

Syllabus for Contemporary Democratic Theory: Enhancing Public Participation in Local Governance around the World (South Africa)

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No.	Date	Theme	Core Reading
1.		Democratic triumph, deficit & contestation	John Gaventa. 2006. 'Triumph, Deficit or Contestation: Deepening the Deepening Democracy Debate', <i>IDS Working Paper</i> 264.
2.		Democratic Theory: New spaces for participation	Cornwall, A. (2002), 'Making Spaces, Changing Places: Situating Participation in Development', <i>IDS Working Paper 170</i> , Brighton, CDRC, IDS.
3.		Democratic Theory: New democratic institutions	Archon Fung and Erik Olin Wright. 2001.' Deepening Democracy: Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance'. <i>Politics & Society</i> . 29(1): 5-41.
4.		Case study: Participatory budgeting in Porto Alegre, Brazil	Gianpaolo Baiocchi. 2001. 'Participation, Activism and Politics: The Porto Alegre Experiment and Deliberative Democratic Theory'. <i>Politics and Society</i> , 29(1), 43-72.
5.		Case study: Participatory budgeting in Kerala, India	T.M. Thomas Isaac. 2000. 'Campaign for democratic decentralisation in Kerala: An assessment from the perspective of Empowered Deliberative Democracy. Centre for Development Studies and Kerala State Planning Board, 12 January, 2000. http://www.archonfung.net/papers/isaac.pdf
6.		Case study: Civil society and democratic citizenship in Bangladesh & Kenya	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. Celestine Musembi. 2008. 'Have NGO Political Empowerment Programs at the Grassroots Level Contributed to Deepening of Democracy in Kenya?' Paper presented to meeting of Citizenship DRC 'Deepening Democracy Group', Cape Town, 21-23 May.
7.		Case study: Social movements and public participation,	Steven Robins and Bettina von Lieres. 2004. 'Re-Making Citizenship, Unmaking Marginalisation: New Social Movements in Post-Apartheid South Africa', Canadian

		TAC, South Africa	Journal of African Studies, 38(3),
8.		Case study: Citizenship from below:	Christopher J. Colvin & Steven Robins. 2008. 'Positive Men in Hard, Neoliberal Times: Engendering health citizenship in South Africa'