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Participation & Representation in the Digital Age (PRD)

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Library Fellows' Seminar
Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
February 3, 2025

Topics

1. ERC project overview, including select papers

2. Present 1 work-in-progress

3. Invitations to upcoming ERC project events

#1: ERC project overview, including select papers

ERC Project Website

https://www.prd-erc.eu/

Slides for today

https://www.prd-erc.eu/news

Seminar

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THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM INSTITUTE
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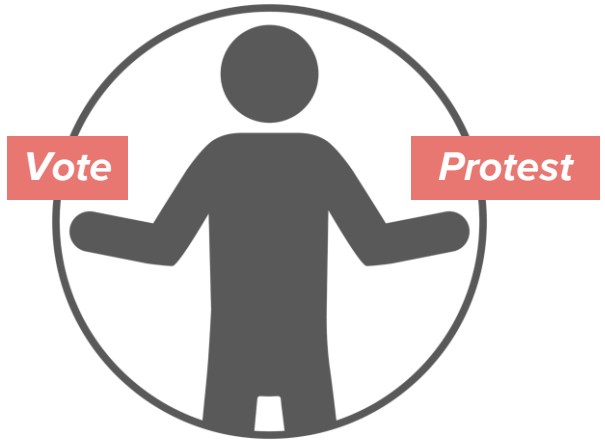
The Van Leer Institute's Library Fellows' Seminar invited Jenny to give a talk in the monthly seminar series on the topic "Participation and Representation in the Digital Age: Interim Findings and Visions for the Future." The Library Fellows are researchers at Israeli universities, visiting scholars from abroad, journalists, intellectuals, or public figures. See the talk slides here.

Motivating puzzle:

