Seminar paper from the year 2018 in the subject Politics - Political Systems - Germany, grade: 2,3, University of Frankfurt (Main), course: Democracy in Crisis?, language: English, abstract: Despite some opportunities for active participation in German politics, there is often a demand for greater participation opportunities for citizens. Also, electronic democracy (e-democracy) can be seen nowadays as a large concept with more successful participation for German democracy. E-democracy represents the use of Information and Communication Technologies and strategies by democratic actors (governments, elected officials, the media, political organizations, citizens/voters) within the political and governing processes of local communities, nations and on the international stage. Moreover, e-democracy suggests greater and more active participation enabled by the Internet, mobile communications, and other technologies in today’s direct democracy as well as through more participatory or direct forms of citizen involvement in addressing public challenges. In Germany, the new and unconventional style of Internet politics has enabled the German Pirate Party to take a spot on the national political stage. The Pirate Party operates quite differently from other parties and can be seen as a model that will affect other parties through adoption of direct e-democracy in the future. Apparently, their unconventional, transparent and internet-based style of politics has become the center of several public debates and gained quick popularity. It is for these reasons that this is a worthwhile topic to be examined in this paper: What impact has the digital revolution of the German Pirate Party on direct democracy in Germany and how does it affect the transparency of an administration? To answer this question, the paper is divided into four main chapters, excluding the introduction and conclusion. Chapter one lays out the foundation of the German Pirate Party and provides an insight into its origination. Chapter two examines the German Pirate Party, its structure, political agenda as well as their aims according to the political system of Germany. Chapter three aims at investigating the impact of the Pirates on transparency of administration. Finally, chapter four is dedicated to present an analysis of the changed aspect of direct democracy by the Pirate Party and its digital influence as a new social movement on German direct democracy.

"This book provides a comprehensive, integrative, and global assessment of the e-government evolution in terms of real-life success and failure cases"--Provided by publisher.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on E-Democracy, E-Democracy 2019, held in Athens, Greece, in December 2019. The 15 revised full papers presented were carefully selected from 27 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on privacy and data protection; e-government; e-voting and forensics; online social networks and "fake news". The Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government (CeDEM) brings together experts from academia, public authorities, developers and practitioners. The CeDEM proceedings present the essence of academic and practical knowledge on e-democracy and open government. The reflections, the workshops and the PhD papers found in these proceedings reveal the newest developments, trends, tools and procedures, and show the many ways that these impact society and Democracy.

This monograph details the proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Information Systems Development. ISD is progressing rapidly, continually creating new challenges for the professionals involved. New concepts, approaches and techniques of systems development emerge constantly in this field. Progress in ISD comes from research as well as from practice. The aim of the Conference was to provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences between academia and industry, and to stimulate the exploration
of new solutions. "This book provides research on the current actions being taken by developing countries toward the design, development, and implementation of e-government policies"—Provided by publisher. "This book presents a vital compendium of research detailing the latest case studies, architectures, frameworks, methodologies, and research on Digital Democracy"—Provided by publisher. "This book focuses on the issues and challenges involving adoption and implementation of online civic engagement initiatives globally and will serve as a valuable guide to governments in their efforts to enable active citizen participation"—Provided by publisher. This book traces the development of e-government and its applications across Europe, exploring the effects of information and communication technology (ICTs) upon political action and processes. Explores a range of concepts and topics underpinning e-government in Europe: the degree to which e-government translates into genuine reform of government and public administration the dual role of the EU as both a provider of e-government through its own internal activities and also as a facilitator or aggregator in the way it seeks to engender change and promote its ethos in member states across the EU cyberterrorism and its use both by terrorists and governments to pursue political agendas. Featuring in-depth case studies on the progress of e-government in the UK, France, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands, Portugal, Greece, Slovenia, Hungary, and Estonia. These case studies address the above issues, whilst at the same time highlighting commonality and diversity in practice and the paradox between top-down strategies and the effort to engage wider civil participation via e-government. e-Government in Europe will be of interest to students and scholars of public policy, politics, media and communication studies, computing and information and communications technologies and European studies. This book highlights the rightful role of citizens as per the constitution of the country for participation in Governance of a smart city using electronic means such as high speed fiber optic networks, the internet, and mobile computing as well as Internet of Things that have the ability to transform the dominant role of citizens and technology in smart cities. These technologies can transform the way in which business is conducted, the interaction of interface with citizens and academic institutions, and improve interactions between business, industry, and city government. Technologie und Innovation im Allgemeinen, insbesondere IT, sind heute in jeder Hinsicht wesentliche Bestandteile unserer Welt und haben Einfluss auf alle Bereiche der Gesellschaft – wirtschaftlich, rechtlich, politisch, soziologisch und auch kulturell. Diese neue Cyberwelt hat unser Leben in vielerlei Hinsicht verändert, nicht nur wenn es um demokratische Beteiligung geht. Die Digitalisierung aller Bereiche unseres Lebens revolutioniert unsere Gesellschaft: in Bezug auf unsere Freiheit wird dies nicht ohne Angst oder sogar Untergangsstimmung gesehen. PCs, Tablets und Smartphones sind wesentliche Bestandteile unseres Lebens; wir kaufen online und nehmen über elektronische Netzwerke an Debatten und Veranstaltungen teil. Wir sind so abhängig von der Nutzung elektronischer Geräte, dass man sich fragen könnte, ob wir auf dem Weg zum Cybermenschen sind. Wir haben die technischen Mittel, um in unserem Körper alle Informationen zur digitalen Identifizierung zu tragen, beispielsweise Mikrochips unter der Haut, injizierte Kennungen und verschluckte Passwörter: dies ist nicht Science-Fiction sondern Realität, wenn auch noch nicht Praxis. Der entscheidende Punkt ist die kulturelle Akzeptanz dieses neuen Lebensstils, der sich möglicherweise durchsetzen wird. Zukunftsforschung oder nicht, Tatsache ist, dass das Internet bereits einen wesentlichen Teil unseres Lebens ausmacht, sodass das deutsche Bundesverfassungsgericht mit Weitblick und Mut bereits im Januar 2013 Internetzugang als "Grundrecht" definierte: eine Aussage, die ein neues Konzept zur genauerem Definition dieses Mediums einführt. Dieses Buch soll

