

“Information and communication technologies must move toward becoming the platform for deliberative online dialogue that extends and augments offline public interactions. This volume examines this subject in a rich and comprehensive way.”

-Fiorella de Cindio, Università degli Studi di Milano

Can new technology enhance purpose-driven, democratic dialogue in groups, governments, and societies?

Online Deliberation: Design, Research, and Practice is the first book that attempts to sample the full range of work on online deliberation, forging new connections between academic research, technology designers, and practitioners. Since some of the most exciting innovations have occurred outside of traditional institutions, and those involved have often worked in relative isolation from each other, work in this growing field has often failed to reflect the full set of perspectives on online deliberation. This volume is aimed at those working at the crossroads of information/communication technology and social science, and documents early findings in, and perspectives on, this new field by many of its pioneers.

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