Trends in Political Participation and Representation in the Digital Age

Theoretical Framework

Repertoires of participation



Including digital behavior

Subjective representation

Mobilizing & organizing

Focus: Lower status groups

New Integration of Hypotheses

H1: Communication

versus

H2: Grievance

Oser 2022, Oxford Handbook chapter

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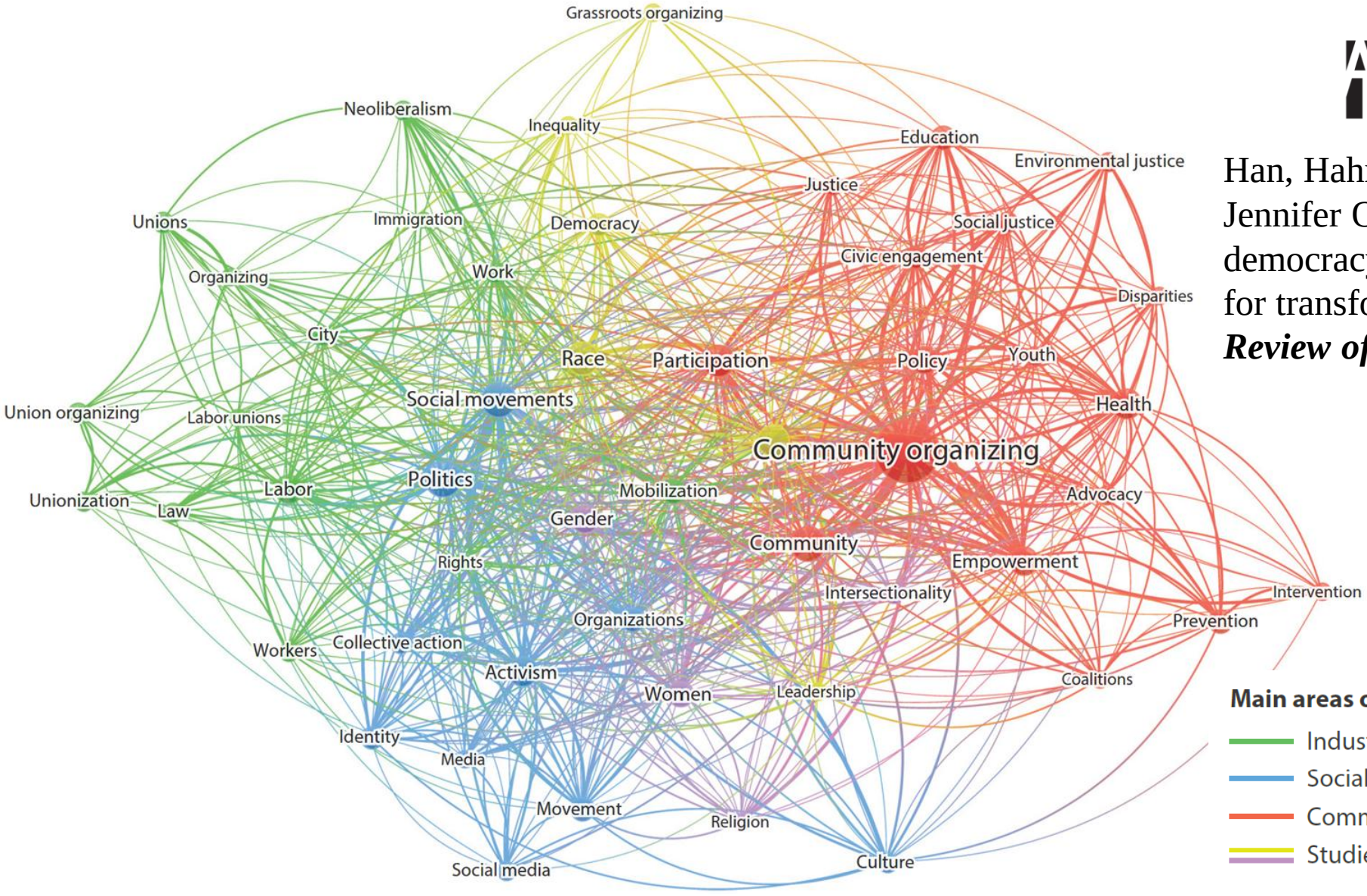
Paper #1

Organizing & Democracy: Micro, Meso & Macro



ANNUAL REVIEWS

Han, Hahrie, Matthew Baggetta, and Jennifer Oser. 2024. Organizing and democracy: Understanding the possibilities for transformative collective action. ***Annual Review of Political Science*** *27: 245-62* doi

