



Invitation for morning lectures and Local Policy Labs June 12-13

Intentional Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) is conducting policy lab workshops during Local Democracy Academy at Umeå University. Read more about the academy at www.icld.se/LDA

Welcome to take part in discussions about relevant challenges for local governments and transformative local policies with an international group of researchers. In the morning of the June 12th lectures within the topic of local democracy will be presented, followed by a two-day workshop about challenges and innovative policies for local governments.

Venue: Social Sciences Building at Umeå University

If you wish to participate, send an email to emma.olofsson@icld.se indicating if you want to participate in the morning lectures, policy labs or both, also state which of the policy lab you wish to participate in. The policy labs are interactive sessions and requires participation in both sessions (12 and 13th of June).

Local Policy Lab

Local policy labs are interactive sessions that bring researchers, practitioners and policy maker together to brainstorm around concrete problems. It provides an opportunity to address real cases related to relevant problems for local governments in relation to the enhancement of democracy with the possibility to identify policy recommendations and potential research topics.

The purpose of local policy labs is to introduce inclusive ways to identify problems and create policies. It is an opportunity for researchers to practice a policy-oriented approach to research, and for decisionmakers and practitioners to discuss relevant challenges.



Program

June 12th

08:30 – 90:00 Coffee

09:00 – 10:30 Morning Lectures: Local democracy at glance (Round 1). Venue: S 205h

- Inclusive city-making: governing urban infrastructure in the post-networked city. *By Liza Rose Cirolia Researcher, Centre for African Cities*
- Criminalizing Refuge: Sanctuary Cities and the Politics of Immigration in the United States. *By Benjamin O-Brien Gonzalez, Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University*
- Local democracy in the Nordic countries: Its unique characteristics and challenges. *By Anders Lidström, Professor, Department of Political Science, Umeå University*

10:30 – 11:00 Fika

11:00 – 12:30 Morning Lectures: Local democracy at glance (Round 2) Venue: S 205h

- Youth Participation in the making of Global Citizens. *By Soo Ah Kwon, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois*
- Jesse Ribot: Climate of Anxiety: Local Government under a Changing Sky. *By Jesse Ribot, Professor, School of International Service, American University in Washington*
- “Making change happen” how reformers can encourage changes in public policies. *By Merilee Grindle, Professor Emerita, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.*

12:30 – 13:00 Methods for the Policy Labs Venue: S 205h

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Policy Labs

Parallel workshops

1. Climate and Democracy
 - 1.1. Cities leading the action for climate
 - 1.2. Climate Justice and Local Democracy
2. Youth and Democracy
 - 2.1. Youth Strikes for Climate
 - 2.2. I dream that my dreams were not a dream: youth and child participation in local governments
3. The Right to the City & Urban Creativity
 - 3.1. Cities of Refugee or Sanctuary Cities
 - 3.2. Multicultural Diversity and social exclusion: the problem of ethnic and religious minorities (islamophobia) and creative responses from local governments
 - 3.3. Informal Settlements and Livelihoods: from exclusionary to inclusive policies



- 3.4. “Me too movement” and local governments: the right to public space for women. Innovative and creative approaches to create public spaces of inclusion
- 4. Democracy from below
 - 4.1. LGTB and local governments
 - 4.2. Inclusive Urban Planning and Vibrant Local Decision-Making
 - 4.3. Consultation for urban and environmental projects in China and Vietnam
- 5. Sustainable Development goals
- 6. Varieties of Local Peace Building

15:30-15:45 Fika

June 13th

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee

09:00 – 12:00

Policy Labs

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