

Contributions for San Sebastian

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Seminar: Blended local democracy: Institutionalising participation in city-charters

- **Teaser**
 - In the last years, many German cities have started to give themselves fixed rules of civil participation, in which local governments, administration and citizens lay down the rules on which kind of participation topics and methods are to be used in the future.
 - This is part of a concept called blended democracy, where the classical form of representative democracy is mixed with direct democratic and participatory democratic innovations.
 - In this seminar, I will present the central results and recommendations from the German cases and we will go into a deeper exchange of experiences and approaches from all over the world.
 - The goal is to understand the central conditions under which a comprehensive understanding of local democracy can be transformed into a blended, local democracy approach.
- **Duration: 2.5 hours**
 - Thursday, 2pm - 4.30pm

Tool-Trainings in Spanish and English

- This training can be given twice - once in Spanish, once in English.
- **EN: Tool-Training: When to use which kind of participatory instrument**
 - In the last ten years, the R&D network Procedere has developed a procedural theory ("Verfahrenstheorie") on the proper usage of participatory methods and democratic innovations.
 - The Meta-Matching-Method, which was derived from the theory, helps practitioners, decision-makers and facilitators to find, design and adapt the most suitable process-design for their specific case.
 - In this training we will apply this Meta-Matching-Method to cases coming from the participants, so that we can learn these tool-skills ("Werkzeugkunde") by applying them.
- **ESP: Ejercicio: Cuando usar que método de participation?**
- **Duration: 2.5 hours**
 - Thursday, 4.30pm - 7pm
 - Friday, 10.30am - 1pm
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Project-Laboratory: Planning an international democracy fair

- The proliferation of innovations is strongly enhanced by international trade fairs.

- Why don't we have such a kind of international gathering, where democratic innovations and instruments are presented?
- We want to brainstorm about the possibilities of such a meeting and trading place for democracy-development worldwide.
 - Our vision is to organize such an event for the year 2018/2019.
 - Partners and supporters are cordially invited!
- **Duration: 1 hour**
 - Friday, 15 pm

Profile

- **Dr. Raban Daniel Fuhrmann** is an international active expert in the theory and practice of participatory governance and democratic development of communities:
 - As researcher and lecturer at universities at Konstanz, Berlin, Boston and Bielefeld he developed a “Verfahrenstheorie” (General Theory for Procedures) and “Prozedurologie” (Philosophy of the Procedural) and teaches the essential procedural competencies for a participatory transformation of organizations and communities.
 - As Reform-Agent and Process-Architect he consults actors in politics, civil-society and business to achieve their purpose, by modernizing their processes, tools and skills for co-creativity.
 - He is head of the Research and Development Hub Procedere (www.procedere.org) and director of the NGO Respublica, which organized a pilot democracy fair (www.politikfestival.de).
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