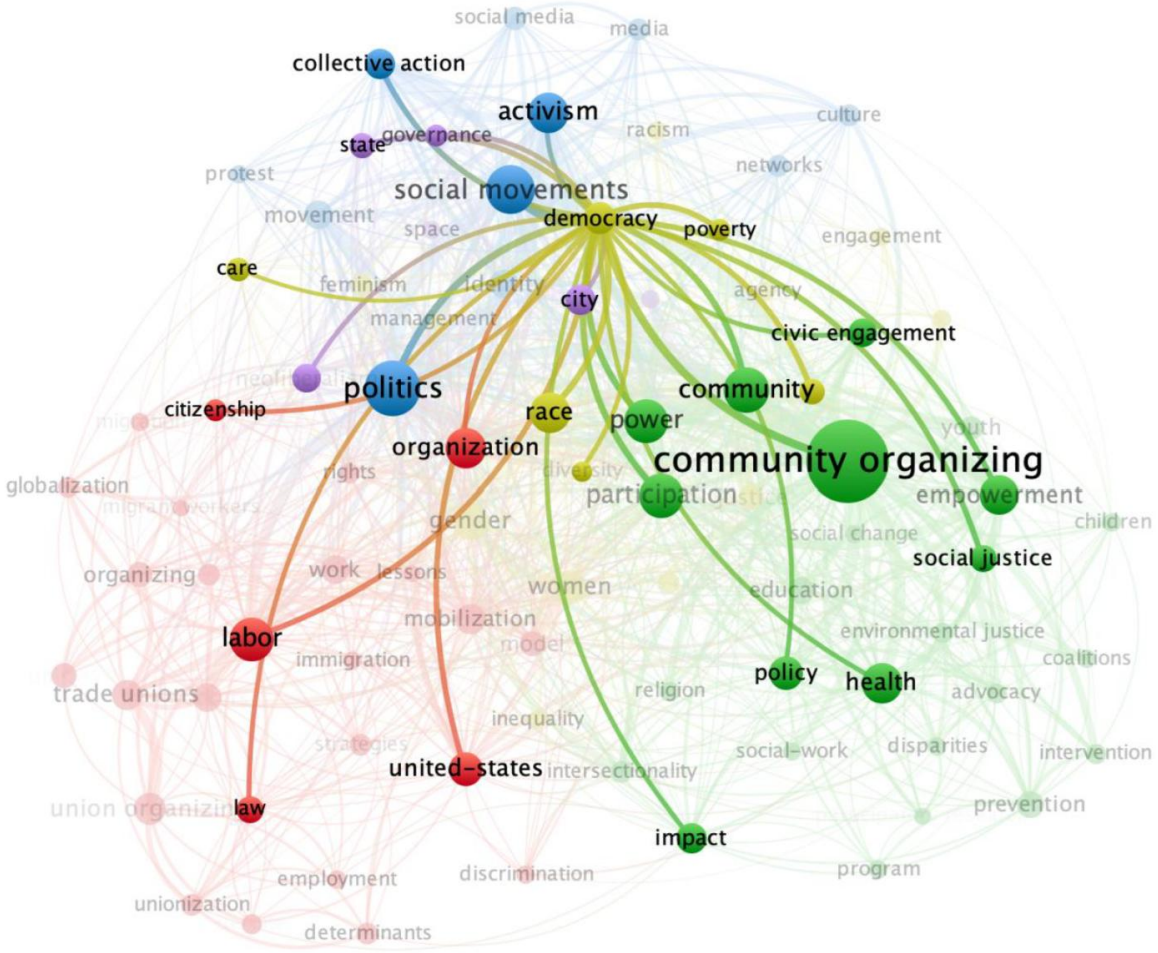
Main areas of study

- Industrial relations and labor
- Social movement studies
- Community organizing and community empowerment
- Studies of gender, race, ethnicity, and inequality

Paper #2

PS article, Literature Mapping

Figure 3. Democracy in the Terms Co-Occurrence Map.



Note: This map, structurally identical to figure 2, visually highlights the keyword "democracy" and its relationship with other keywords.

PS | Political Science & Politics

Shoshan Aya, and Jennifer Oser. In press. Visualizing scientific landscapes: A powerful method for mapping research fields. *PS: Political Science & Politics* doi

Paper #3, and related work

Latent class analysis (LCA)

Lyrvall, Johan, Zsuzsa Bakk, Jennifer Oser, and Roberto Di Mari. 2024. **Bias-adjusted three-step multilevel latent class modeling with covariates**. Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal 31 (4): 592-603. doi

Di Mari, Roberto, Johan Lyrvall, Zsuzsa Bakk, Jennifer Oser, and Jouni Kuha. (2024). **multilevLCA: Estimates and Plots Single-Level and Multilevel Latent Class Models**. CRAN, version 1.5.2, published 2024-10-12. https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=multilevLCA

9,987 downloads as of Feb 3, 2025 (since first published in May, 2023)

Lyrvall, Johan, Roberto Di Mari, Zsuzsa Bakk, Jennifer Oser, and Jouni Kuha. (2024). **multilevLCA: An R package for single-level and multilevel latent class analysis with covariates, v2**. arXiv. doi

R&R requesting light revisions received Nov 14, 2024 to a Q1 journal

Oser, Jennifer, Zsuzsa Bakk, Johan Lyrvall, Barak Zur, and Roberto Di Mari. 2024. "Political Participant Types and Socio-Economic Stratification Across Contexts and Over Time: A Multilevel Latent Class Analysis." [Working Paper]

Paper #4, and related journal symposium

PS accepted co-edited symposium, "Data Harmonization"

Accepted co-edited symposium proposal:

Kołczyńska, Marta, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Jennifer Oser, eds. Accepted. **"Data harmonization in political science and related fields: Innovations, challenges, and visions for the future."** PS: Political Science & Politics. *[Proposal accepted October 10, 2024]*

PRD proposed article:

Oser, Jennifer, and Barak Zur. "Strategizing About Data Harmonization Visions: The Case of Political Participation."