As e-government policies and procedures become widely practiced and implemented, it is apparent that the success of technology in e-government hangs on its consistency with human practices. Human-Centered System Design for Electronic Governance provides special attention to the most successful practices for implementing e-government technologies. This highly regarded publication highlights the benefits of well designed systems in this field, while investigating the implications of poor practices and designs. This book is beneficial for academics, researchers, government officials, and graduate students interested and involved in design of information systems within the context of e-government.

This book explores the main elements of e-Democracy, the term normally used to describe the implementation of democratic government processes by electronic means. It provides insights into the main technological and human issues regarding governance, government, participation, inclusion, empowerment, procurement and, last but not least, ethical and privacy issues. Its main aim is to bridge the gap between technological solutions, their successful implementation, and the fruitful utilization of the main set of e-Services totally or partially delivered by governments or non-government organizations. Today, various parameters actively influence e-Services’ success or failure: cultural aspects, organisational issues, bureaucracy and workflows, infrastructure and technology in general, user habits, literacy, capacity or merely interaction design. This includes having a significant population of citizens who are willing and able to adopt and use online services; as well as developing the managerial and technical capability to implement applications that meet citizens’ needs. This book helps readers understand the mutual dependencies involved; further, a selection of success stories and failures, duly commented on, enables readers to identify the right approach to innovation in governmental e-Services. With its balanced humanistic and technological approach, the book mainly targets public authorities, decision-makers, stakeholders, solution developers, and graduate students.

"This book is a collection of knowledge on contemporary experiences on technological, societal and legal setups of e-Government implementation in emerging economies"--Provided by publisher.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Security, Privacy and Trust in a Digital World, e-Democracy 2013, held in Athens, Greece, December 2013. The 20 revised full papers presented were carefully selected from numerous submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on security, privacy; e-governance; e-government applications, virtualizations; politics, legislation: European initiatives.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference on E-Democracy, E-Democracy 2015, held in Athens, Greece, in December 2015. The 13 revised full papers presented together with 8 extended abstracts were carefully selected from 33 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on privacy in e-voting, e-polls and e-surveys; security and privacy in new computing paradigms; privacy in online social networks; e-government and e-participation; legal issues. The book also contains the extended abstracts describing progress within European research and development projects on security and privacy in the cloud; secure architectures and applications; enabling citizen-to-government communication.
This open access book explores how digital tools and social media technologies can contribute to better participation and involvement of EU citizens in European politics. By analyzing selected representative e-participation projects at the local, national and European governmental levels, it identifies the preconditions, best practices and shortcomings of e-participation practices in connection with EU decision-making procedures and institutions. The book features case studies on parliamentary monitoring, e-voting practices, and e-publics, and offers recommendations for improving the integration of e-democracy in European politics and governance. Accordingly, it will appeal to scholars as well as practitioners interested in identifying suitable e-participation tools for European institutions and thus helps to reduce the EU’s current democratic deficit. This book is a continuation of the book “Electronic Democracy in Europe” published by Springer.

