Communication and Power - Openness and ‘Closure’ in Nordic and Western Polities

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09:00-09:15 Welcome

Keynote

09:15-10:00 Politicians as a Source to History: Problems and Possibilities in the Process of Interpreting Oral Memories, YLVA WALDEMARSON (Södertörn University, Huddinge)

10:00-10:30 COFFEE

Communication, Technology and Democracy: Experiences from Western Asia and the EU

10:30-11:00 New Information & Communication Technology and Democracy (Case Study: Internet), BABAK NADERPOUR (Islamic Azad University, Tehran)

11:00-11:30 The European Identity and the Social Economy after the Lisbon Treaty, MIHAELA DANETIU (National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest)

11:30-12:00 Social Networks and Social Openness, S. ALI TABATABAEE (Islamic Azad University, Tehran)

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

Representing Power?

13:00-13:30 Europeanization of National Cultures of Openness and Consensus? Historical Legacies and Present Day Challenges (cases of Austria and Finland), JOHANNA RAINIO-NIEMI (University of Helsinki, Helsinki)

13:30-14:00 Societal Representation in UN-Delegations: Open Diplomacy, Deliberative Democracy and Power-Enhancing Consensus, NORBERT GÖTZ (Södertörn University, Huddinge)

14:00-14:30 Engineering Consensus or Mapping Society? CARL MARKLUND (University of Helsinki, Helsinki & AGH-University of Science and Technology, Krakow)

14:30-15:00 COFFEE
Revealing Power?

15:00-15:30 Power and Society in Finland - Change and Continuity, AINUR ELMGREN (University of Helsinki, Helsinki & Lund University, Lund)

15:30-16:00 Increasing Transparency: The Finnish Election Campaign Funding Scandal, ANU KANTOLA (University of Helsinki, Helsinki)

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Communication, Participation, and Openness: Experiences from Finland

10:00-10:30 Public Communication in Social Work – Perspectives of Power, LAURA TIITINEN (University of Lapland, Rovaniemi)

10:30-11:00 Dealing With Blame – Ministers’ News Media Management in an Unpopular Cutback Decision, JUHO VESA (University of Helsinki, Helsinki)

11:00-11:30 Openness of Nordic Welfare State Restructuring: The Renegotiation of the Post-war Collectivist Social Order JOHANNES KANANEN (University of Helsinki, Helsinki)

11:30-12:00 Final Discussion

12:00- LUNCH