



FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DELIBERATING UNIVERSITIES NETWORK UNIDELIB

Universities deliberating for a Livable Planet



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9h30 - 17h30



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PROGRAM

9 h Coffee and Posters

9 h 30 General introduction by [Émilie Frenkiel](#) & [Chloé Santoro](#) (UPEC, France)

10 h [Mark Warren](#) (University of British Columbia, Canada) – When, where, and why might elected political elites reach for democratic innovations?

Morning session – “University Democracy”: institutional ecosystem, tools and governance issues when incorporating deliberative processes into the university

10 h 30 [Arnaud Leclerc](#) (Nantes Université, France) – Why does democracy need to be reinvented in French universities?

10 h 50 [Filippo Bignami](#) (SUPSI, Switzerland) – Enabling a conception of participatory digital citizenship: the ENSEMBLE program as democratic process experimentation at university

11 h 10 [Laurent Devisme](#) (Nantes Université, France) – Experience a university community: lessons from Nantes' sustainable development assembly

11 h 30 Discussion: [Lisa Disch](#) (University of Michigan, USA) & [Yves Sintomer](#) (Paris 8, France)

12 h 15 Lunch

First afternoon session – A School for Democracy? Involvement, effects and skills acquisition for participating students

- 13 h 15 **Lucile Bouré** (UPEC, France) - Deliberating in universities: connivances between the school form and the deliberative form, and how they shape deliberation amongst participants
- 13 h 35 **Alice Bellicha** (USPN, France), **Emilie Frenkiel** (UPEC, France) & **Olivier Halevy** (USN, France) - "I have learnt more than during courses": student citizens' assemblies and socio-ecological teachings
- 13 h 55 **Emilie Frenkiel** (UPEC, France) – Under what conditions can citizens' assemblies empower students?
- 14 h 15 Discussion: **Lise Hermann** (University of Exeter, UK)
- 15 h Coffee break

Second afternoon session – Sciences with and for society: the role of universities in supporting democratic processes of ecological transition and the status of expertise

- 15 h 20 **Jón Ólafsson** (University of Iceland) - Reimagining Ecological Restoration: Deliberating land use in the Icelandic highlands and ways to stop soil erosion
- 15 h 40 **Selma Tilikete** (Université Paris 8, France) - Distinguishing the political ecologies of climate assemblies: expertise as the nexus between climate data and political reform horizons
- 16 h **Nelly Niwa** (UNIL, Switzerland) - The transition assembly: a vector for accelerating sustainability at the University of Lausanne?
- 16 h 20 **Julie Mayer** (Université de Rennes, France) - "Renouncing to Better Inhabit the Earth?" Deliberative Spaces for Constructing Renunciation: The Case of the University of Rennes Convention
- 16 h 40 Discussion and final words: **Graham Smith** (University of Westminster, UK) & **Émilie Frenkiel** (UPEC, France)
- 17 h 30 Closing of the conference