## Facilitating Democratic Innovations through and within Social Movements

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## Abstract:

In order to understand and maximize the democratic potential of democratic innovations, it is necessary to investigate how they interact with other actors and institutions in a political system. In this panel we focus on important, yet largely overlooked interactions that occur i) between democratic innovations and social movements, and ii) within social movements. Thus, on the one hand, we welcome contributions that investigate theoretically and/or empirically how democratic innovations and social movements may foster or undermine each other or how they may be brought together successfully to benefit the democratic system more generally. On the other hand, we are also interested in papers which focus on democratic innovations within social movements, which view social movements as democratic innovators, that is, as actors capable of experimenting and prefiguring new ways of engaging democratically.

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