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Citizenship, Political Participation and Social Change in the Global South

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Course description

This course explores theories and practices of citizen participation in the global South. We will be looking at work by scholars and scholar-activists who are exploring ways to deepen democracy by advocating greater citizen participation and new participatory institutions designed to supplement representative democracy.

The first session of the course explores new theories of citizen participation and social change emerging from theorists and commentators located in the global North and South. This session gives an overview of recent debates on the challenges of ‘deepening democracy’ through more substantive forms of citizen participation than is found in representative democracy alone. We will explore the implications of concepts of deepening democracy for the concept of citizenship, as well as the strategies of citizen engagement and mobilization.

The next four sessions are structured around selected case studies of citizen engagement from Angola, Brazil, Bangladesh and South Africa. Through these case studies we will explore the politics of democratic participation in the global South, focusing on the complexities of assessing micro social changes associated with new forms of citizen engagement. We will focus on the conditions under which new participatory institutions and citizen engagement help improve access to social goods and democratic outcomes for poor communities. In particular, we will look at the role that civil society actors can play in enabling poor people to claim active citizenship through forms of collective action, solidarity networks and popular education.

We will take up these and other themes through theoretical reading, writing and discussion, and also by bringing theory into dialogue with practice. We will focus, in particular, on case studies contained in a large archive of research on citizen participation assembled by the Development Research Center on Citizenship, Participation, and Accountability (DRC), based at the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK: some of this research is on our reading list, and one of your assignments will involve going into this virtual archive and identifying piece of writing that you find particularly relevant to the course.

Students who participate and contribute fully to the course will finish the course with a deeper understanding of the range of theoretical and activist perspectives on citizen participation in the global South, as well as the complex challenges associated with the actual everyday practices of democratic participation.

Course readings

Most of the core readings are available electronically and links or pdfs have been indicated in the syllabus.

Course requirements

- (i) Attendance at the five research seminars. These will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am – 1 pm in room SS 2114
- (ii) Presentation of one short “archive assignment and leading discussion at one seminar (30%)
- (iii) Facilitating one seminar
- (iv) One substantial summative writing assignment, no more than 15-20 pages, double-spaced (70%)

Summative writing assignment

You’ll write a final 15-20 page major paper for the course, due on June 30. We will talk much more about this paper during the first session of the course.

Seminars

Monday, June 1, 2009: Deepening Democracy in the Global South

Core Readings

John Gaventa. 2006. ‘Triumph, Deficit or Contestation: Deepening the Deepening Democracy Debate’, *IDS Working Paper 264*.

Cornwall, A. (2002), ‘Making Spaces, Changing Places: Situating Participation in Development’, *IDS Working Paper 170*, Brighton, CDRC, IDS.

Archon Fung and Erik Olin Wright. 2001. 'Deepening Democracy: Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance'. *Politics & Society*. 29(1): 5-41.

N. Kabeer (ed), *Inclusive Citizenship: Meanings and Expressions*, London: Zed Books, Chapters one and nine (Dagnino 'We all have rights, but...' Contesting concepts of citizenship in Brazil', Chapter Nine.

Further Readings:

Ackerman, J, 2004, 'Co-Governance for Accountability: Beyond "Exit" and "Voice"', *World Development*, Vol 32 No 3: 447-463

Cornwall, A. and Schattan, V., *Spaces of Change?* London, Zed Books, 2007.

M. Estrella and N. Iszatt (eds.), *Beyond Good Governance: Participatory Democracy in the Philippines*, Quezon City: Institute for Popular Democracy

Fung, A, and Wright, E, 2003, 'Thinking about Empowered Participatory Governance', Chapter 1 in Fung, A, and Wright, E (eds) *Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance*, Verso, London

Gaventa, J, 2003, 'Towards Participatory Governance: Assessing the Transformative Possibilities, paper presented at conference *Participation: From Tyranny to Transformation*

Gaventa, John, Jo Howard and Alex Shankland, 2002, Making Rights Real: Exploring Citizenship, Participation and Accountability, *IDS Bulletin*, 33,2

Manor, J., 2004, 'Democratisation with Inclusion: political reforms and people's empowerment at the grassroots', *Journal of Human Development*, Vol 5, No. 1, pp 5- 29

M.Roche, "Social Citizenship: and Grounds of Social Change", in Isin and Turner, eds, *Handbook of Citizenship Studies*, London:Sage, 2002, pp. 69 – 86.

Smith, G, 2005, *Power Beyond the Ballot: 57 Democratic Innovations from Around the World*, A report for the Power Inquiry, London.

Taylor, L. and Wilson, F., 2004, ' The Messiness of Everyday Life: Exploring Key Themes in Latin American Citizenship Studies', *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, Vol. 23, No. 2, pp. 154-164.

Film: www.beyondelections.com

Wednesday, June 3: Brazil: Participatory Budgeting and Democratic Participation

Gianpaolo Baiocchi. 2001. 'Participation, Activism and Politics: The Porto Alegre Experiment and Deliberative Democratic Theory'. *Politics and Society*, 29(1), 43-72.

Cornwall, A, Romano, J, and Shankland, A, (2009), "Brazilian Experiences of Participation and Citizenship: A Critical Look:", IDS Working Paper, no. 389.

Friday, June 5: Angola: Fragile States and New Associational Movements

Roque, S and Alex Shankland (2008). "Participation, Mutation and Political Transition: New Democratic Spaces in Peri-urban Angola", in Cornwall, A and Vera Schattan Coelho (eds.) *Spaces for Change? The Politics of Participation in New Democratic Arenas*, London, Zed Books.