In collaboration with steering committee member of "Monitoring Electoral Democracy"

Ambition to create new data-driven social science infrastructure https://www.medem.eu/

In process of applying to become a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) https://www.esfri.eu/esfri-roadmap

Paper #5

Meanings of Protest

- **Pivot from original plan of longitudinal fieldwork in Israel and Spain starting October 8, 2023**
- **Collaboration with Prof. Carolina Plescia, ERC PI on "Meanings of Voting"**
- **Preliminary findings from first interviews in Israel**

PRD pipeline

Other papers and projects in progress (selected)

(1) **"Politicians' Theories of Protest"** with Jamie Druckman, Lior Sheffer, Devorah Manekin, Tamar Mitts, Jae Yeon Kim, and Elizabeth McKenna

➢Experimental survey design fielded in the US in December 2024 - comparing theories of protest of politicians, citizens, and civic leaders.

(2) "**Becoming Architects of Political Change"** with Julia Schulte-Cloos & Hahrie Han

➢Online lab experiment - visual conjoint - approximating social media activity to identify mechanisms for how democratic micropractices may strengthen pro-democratic norms

(3) "**Political Influencers on Social Media"** with Nir Grinberg and John Wagner

➢Building on our prior work on "Who is Curating my Feed?" (Shamir, Oser & Grinberg 2024, IJPP, link) characterizes political influencers and their audiences using big data analysis

#2: Work-in-Progress

Work-in-progress, under review

Are the Politically Active Better Represented?

Jesper Lindqvist, Jennifer Oser, Ruth Dassonneville, Mikael Persson, and Anders Sundell

Builds on Persson & Sundell (2024) BJPS "The Rich Have a Slight Edge"

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Crowd-sourcing Wisdom!

(1) Who do you think is better represented - voters or non-voters?

(a) Voters are better represented

(b) Non-voters are better represented

(c) No difference between voter & non-voters

(2) Who do you think is better represented - protesters or non-protesters?

