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How to Make Losers Not Lose It. A Case for Citizen Involvement in Political Decision- Making Processes

While support for democracy is high, there is widespread dissatisfaction with how democracies are functioning today (e.g. political distrust is widespread or success of populists). As a result, democratic innovations are widely discussed in the academic and public debate. Especially, citizen involvement in political decision-making processes is often suggested as a powerful means to foster democratic legitimacy perceptions of citizens.

However, it is unclear whether citizen involvement is able to boost legitimacy in cases of losses. Can a voice in the political decision-making process overcome dissatisfaction with unfavourable outcomes? There is an ongoing scholarly debate about this and the empirical evidence is rather mixed. This talk will develop a novel theoretical and empirical strategy to address this question. It draws on recent evidence on the effects of participatory and deliberative involvement processes on perceptions of democratic legitimacy in Belgium, the Netherlands and Ireland.

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17:30 – 19:00 Uhr, Breitscheidstraße 2,
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Alle sind herzlich eingeladen!

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