# Seminar of digital democracy • session #7



## How are you doing?

...and your projects?



#### Programme

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Session	Theme	Date	Place
▼ Session #1	Introduction	22 September 14:00	LECL80
✓ <del>Session #2</del>	Social media politics	13 October 14:00	LECL80
✓ <del>Session #3</del>	Algorithms and filter bubbles	27 October 14:00	LECL80
✓ <del>Session #4</del>	Digital divide and online tools to shape political opinions	10 November 14:00	LECL80
✓ <del>Session #5</del>	Civic tech and the digitalization of citizen participation	24 November 14:00	LECL80
▼ Session #6	Internet privacy and data collection	8 December 14:00	LECL80
<b>←</b> Session #7	Blockchain, web3 and decentralized governance	22 December 14:00	LECL80

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## Today's programme

- Individual projects: work session
- Blockchain, web3 and decentralized governance: discussion



# Individual projects

— Collective work session



# Evaluation criteria grid

#	Part	Criteria	Description	Marks
A	Course dynamics			6
Al		attendance	You attended and actively took part in all sessions.	3
A2		resources shared and contributions	You shared at least 3 resources for each session.	3



#### **Evaluation criteria grid**

#	Part	Criteria	Description	Marks
В	Individual case study			14
B1	→ content			9
Bla		depth of the analysis	Your case study reflects a deep understanding and a mature analysis of the topic.	1
Blb		critical thinking	Your content shows your ability to be a critical thinker who knows how to be nuanced and bring valid arguments.	1
Blc		richness of the content	Your case study covers various aspects of the topic, nothing is left behind or the limitations are well explained.	2
Bld		structuration of the content	Your project is clearly organized for easy reading / viewing / using / listening.	2
Ble		conceptual clarity	All concepts addressed through the project are clearly presented.	7
Blf		collection and use of original or relevant data	You gathered relevant data to address your topic.	1
Blg		quality of the bibliography	You gathered relevant knowledge to address your topic.	7



#### Evaluation criteria grid

#	Part	Criteria	Description	Marks
B2	→ format			5
B2a		rigorous presentation of ideas	Your ideas are clearly presented, you use the right words in the right context and in the right order.	1
B2b		style	Your writing is clear, precise, concise, and makes your content understandable.	7
B2c		formatting rules (text, citations, biliography)	Your content respects the usual academic formatting rules.	1
B2d		spelling, syntax, writing quality	Your content does not contain any spelling or grammatical errors.	7
B2e		format relevance	The format chosen is relevant to the content of the project.	7
TOTAL				20

See https://seminarofdigitaldemocracy.net/evaluation/



# "Blockchain, web3 and decentralized governance"

— Discussion







# Topics



#### Questions for debate

- Who has invested in cryptocurrency? Who is following what is happening in the cryptogame?
- What is a blockchain? What is it used for?
- What is the web3?
- What does decentralized governance mean?
- Who governs?
- What are the democratic challenges of the web3?
- How to keep everyone onboard?
- What connections can you make between cryptocurrencies and 'local currencies'?
- Does blockchain technology lead to a world of pseudonymity? How do you keep the connection between real people and public keys?
- What can we learn from blockchain governance for 'state' / society governance?
- What's next for web3?
- How do you see things in 5-10 years regarding blockchain technology and how societies are governed?

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## Interesting resources

- The Satoshi Mystery Sciences | ARTE in English
- Meet Santiago Siri, the Man With a Radical Plan for Blockchain Voting | WIRED
- Why the Blockchain Could Transform the Face of Digital Democracy
- GitHub DemocracyEarth/paper: On self sovereign human identity.
- Who Watches the Watchmen? A Review of Subjective Approaches for Sybil-resistance in Proof of Personhood Protocols



"The best weapon of dictatorship is secrecy; the best weapon of a democracy should be the weapon of openness."

— Niels Bohr



# Enjoy the holiday season!