(a) Protesters are better represented

(b) Non-protesters are better represented

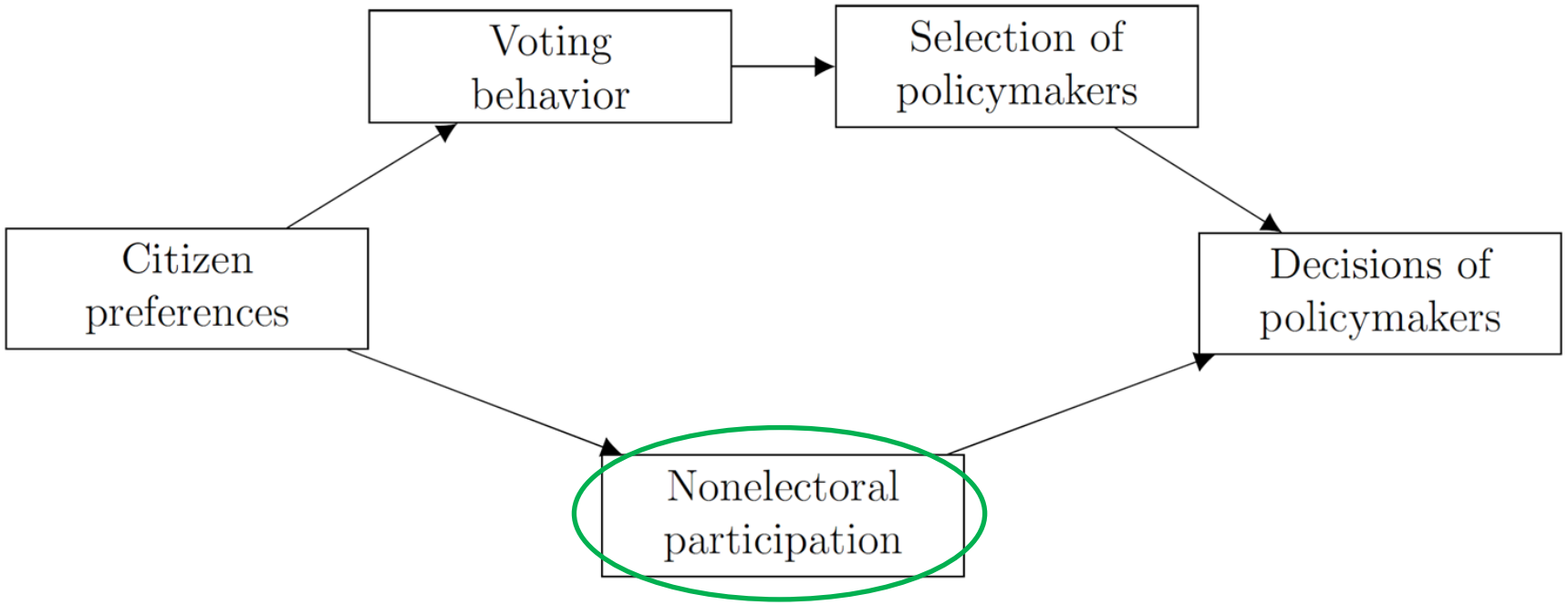
(c) No difference between protesters & non-protesters

Research Questions & Answers

(1) **Participation-Policy Connection:** Is opinion-policy congruence higher for the politically active? **Yes for demonstrators, not for voters**

(2) **Alternate Causal Explanations:** Can alternative explanations account for a relationship between participation and opinion-policy congruence? **Partially**

Figure 1: Electoral and nonelectoral channels of influence.



#3: Invitations!

Upcoming Events

https://www.prd-erc.eu/news

1. Young Academy support for ERC submissions and PI team leadership in humanities and social sciences

2. Pre-conference mock talks, MPSA, online - 6 papers Tues April 1, 16:00-18:00 Israel

3. Israel Political Science Association Annual Conference, February 12 at BGU: Co-authored with Aya Shoshan, “Social Media and Social Movements”

4. Webinar series: Participants & Student Auditors

ERC Webinar Series Videos, 2023-2024

https://www.prd-erc.eu/events

January 17

Prof. Michael Delli Carpini | University of Pennsylvania

"Digital Media and Democratic Futures"

February 21

Prof. Noam Lupu | Vanderbilt University & the American Academy of Berlin

"Poll Workers and the Effects of Political Participation"

March 6

Prof. Theda Skocpol | Harvard University

"Citizen Organizing and Partisan Polarization"

22 May 2024

Prof. André Blais | University of Montreal & Chair in Electoral Studies

"Participation and Representation"

19 June 2024

Prof. Rachel Gibson | University of Manchester & PI of ERC Advanced Grant

"Online Political Influencers"

10 July 2024

Prof. Hahrie Han | Johns Hopkins University & Director of the SNF Agora Institute

"Organizing and Democracy"

Webinars 2024-2025, Semester A

https://www.prd-erc.eu/events

December 4, 2024

Prof. Anne Rasmussen | King's College London

"Costs of Running and Engaging in Politics"

January 8, 2025

Prof. Ruth Dassonneville | University of Montréal

"Gender Gap in Voter Turnout"

January 22, 2025

Prof. Yotam Margalit | Tel Aviv University

"Political Consequences of Green Policies"

Sneak Preview to Webinars 2024-2025, Semester B

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