About the Conference

The Internet now offers the world an unprecedented capacity to foster the sharing of information and to facilitate sustained, many-to-many communication. The networking of citizens with their governments, with each other, and with the organs of civil society has created unprecedented opportunities for popular engagement in the public sphere.

*Online Consultation and Public Policy Making: Democracy, Identity, and New Media* will feature researchers from Australia, England, France, Israel, Italy, Korea and Slovenia, as well as the United States, addressing a variety of e-democracy issues from a diverse interdisciplinary background and both theoretical and applied research.

This is an active workshop for members of the International Working Group on Online Consultation and Public Policy Making, some presenting and others discussing the principal papers. Audience members, including students, are welcome to attend, but reservations must be made in advance.

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Friday, March 14, 2008  
Barrister Club  
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25 W. 11th Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43201
Conference Schedule

8:15-8:45 a.m.  
Registration and continental breakfast

8:45-9 a.m.  
Welcome, Peter Shane and Stephen Coleman

9-10:15 a.m.  
Andrew Chadwick, “Web 2.0: New Challenges for E-Democracy”  

10:30-11:45 a.m.  
Laurence Monnoyer-Smith, “Technology and Inclusion: Framing Online Public Debate to Enlarge Participation”  
Oren Perez, “Complexity, Information Overload and Online Deliberation”

12-1:30 p.m.  
Lunch Speaker  
Tim Erickson, Forum Development Director, e-democracy.org, “Building Democracy Through Local Issues Forums”

1:45-3 p.m.  
Steven Balla, “The Diffusion of E-Government Innovations Across U.S. Municipalities”  
Sungsoo Hwang, “Advancing E-Governance at the Community Level with the Neighborhood Information System”

3:15-4:30 p.m.  
Kerrie Oakes, “The Impact of E-Democracy on the Role of the Civil Servant”  
Alicia Schatteman, “Democracy and E-Participation: A Case Study of Ontario’s Assembly on Electoral Reform”

Principal Presenters

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