

Multistakeholderism and the Problem of Democratic Deficit

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A problem of multistakeholderism

- Counter argument: that MS may be used to conceal exclusive initiatives.
- Aim of this submission: whether the problem of democratic deficit is apparent or real, and the possible solution (if the problem is real).

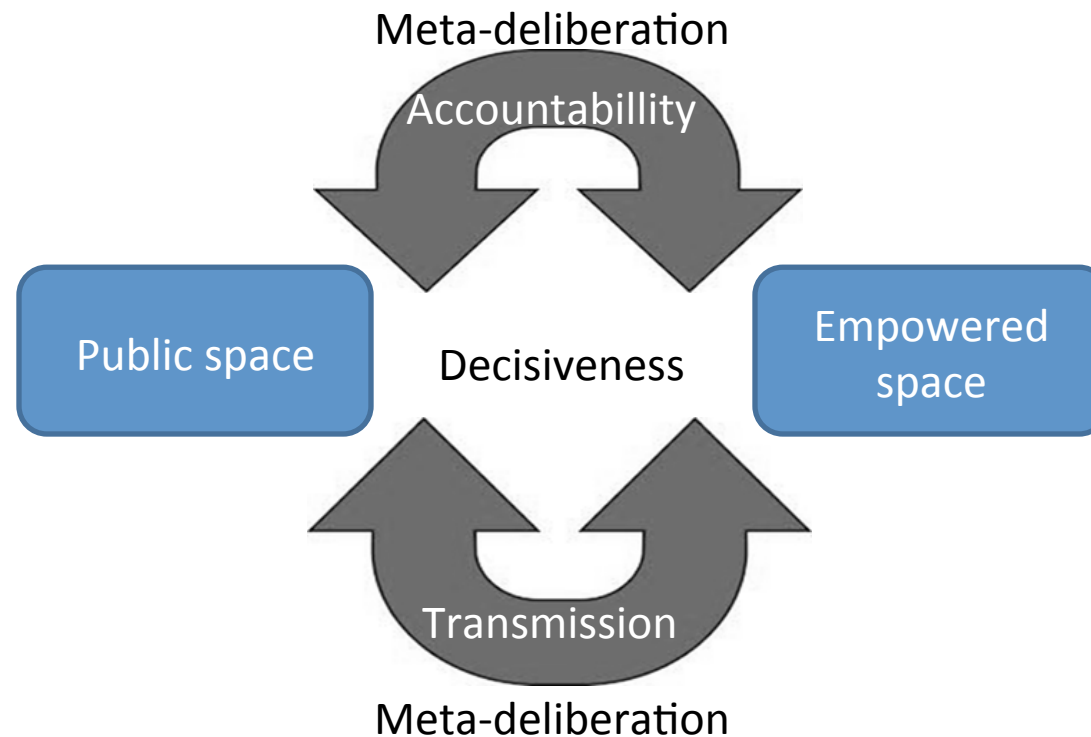
What does multistakeholder mean?

- MS had be used and understood loosely even before the WGIG report.
 - Geneva Plan of Action (point C. Action Lines, sub-point C1)
 - Internet Governance: A Grand Collaboration
- Take-away message: MS was intended and understood as being inclusive and democratic.

Deliberative democracy as a solution

- The specification of type of democracy
- Deliberative democracy, particularly deliberative system
 - Why are those worthy of consideration?
 - What are those?

Deliberative system



A democratic deliberative system consists of a diversity of deliberation sites, views, communication modes and also public decision-making procedures.

The limits

- Democratic deficit is a bug but also a feature in global Internet governance
 - The “trilemma” of globalization, national sovereignty and democracy.
 - Democracy tends to conflict with globalization in a free market environment

Looking forward

- The centrality of multistakeholderism:
 - Deliberative democracy might be the model of democracy that global Internet governance should take.
 - Whether the IGF to continue as a public deliberation space or attempt to be a form of empowered space.

Thank you