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International Conference  
**MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK IN THE DIGITAL AGE**  
5-6 November 2009, Vilnius, Lithuania

**Programme**

**Thursday, 5 November**

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and coffee

9.00-9.30 **Opening**

Inga Vinogradnaitė, Deputy director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science

Sigitas Renčys, Director, Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation

Irmina Matonytė, President, Lithuanian Political Science Association  
Award for the best publications in political science 2009

9.30-11.00 **Session 1. Conceptualizing Democratic Innovations**  
**Chair: Irmina Matonytė**

Brigitte Geissel, Technische Universität Darmstadt  
On the Evaluation of Democratic Innovations – A Preliminary Framework

Jakob Svensson, Karlstad University  
E-Participation and iCitizens. Political Participation and Citizenship in Convergence Culture

Marcus Leaning, University of Winchester  
Media Technology and the Transformation of the Public Sphere: A Media Ecology Perspective

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session 2. Transformations of the Public Sphere in the Digital Age**  
**Chair: Algimantas Jankauskas**

Laima Nevinskaitė, Vilnius University  
User comments in the internet: uses and gratifications approach

Liutauras Ulevičius, Mykolas Romeris University  
User generated content online and political processes: conceptual problems of policy, media and legal regulation

Auksė Balčytienė, Aušra Vinciūnienė and Lina Auškalnienė, Vytautas Magnus University  
Studying the Potential of New Media in Transnational (European) Communication

Nerijus Maliukevičius, Vilnius University  
Humanitarian dimension in Russian foreign policy towards its neighbors: expansion into Lithuanian public sphere

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch



- 14.30 - 16.00     **Session 3. E-Government and Decision Making**  
**Chair: Algis Krupavičius**
- Meelis Kitsing, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
An Evaluation of E-Government in Estonia
- Paul Hepburn, University of Manchester  
An Internet Mediated Domain of Local Governance
- Egidijus Barcevičius, Vilnius University  
Global Lithuania online: improving communication between the state and its citizens in the Internet age
- 16:00 – 16:30     Coffee break
- 16.30 - 18.00     **Session 4. Elections and Internet**  
**Chair: Mindaugas Jurkynas**
- Žygimantas Medelis, Open University  
Confusions of Internet Voting
- Letizia Caporusso, University of Trento  
In (E-)Vote We Trust: An Enquiry on Confidence in Automated Elections
- Domagoj Bebić, University of Zagreb  
Croatian Parties' Websites in the 2007 General Elections
- Paulius Mieželis and Audrius Makauskas, Vilnius University  
"Manoseimas.lt": a web tool for amateur legislative monitoring
- 18:00                Reception
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**Friday, 6 November**

**Session 5. Paradoxes of Representative Democracy**

**Chair: Rasa Baločkaitė**

9.00 - 10.30

Ainė Ramonaitė, Vilnius University

Promises and failings of technological innovations: Can Internet help voters to find the best representative?

Jūratė Kavaliauskaitė, Vilnius University

„National Resurrection“ according to J.-J.Baudrillard

Inga Vinogradnaitė, Vilnius University

Making Sense of Democratic Institutions: Citizen's Perspective

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30

**Session 6. Internet and Political Empowerment**

**Chair: Inga Vinogradnaitė**

Nastia Matusevich, Gradual School for Social Research, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Hactivism as a New Form of On-Line Protest

Sergiu Baltatescu, University of Oradea

"Ritzi go home!" A Case Study in the New Romanian Civic and Political Activism Through Internet

Rasa Baločkaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

*Speaking Anti State, Against the State: How E-Democracy Does Not Work*

Bernaras Ivanovas, Vytautas Magnus University

Internet and antidemocratic ideas in Russia: the problem of conception of Social Security in Putin's era

19:00

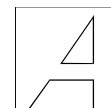
Dinner (by special invitations only)

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