“Citizens’ agenda setting in democratic systems”

Citizens should be involved in setting the political agenda is widely considered a core aspirational principle of democratic systems. Yet, how can and should this abstract principle be understood, and translate into practice? The paper introduces a research project that approaches these questions with a citizen-centered perspective to develop a normative democratic theory of citizens as agenda setters. The project clarifies what agenda-setting entails as a concept and in practice to reflexively spell out a normative account of citizens’ role as input-providers that can inform both academic and political debates.

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