization of citizen participation	24 November 14:00	LECL80
📅 Session #6	Internet privacy and data collection	8 December 14:00	LECL80
📅 Session #7	Blockchain, web3 and decentralized governance	22 December 14:00	LECL80

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Today's programme

- Individual projects: work session
- Digital divide and online tools to shape political opinions: discussion



Individual projects

— *Collective work session*



**“Digital divide and online
tools to shape political
opinions”**

— *Discussion*





Topics

- Digital divide definition(s)
- Voting and how the Internet and/or social media influence (positively or not) political participation
- (Social) media as tools for politicians to manipulate ideas
- The links between digital divide and political participation
- Social/Political bots, and their interaction with public opinion
- Tools (apps, plugins) to avoid biases, mitigate news reading (link to filter bubbles)
- Who uses the Internet for politics
- Political influence of social media / CEOs
- Parallel between access to the Internet and access to electricity or other technologies
- Freedom of speech and access to information
- The effects of social media on political behavior
- The inequalities and limitations of democracy at the digital age
- The effects of COVID-19 on digital divide
- The links between the use of social media and political opinions
- Learning to use digital technologies
- Use of online tools by political parties
- Voting advice applications (VAAs)



Questions for discussion

- What is/are "digital divide(s)"?
- What are the political consequences of digital divide?
- What are the democratic issues of digital divide?
- How to eradicate digital divide(s)?
- Is knowing how to use digital devices and the Internet enough, or do we need to learn how those things work? (car metaphor)
- Is access to the Internet a human right?
- Should we continue in the direction of building political institutions based on the Internet?
- ...



See you next time! 🖐️

