

Deliberative Democracy and Preference Transformation
Half-day Workshop
14 February 2007, 9.00am- 1.00pm
RSSS, Seminar Room B

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This workshop focuses on preference change and the nature of deliberation drawing on separate empirical and theoretical approaches by three scholars currently based at RSSS. The workshop is broken into three thematic sessions (models of preference change, analytical methods and empirical observations) during which each presenter will give a short (15min) presentation followed by discussion. The workshop will extend upon presentations by Claudia Landwehr and Kasper Hansen that will take place over the previous two days and permit comparison and integration of ideas, methods and findings on the theoretical and measurable impact of deliberation on participants.

Workshop Program

9.00am-9.15am Introduction: John Dryzek

9.15am-10.30pm I. Session: Introduction and Models of Preference Change

- How to conceptualise preference change

10.00am- 10.30am Discussion

10.30am- 11.00am Coffee Break

11.00am-12.00pm II. Session: Measuring Preference Change

- Survey methods
- Analytical methods

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11.30am-12.00pm Discussion

12.00pm-13.00pm III. Session: Nature of Preference Change: Empirical Results

- When preference change occurs?
- Why occurs?
- Consensus vs. Compromise

12.30pm-1.00pm Future work& Discussion