

FOUR GLIMPSES OF DEMOCRACY'S FUTURE:

DELIBERATIVE INNOVATIONS IN INDIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, AND THE UNITED STATES

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While ever more nations across the globe move toward democratic systems of election, those nations with long histories of electoral democracy strive to make their systems more deliberative. This talk shows four of the boldest and most influential innovations in deliberative democracy, each of which finds ways of bringing citizens' voices more directly into public policy debates. Each of these also shows us creative ways to connect small face-to-face deliberation with larger mass political events, such as elections. In these examples, one can see the opportunity for not merely widening democracy's reach but also strengthening its grasp on modern public life.

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