



Conference program

The Democratic Public Sphere

- Current Challenges and Prospects

**Conference venue:** Kasernesceenen, Aarhus University,  
bld. 1585, Langelandsgade 139

## Thursday, November 5, 2015

14.00: Registration

15.00: Welcoming remarks by Henrik Kaare Nielsen

15.15: Keynote lecture: Nick Couldry: *The Expanding Domain of Political Contention: A Triple Problem*

Chair: Henrik Kaare Nielsen

16.15: Break

16.45: Paper sessions

### Big auditorium

Session 1, Chair:

Simon Calmar Andersen

Pernille Almlund & Nina Blom Andersen: *The deliberative effect of new campaigns in the 2013 local election in Denmark*

Edana Beauvais: *A Deliberative Democratic Experiment in Municipal Planning. The Case of the Grandview-Woodland Citizens' Assembly*

Bente Halkier: *Civic engagement by invitation? Citizen negotiations about public media framings of everyday life responsibilities for societal problems*

### Small auditorium

Session 2, Chair:

Jan Løhmann Stephensen

David Mathieu: *Agency, public campaigns and audience on social media*

Inka Salovaara: *Public Sphere as Digital Assemblage*

Mads P. Sørensen: *Facebook as a platform for democratic conversation – advantages and disadvantages*

19.00: Reception buffet

Friday, November 6, 2015

9.30: Keynote lecture: Mark E. Warren: *Can We Revitalize Democratic Public Spheres through Institutional Innovation?*

Chair: Jørn Loftager

10.30: Break

11.00: Paper sessions

Session 3, Chair: Jørn Loftager	Session 4, Chair: Lasse Lindekilde
Ejvind Hansen: <i>Aporias of Courage and the Freedom of Expression</i>	Rikke Alberg Peters: <i>The European extreme right and the discursive construction of a new national democratic identity on the Internet</i>
Niels Nørgaard Kristensen: <i>The Meanings and Dimensions of Citizens' Political Identity. Approaching an Understanding of the Concept of Political Identity</i>	Camilla Møhring Reestorff & Carsten Stage: <i>New Media Crowds and the Participatory Politics of Trolling in Innocence of Muslims and Happy British Muslims</i>
Simon Lauman Jørgensen: <i>Performance management and democratic autonomy</i>	Christina Neumayer & Luca Rossi: <i>Riots, protest, and confetti: Blockupy Frankfurt on social media</i>

13.00: Lunch

14.00: Keynote lecture: Donatella Della Porta: *Subversive practices in the squares: The construction of public spheres by social movements*

Chair: Lasse Lindekilde

15.00: Break

15.30: Paper sessions

Session 5, Chair: Henrik Kaare Nielsen	Session 6, Chair: Birgit Eriksson
Hagen Schulz-Forberg: <i>Contextual Legitimacy and the Public Sphere</i>	Christina Fiiq: <i>A Blind Angle? News Sources, Gender and Ethnicity in Danish TV News</i>
Jørn Loftager: <i>Political Ideology and Deliberative Democracy</i>	Anders Horsbøl: <i>Public conceptions of publicness in the wake of the Copenhagen attacks. Media elite, politician and citizen voices</i>
Fabrizio Tonello: <i>XXI-Century Oligarchical Regimes: An Intellectual History</i>	Ahmed Topkev: <i>Reporting Religion Democratically? Comparing the Newspaper Coverage in the UK and Turkey</i>

17.30: Free time

18.30: Conference dinner at restaurant *Sechzehn*, Europaplads 16 – in the centre of Aarhus. **NB:** We should be there at 18.30 sharp.

## Saturday, November 7, 2015

9.30: Keynote lecture: Stephen Duncombe: *Affect and Effect: Artful Activism and Political Impact in Contemporary Protest*

Chair: Jan Løhmann Stephensen

10.30: Break

11.00: Paper sessions

Session 7, Chair: Christina Fiig	Session 8, Chair: Thomas Olesen
Thomas P. Boje: <i>Citizenship and new forms of active participation</i>	Henrik Bødker: <i>VICE Media Inc. – Youthful Engagement with Global Conflicts</i>
Nina Blom Andersen & Pernille Almlund: <i>Public engagement on a Danish municipality level – what does it take?</i>	Silas Harrebye: <i>The long shadow of citizenship facilitation</i>
Óscar García Augustin: <i>Social movements and institutional innovation. The creation of stable and dialogic institutions in times of austerity</i>	Birgit Eriksson: <i>Connecting/dividing the public sphere(s) – in and through contemporary art</i>

13.00: Lunch

14.00: Paper sessions

Session 9, Chair: Mads P. Sørensen	Session 10, Chair: Christina Fiig
Thomas Olesen: <i>Injustice symbols and the global public sphere</i>	Lara Monticelli & Torsten Geelan: <i>Yogyakarta Art Collectives in Post-Suharto Indonesia: Movements in Times of Democratic Transition</i>
Mikkel Thorup: <i>Street Thinking</i>	Jan Løhmann Stephensen: <i>'Dingpolitik' and the expansion of the democratic public sphere?</i>
Stefan Malthaner & Lasse Lindekilde: <i>Radicalization in the Private and Public Sphere: Analyzing Radicalization in a Relational Perspective</i>	Henrik Kaare Nielsen: <i>Perspectives of artistic interventions in the political public sphere</i>

16.00: End of academic program. Closing remarks by Henrik Kaare Nielsen (conference ends at 16.15)

19.00: Optional social event. Dinner at a restaurant in town (note: individual payment – not included in the conference fee).

### **Sunday, November 8, 2015**

10.00-13.00 Optional social event. Visit the new prehistoric and ethnographic museum Moesgaard Museum: <http://www.moesgaardmuseum.dk/english/> OR the art museum ARoS <http://en.aros.dk/> (Tickets included in the conference fee).