

## **INHIBITORS OF PUBLIC DELIBERATION: PRIVACY**

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Panel abstract:

The right for privacy is becoming increasingly important within the political communication discourse. This Panel aims to discuss the impact and interrelations between privacy and public participation. We see public participation as a wide sense, including all kinds of activities that invite the participation of citizens such as petitions, demonstrations and participation in public discourse. We also aim for this Panel to include contributions dealing with privacy issues in terms of restricting public participation and freedom of expression but also privacy as an impulse to encourage and bring forward human expression. We also expect contributions to touch the issue of different understandings of privacy with regards to viewing it as an individual or public right, as for example is the case between Europe and the US.