

Innovations to Facilitate the Voter Experience

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Abstract

Not only is electoral participation declining, it is systematically skewed in favour of older, better-educated, healthier and more affluent citizens (Wass and Blais, 2017). Arguments, advanced to explain the situation, can be usefully grouped into two clusters; facilitation and mobilisation. Facilitation builds upon the principles of inclusive democracy: participation should be accessible for all kinds of citizens, regardless of their resources or personal characteristics (Young 2000). It refers to rather short-term issues around access to the polls while mobilisation is concerned with more complex antecedents of voting such as political trust, political efficacy, citizenship ideals and interest in politics. The papers in this panel will present innovative and experimental research on strategies to increase voter turnout which emphasise both facilitation and mobilisation. The papers will include evidence from the UK, Ireland and Finland and will pay particular attention to more marginalised groups including young voters and migrants.

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