

## News and Activities from the PROCEDEM Working Group

The Working Group on 'Democratic Procedures' (PROCEDEM), affiliated both to the CPS and the CEVIPOF (Sciences Po Paris) was launched in September 2015. It will be represented at the next IPSA Congress in Istanbul with 3 panels and papers by its members.

### 1. Next events: Panels at IPSA World Congress in Istanbul, July 23-28, 2016

*Panel* - Non-elective Procedures in Divided Societies (convenor: Mindy Peden)

*Chair*: Peter Stone.

With papers by Oliver Dowlen ('Random Recruitment and Permanent Mediation in Divided Societies – the Prospects for Greater Political Equality') and Peter Stone ('Sortition in Deeply-divided Societies').

*Panel* - The Crisis-solving Potential of Referendums (convenor: Laurence Morel)

*Chairs*: Laurence Morel and Gil Delannoi.

*Panel* - Instating Epistemic Democracy through Institutional Design (convenor: Andrei Poama)

*Chair*: John Medearis.

With papers by Helene Landemore ('In Defence of Epistemic Democracy') and Andrei Poama ('Virtual Democracy and the Multiple Jury: An Epistemic-cum-egalitarian Account').

### 2. Activities/Publications of the PROCEDEM since September 2015

Gil Delannoi presented the paper 'Sortive Democracy' at the International Conference on 'The Institutionalization of Deliberative Democracy in a Comparative Perspective', Nankai University, Tianjin, December 4-6, 2015.

*Abstract*: *After two centuries of silence, the last twenty years have witnessed renewed interest in the use of random selection (or sortition) as a political device. This interest manifests itself through several approaches: political theory, history of democracy, theory of knowledge, democratic thinking, deliberative democracy and local experiments. The aim in this paper is to address the following issues. First, to define a sortive kind of democracy in comparison with the direct and indirect kinds and then to devise possible combinations between these different kinds of democracy. Second, to recapitulate, similarly to a short instruction book or user's manual, the different practical options for any implementation of a procedure including random selection (size of the pool and size of the sample, mandatory or facultative participation, short or long terms, training, etc.). Third, to provide examples of institutional design for public consultation and democratic decision-making.*

Laurence Morel has signed a contract with Ashgate Publishers to co-edit with Matt Qvortrup *The Ashgate Research Companion to Referendums and Direct Democracy*, a 25 to 30 chapters compendium which will appeal to the most recognized experts of referendums and cover all aspects of referendums and related areas such as recall (petitions signed by registered voters to force a public vote), citizen-juries, the initiative and legislative petitions. The book will look empirically and theoretically at key issues like: how to study referendums comparatively, why are referendums favoured or disliked, why are they held, are they fulfilling in practice the democratic ideal, what are their effects on policies and politics, how are they regulated and how could referendum best practices be defined? (estimated publication date: 2017).

Oliver Dowlen attended the conference 'Tirage au Sort et Démocratie Directe: les témoignages antiques et leur postérité' at the Ecole Française d'Athènes, October 29-31, 2015, where he presented the paper 'A Framework for Understanding the Fuller Political Potential of Random Recruitment'. He also attended the conference 'Democracy in the 21st century', Bibliotheca Alexandrina, December 9-11, 2015, where he presented the paper 'Institutional Design using Random Recruitment: from Process to Principles to Product'. In late 2015 he obtained funding from the Australian organisation NewDemocracy to write a feasibility study of a scheme to use randomly selected citizens to oversee the work of elected

representatives and act as a means of linking them with their constituents. This scheme will be applicable in both UK and Australian contexts.

Peter Stone published an article on ‘Guaranteed Rotation in Office: A Comment’, in *Political Quarterly* 86(3) (July-September 2015): 380-384; and his work on sortition was featured in an interview that appeared in *The Irish Times* (see Joe Humphreys, ‘Unthinkable: Should College Places Be Awarded by Lottery?’, *The Irish Times*, September 29, 2015. <http://www.irishtimes.com/culture/unthinkable-should-college-places-be-awarded-by-lottery-1.2364922>). He also gave a public presentation entitled ‘Is Sortition Part of Our Democratic Future?’ at the Conference ‘A Pilot Meeting for the Democracies of the Future’, 14th Edition of the Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, October 31, 2015 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYgEY49nqb0>). Stone has two forthcoming papers: ‘The Wisdom of the Multitude: Diversity versus Size’ (in Rafal Urbaniak and Gillman Payette, eds., *Applications of Formal Philosophy: The Road Less Travelled*. Heidelberg: Springer, co-authored with Koji Kagotani) and ‘Sortition, Voting, and Democratic Equality’ (in *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (CRISPP) 19).

Antoine Chollet published and presented the following works:

- ‘Réflexions sur la démocratie directe en Suisse’, in Manuel Cervera-Marzal, Éric Fabri (2015) (eds.), *Autonomie ou barbarie, la démocratie radicale de Cornelius Castoriadis et ses défis contemporains*. Neuvy-en-Champagne: Le passager clandestin, pp. 265-282.
- ‘Bernard Manin, un avocat du tirage au sort?’, *Les vingt ans des Principes du gouvernement représentatif: quelles postérités?*, University of Lausanne, 8 May 2015.
- ‘Le tirage au sort ou la démocratie directe dans les cantons suisses entre le xvii<sup>e</sup> et le xix<sup>e</sup> siècles’, colloque ‘Tirage au sort et démocratie directe. Les témoignages antiques et leur postérité’ (Yves Sintomer and Liliane Rabatel), École française d’Athènes, Athens, 29-31 October 2015.
- ‘Lorsque cinq mille personnes délibèrent: la *Landsgemeinde* de Glaris’, Congress of the French Association of Political Science, section on ‘La démocratie délibérative en action: forums, systèmes, médias’ (Bernard Manin and Charles Girard), Aix-en-Provence, 22-24 June 2015.

Forthcoming:

- ‘Le pouvoir du hasard: expériences de tirage au sort en Suisse’, panel for the Swiss Days on History, University of Lausanne, 9-11 June 2016.