This book addresses mechanisms for reducing model heterogeneity induced by the absence of explicit semantics expression in the formal techniques used to specify design models. More precisely, it highlights the advances in handling both implicit and explicit semantics in formal system developments, and discusses different contributions expressing different views and perceptions on the implicit and explicit semantics. The book is based on the discussions at the Shonan meeting on this topic held in 2016, and includes contributions from the participants summarising their perspectives on the problem and offering solutions. Divided into 5 parts: domain modelling, knowledge-based modelling, proof-based modelling, assurance cases, and refinement-based modelling, and offers inspiration for researchers and practitioners in the fields of formal methods, system and software engineering, domain knowledge modelling, requirement analysis, and explicit and implicit semantics of modelling languages.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Conference on Electronic Participation, ePart 2011, held in Delft, The Netherlands, in August/September 2011. The 26 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on appreciation of social media; visualizing arguments; understanding eParticipation; eParticipation initiatives and country studies; participation and eServices; and innovative technologies.

It is becoming known that information and communications technology has the potential to increase development in the areas of health, education, governance, and business in impoverished countries. Thus, new levels of integration and applications must be studied in order to expand this research area further. Sustainable ICT Adoption and Integration for Socio-Economic Development is a pivotal publication featuring the latest scholarly research on current updates regarding adoption, integration, and application of communication devices and applications across the various aspects of human progression. Highlighting a number of topics and perspectives such as inclusive education, e-governance, and e-democracy, this book is ideally designed for researchers, government officials, and academicians seeking current information on the application of new technological tools for both social and economic growth in various countries.

Internet is starting to permeate politics much as it has previously revolutionised education, business or the arts. Thus, there is a growing interest in areas of e-government and, more recently, e-democracy. However, most attempts in this field have just envisioned standard political approaches facilitated by technology, like e-voting or e-debating. Alternatively, we could devise a more transforming strategy based on deploying web based group decision support tools and promote their use for public policy decision making. This book delineates how this approach could be implemented. It addresses foundations, basic methodologies, potential implementation and applications, together with a thorough discussion of the many challenging issues. This innovative text will be of interest to students, researchers and practitioners in the fields of e-government, e-democracy and e-participation and research in decision analysis, negotiation analysis and group decision support. Creating transparency between government and citizens through outreach and engagement initiatives is critical to promoting community
development and is also an essential part of a democratic society. This can be achieved through a number of methods including public policy, urban development, artistic endeavors, and digital platforms. Civic Engagement and Politics: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is a vital reference source that examines civic engagement practices in social, political, and non-political contexts. As the world is now undergoing a transformation, interdisciplinary collaboration, participation, community-based participatory research, partnerships, and co-creation have become more common than focused domains. Highlighting a range of topics such as social media and politics, civic activism, and public administration, this multi-volume book is geared toward government officials, leaders, practitioners, policymakers, academicians, and researchers interested in active citizen participation and politics.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th International Conference on E-Democracy, E-Democracy 2017, held in Athens, Greece, in December 2017. The 18 revised full papers presented were carefully selected from 44 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on e-democracy; privacy; information dissemination and freedom of expression; social networks; electronic identity authentication; ICT in government and in the economy.

"This book covers topics in e-government, discussing e-government's present shortcomings while exploring a renewed understanding of e-government's visions and responsiveness"--Provided by publisher.

"This book introduces a new professional in the context of the information science, technology, and management called an 'heuristic assessor of qualitative communicability in interactive systems'"--Provided by publisher.

2.1 E-Government: e-Governance and e-Democracy The term Electronic Government (e-Government), as an expression, was coined after the example of Electronic Commerce. In spite of being a relatively recent expression, e-Government designates a field of activity that has been with us for several decades and which has attained a high level of penetration in many countries. What has been observed over the recent years is a shift on the broadness of the e-Government concept. The ideas inside e-Governance and e-Democracy are to some extent promising big changes in public administration. The demand now is not only simply delivering a service-line. It is to deliver complex and new services, which are all citizen-centric. Another important demand is related to the improvement of citizen's participation in governmental processes and decisions so that the governments' transparency and legitimacy are enforced. In order to fulfill these new demands, a lot of research has been done over the recent years (see Section 3) but many challenges are still to be faced, not only in the technological field, but also in the political and social aspects.

Digital Literacy: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools and Applications presents a vital compendium of research detailing the latest case studies, architectures, frameworks, methodologies, and research on Digital Democracy. With contributions from authors around the world, this three-volume collection presents the most sophisticated research and developments from the field, relevant to researchers, academicians, and practitioners alike. In order to stay abreast of the latest research, this book affords a vital look into Digital Literacy research.

