Whilst there has been a decline in formal modes of political participation, such as voting, there has also been a concomitant rise of alternative forms of political participation. In this vein, Pippa Norris argues that there have been distinct changes in the agencies, repertoires and targets of political participation, which has led to a broadening out of modes of political participation. In addition, Henrik Bang has introduced an interesting distinction between Expert Citizens and Everyday Makers. This workshop considers the spectrum of changes in political participation and welcomes researchers who are working on changes in participation at an individual, group and state level. The workshop will consider questions such as, how do alternative modes of political participation differ from more conventional ones such as voting? What, if anything, is new about online social movements such as GetUp! and Occupy? How has the internet changed political participation, and what is the relationship between online and offline activities? Have engagement norms replaced duty norms, especially for young people? Have project identities replaced oppositional and legitimating identities? This workshop aims to explore the rise and growth of alternative modes of political participation, and is concerned with the implications of this issue at a theoretical and case study level. We welcome a range of qualitative and quantitative approaches to this issue. Topics for presentation might include, but are by no means limited to:

- Theories of political participation
- Case studies of new forms of political participation
- The relationship between online and offline forms of political participation
- The relationship between the state and alternative modes of political participation

The workshop format is designed in order to facilitate the presentation or development of emerging research into the questions and topics listed above. All are welcome to attend, although we particularly welcome PhD students and early career researchers. Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be emailed by 30th August 2013 to sadiya.akram@canberra.edu.au

There is no conference fee and there will be opportunities for some assistance with travel costs fees for postgraduate presenters, if they need it. Please contact Sadiya Akram for more information about any aspects of this workshop.

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