Beyond voice: Realizing public deliberation in the era of ‘communicative plenty’

This paper explores the challenge of realizing public deliberation in an era of communicative plenty, which is characterized by the proliferation of online and offline sites of communication. We adopt a deliberative systems approach to consider the democratic potential of this new era and propose to shift the focus from ‘voice’ to ‘listening’ for deliberation to realize its full potential in both theory and practice. The paper is co-authored with Carolyn Hendriks and John Dryzek.

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