Tentative Program

Deliberative Democracy Theory and Practice: Crossing the Divide

6 March 2015 | 9.30 am to 4.45 pm
Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance
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9:00 Registration, coffee and introductions

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome
John Dryzek
Brief explanation of the process (Wendy Russell)

10:00 – 11:00 State of the practice session
Topics:
Keynote on theoretical developments (Simon Niemeyer/John Dryzek)
Keynote on practice developments (Iain Walker, New Democracy)

11:00 – 12:00 Showcase of deliberative processes (various practitioners) over morning tea

12:00 – 1:00 Theorists meet practitioners roundtable
Exploration of the questions arising from the expressions of interest, plus other issues that come up
Facilitator – Wendy Russell

1:00 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 3:45 Embedding deliberative democracy session
Introduction re policy context (Mark Evans)
Discussion about opportunities and challenges in the current climate and strategies for promoting and embedding DD
Facilitator TBC

3:45 – 4:00 Afternoon tea

4:00 – 4:30 Next steps session
How useful has this process been?
Where should we go from here?
Suggestions for networking, exchange and professional development
Facilitator – Wendy Russell

4:30 – 4:45 Concluding remarks (John Dryzek, Practitioner TBC) and close