

**Invitation to International Conference and call for papers**

**Governance Networks:  
Democracy, Policy Innovation and Global Regulation  
2-4 December, 2009**

**Centre for Democratic Network Governance**



We are witnessing an astonishing proliferation of network types of governance at multiple levels and in different countries and policy areas. Although traditional forms of government based on imperative command and bureaucratic rule continues to play a crucial role in the production and delivery of public policy, new forms of network governance plays an increasing role in relation to wicked policy problems, in policy fields characterized by a high degree of fragmentation, and in regulatory arenas where there is no overarching political authority. Governance networks bring together a plethora of public and private actors in more or less institutionalised negotiations that aim to produce public value in a broad sense of visions, plans, scenarios, values, road maps, knowledge sharing, policy proposals, regulations and evaluations. Some governance networks are initiated from above, whereas others emerge from below. Some are relatively formal and inclusive, whereas others are more informal and inclusive. Some are operating in the shadow of hierarchy, whereas others enjoy a high degree of autonomy. The many different kinds of governance networks, which often carry different labels, attest to the broad relevance of the concept.

The aim of this international conference is to explore the impact of governance networks on democracy, policy innovation and global regulation. Despite the notorious problems in terms of ensuring a democratic inclusion and accountability, governance networks have a considerable potential for enhancing democratic governance and renewing democracy in the face of the current 'democratic disenchantment'. Governance networks may also facilitate mutual learning and policy innovation that can help to break policy deadlocks. Despite the risk of creating new veto points collaborative governance in and through networks and partnerships carry a large potential for building trust, creating joint images and generating new knowledge and creative ideas. Finally, governance networks may play a crucial role in crafting new forms of global regulation, for example, in terms of voluntary compliance to jointly developed norms, standards and best practice. Realizing the inherent potentials of governance networks in relation to democratic renewal, policy innovation and global regulation is conditional upon the presence of social entrepreneurship, the development of the right institutional designs and the exercise of metagovernance.

**Conference venue: Sørupgaard Mansion (near Copenhagen)**  
**Conference fee covering food and accommodation (two nights only): 500 Euros**

## Programme:

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
<b>2. December, 2009</b>	
1100 – 1230 hrs	<b>Governance networks – old and new research avenues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Professor Jacob Torfing</li></ul>
1239 – 1330 hrs	Lunch
1330 – 1530 hrs	<b>Roundtable discussion:</b> <b>The democratic implications of interactive governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Professor Michael Saward: Democratic representation</li><li>- Professor Joop Koppenjan: Democratic control</li><li>- Professor David Booher: Democratic deliberation</li><li>- Professor Eva Sørensen: Democratic innovation</li></ul>
1530 – 1545 hrs	Coffee break
1545 – 1845 hrs	<b>Paper presentation in parallel panels:</b> <b>Governance networks and democracy (3 papers in each panel)</b>  <b>Panel chairs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Professor Joop Koppenjan</li><li>- Associate Professor Steven Griggs</li><li>- Associate Professor Karl Löfgren</li><li>- Associate Professor Anders Esmark</li></ul>
1930 hrs	Dinner
<b>3. December, 2009</b>	
0930 – 1100 hrs	<b>Enhancing policy innovation through interorganizational governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Associate Professor Jenny Lewis</li></ul>

1100 – 1130 hrs	Coffee break
1130 – 1300 hrs	<b>Enhancing policy innovation through participatory governance</b> - Professor Emeritus Patsy Healey
1300 – 1400 hrs	Lunch
1400 – 1600 hrs	<b>Paper presentation in parallel panels: Governance networks and policy innovation</b> (2 papers in each panel)  <b>Panel chairs:</b> - Associate Professor Jenny Lewis - Professor Emeritus Patsy Healey - Associate Professor Karina Sehested - Associate Professor Anne Reff
1600 – 1630 hrs	Coffee break
1630 – 1830 hrs	<b>Keynote lecture: Democratic and political renewal through institutional forms of empowered participatory governance</b> - Professor Archon Fung
1930 hrs	Dinner
<b>4. December, 2009</b>	
930 – 1100 hrs	<b>Network governance of global policy and regulation?</b> - Associate Director Thorsten Benner: The role of networks in global governance - Associate Professor Michele M. Betsill: Multi-level network governance of global climate change

1115 – 1300 hrs	<b>Paper presentation in parallel panels:</b> <b>Governance networks and global regulation</b> (2 papers in each panel)  <b>Panel chairs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Associate Director Thorsten Benner</li><li>- Associate Professor Michele M. Betsill</li><li>- Associate Professor Martin Marcussen</li><li>- Assistant Professor Michael Strange</li></ul>
1300 – 1400 hrs	Lunch and departure