Monday, June 8: Bangladesh: Civil Society and Democratic Citizenship

Naila Kabeer and Simeen Mahmud. 2008. 'Changing the "habits of the heart": development NGOs and the struggle for democratic values in Bangladesh'. Paper presented to meeting of Citizenship DRC 'Deepening Democracy Group', Cape Town, 21-23 May.

Kabeer, N., 2005, 'Growing' citizenship from the grassroots: Nijera Kori and social mobilization in Bangladesh', Chapter 11 in N. Kabeer (ed), *Inclusive Citizenship: Meanings and Expressions*, London: Zed Books

Video of authors talking about their work

Wednesday, June 10: South Africa: Social Movements and Democratic Participation

Steven Robins and Bettina von Lieres. 2004. 'Re-Making Citizenship, Unmaking Marginalisation: New Social Movements in Post-Apartheid South Africa', *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 38(3).

Christopher J. Colvin, Gauri Raval, Steven Robins and Phumzile Nywagi 2008. 'The Khululeka Men's Support Group, a Case Study in Political Improvisation by a Community-Based Organisation.'

Videos of authors talking about their work

Further Reading

Papers

- Simone Chambers. 2004. 'Behind Closed Doors: Publicity, Secrecy and the Quality of Deliberation', *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 12(4), pp. 389-410.
- Cornwall, A and Vera Schattan Coelho (eds.) (2007, in print) *Spaces for Change? The Politics of Participation in New Democratic Arenas*, London, Zed Books. (Introduction)
- Gail Davies and Jaqueline Burgess. 2004. 'Challenging The 'View From Nowhere': Citizen Reflections On Specialist Expertise In A Deliberative Process', *Health and Place*, 10, pp. 349-361.
- Larry Diamond. 2003. 'Universal Democracy?', *Policy Review* 119. LP (*On the prospects for democratizing the world*).
- Archon Fung & Erik Olin Wright. 1999. 'Experiments in Empowered Deliberative Democracy: Introduction'. [www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wrfigt/deliberative.html]. LP (*Real world experiments in institutionalizing participation*).
- Archon Fung. 2005. 'Deliberation Before The Revolution: Toward an Ethics of Deliberative Democracy in an Unjust World', *Political Theory*, 33(2), pp. 397-419. LP
- Archon Fung, "Recipes for Public Spheres: Eight Institutional Design Choices and their Consequences," *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 11,3 (2003): 338-367.
- Pable Gilabert. 2005. 'The substantive dimension of deliberative practical rationality', *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 31(2), pp. 185-210. LP
- Robert E. Goodin and Simon J. Niemeyer. 2003. 'When does deliberation begin? Internal reflection versus public discussion in deliberative democracy', *Political Studies* 51, 627-649. LP
- Rhina Ghose. 2005. 'The Complexities of Citizen Participation through Collaborative Governance', *Space and Polity*, 9(1), pp. 61-75. LP
- Amy Gutmann & Dennis Thompson. 2002. 'Deliberative Democracy Beyond Process', *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 10(2), 153-174. LP
- Michale Haus and David Sweeting. 2006. 'Local Democracy and Political Leadership: Drawing a Map', *Political Studies*, 54(2), pp. 267-288. LP
- Keena Lipsitz. 2004. 'Democratic Theory and Political Campaigns', *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, 12(2), pp. 136-189. LP
- Brenda Lyshaug. 2001. 'Reciprocity, Respect, and Democratic Engagement: The Value of Deliberation in a Heterogeneous Public', paper presented at a *Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. San Francisco, California. LP
- Eric Montpetit et al. 2004. 'The Paradox Of Deliberative Democracy: The National Action Committee On The Status Of Women And Canada's Policy On Reproductive Technology', *Policy Sciences*, 37, 137-157. LP
- Michael E. Morrell. 2005. 'Deliberation, Democratic Decision-making and Internal Political Efficacy', *Political Behaviour*, 27(1), pp. 49-69. LP
- Tom Murphy. 2000. 'A Rhetorical Republic?', paper presented at the *2000 Annual Meeting of APSA*, Washington DC, August 31- September 3. LP (*The limits of the Habermasian deliberative model*).
- John Parkinson. 2003. 'Legitimacy Problems in Deliberative Democracy', *Political Studies* 51, 180-196. LP

- Luigi Pellizzoni. 2001. 'The myth of the best argument: power, deliberation and reason', *British Journal of Sociology* 52(1), 59-86. LP
- Tiina Rattila. 2000. 'Citizenship and the new politics: radical, deliberative, or both?', paper presented at *18th World Congress of IPSA*, Quebec City, July. LP
- David Michael Ryfe. 2002. 'The Practice of Deliberative Democracy: A Study of 16 Organisations', *Political Communication* 19, 359-377. LP
- David Michael Ryfe. 2005. 'Does Deliberative Democracy Work?', *Annual Review of Political Science*, 8, pp. 49-71. LP
- Michael Saward. 2003. 'Enacting Democracy', *Political Studies* 51, 161-179. LP
- Amartya Sen. 1999. 'Democracy as a Universal Value', *Journal of Democracy*, 10(3), 3-17. LP (*Argues that 20th century saw emergence of democracy as a universal value*).
- Denise Vitale. 2006. 'Between Deliberative and Participatory Democracy', *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 32(6), pp. 739-766. LP

Websites

- Centre for Deliberative Democracy. <http://cdd.stanford.edu/>
- Citizenship, Participation and Accountability, Development Research Centre, IDS. <http://www.drc-citizenship.org/>
- Dēmos: Classical Athenian Democracy. <http://www.stoa.org/projects/demos/home>
- Journal of Democracy. <http://www.journalofdemocracy.org/>
- The National Endowment for Democracy. <http://www.ned.org/>
- World Movement for Democracy. <http://www.wmd.org/>