"This book examines the stakeholders of e-government and reveals the stages of growth or service maturity levels, shedding light on the paradigms and fundamental discourses of the e-government adoption process"--Provided by publisher.
This book describes how the Systems Engineering (SE) methodology can be used to harness technology and enhance democracy within any political system. Moreover, it provides a practical roadmap for countries and politicians who are willing to change their existing system of governance to one that allows the people to have a meaningful say. In this regard, the book compares and contrasts two countries, Mauritius and Australia, highlighting how SE and e-democracy can be implemented in different contexts. The reference book reviews and presents systematically the use of Internet in administration and politics. A process-oriented layer model defines the options of exchange and participation for all claim groups covering these topics: eAssistance, eProcurement, eService, eContracting, eSettlement, eCollaboration, eDemocracy, and eCommunity. Case studies show practical applications in industry, administration and research. The book is well suited for students in Business, Economics and Political Sciences courses as well as for practitioners interested in the opportunities of digital exchange and participation in the knowledge society. This book highlights policy lessons in using ICTs to provide information, opportunities for consultation and public participation in policy-making. It includes numerous examples of current practice from 12 OECD member countries (Australia, Canada ...) Digital Democracy considers how technological developments might combine with underlying social, economic and political conditions to produce new vehicles for democratic practice. The growth of new Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) such as the Internet, alongside growing concerns about the failure of advanced societies to live up to the democratic idea, has produced much interest in the prospects for a digital democracy. This book will provide invaluable reading for those studying social policy, politics and sociology as well as for policy analysts, social scientists and computer scientists. IBPS is one of the major bodies of Banking Sector which is responsible for its fair and transparent selection of candidates into its participating banks through multiple online-based tests. It has recently released its employment notification for the post of Probationary Officers (PO) and Management Trainees (MT) which will occur in three stages – Prelims and Mains followed by a Common Interview. The current edition of “20 Years’ (2009 – 2000) Chapterwise Solved Papers Bank PO English Language” has been carefully revised for the candidates who are preparing for the banking exams like IBPS PO, SBI PO, Nationalised Bank PO, and more. This practice book provides the ample amount of solved papers arranged in 12 Chapters with more than 5000 Objective questions for the conceptual clarity. Each chapter is incorporated with highly useful study material and gives detailed explanations of all questions. It also include 5 Practice Sets and 3 Solved Papers that helps to solidify the practice and track level progress and help them to know the stringer and weaker areas of the aspirants. Bringing complete study resources for various Bank PO exams at one place for the convenience of aspirants, this book is also useful for RBI Grade I, RRB Scale I, Insurance Sector and other exams. TABLE OF CONTENTS. Spotting Errors, Sentence Improvement, Double Fillers, Sentence Rearrangement, Cloze Test, Reading Comprehension, Idioms and Phrases, Synonyms and Antonyms, Miscellaneous, Practice Sets (1-5), Solved Papers 2017-18, Solved Papers 2019. Electronic Democracy analyses the impact of new information and communication technologies (ICTs) within representative democracy, such as political parties, pressure groups, new social movements and executive and legislative bodies. Arguing for the
validity of social perspective in theory building, it examines how representative democracies are adapting to new ICTs. It features a number of comparative studies focusing on the UK, the US, Sweden, Germany, Korea and Australia.

"Electronic democracy offers new opportunities to enhance public engagement and participation in democratic institutions and democratic processes. In this way, it helps empower civil society and improve policy-making procedures. E-democracy's strength lies in its capacity to facilitate both bottom-up and top-down initiatives, and its growth can contribute to a redefinition of political priorities and a transformation of the ways our local and global communities are governed. E-democracy initiatives are underway throughout Europe at all levels of governance in an effort to enhance transparency, accountability, access and dialogue. These developments, when seen as complementary to traditional channels of democratic participation, offer a means to improve governance and consequently reinforce public confidence and trust in democratic procedures and values. The Council of Europe has long taken the lead on digital policies relating to government action as exemplified by the Committee of Ministers Recommendation Rec(2004)15 on electronic governance and Recommendation Rec(2004)11 on legal, operational and technical standards for e-voting. This text on electronic democracy is based on the work of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on E-democracy (CAHDE). It provides a political and practical instrument for use by all organizations that are introducing, implementing and reviewing e-democracy."--Publisher's description.

E-Government Development and Diffusion: Inhibitors and Facilitators of Digital Democracy

"This book examines how e-government facilitates online public reporting, two-way communication and debate, online citizen participation in decision-making, and citizen satisfaction with e-governance"--Provided by publisher.

During the last decade, interoperability has emerged as a vivid research area in electronic business and electronic governance, promising a significant increase in productivity and efficiency of information systems, enterprises and administrations. Interoperability in Digital Public Services and Administration: Bridging E-Government and E-Business provides the latest research findings such as theoretical foundations, principles, methodologies, architectures, technical frameworks, international policy, standardization and case studies for the achievement of interoperability within the provision of digital services, from administration and businesses toward the user citizens and enterprises.

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