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The Costs of Democratization

By Dr. Thomas Bryer

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Dr. Bryer will discuss his research on the "Costs of Democratization," which builds on democratic and institutional design theories, including his work on the concept of a "democracy bubble." He argues that if costs are not accepted by governments to better prepare citizens to be effective participants in the decision-making process, then the democratization experiment of giving citizens easy access to decision-making, might best be called for the facade it is and terminated. He presents case examples from regulations.gov, Obama Administration public participation initiatives, various social media in government initiatives, and the Learning and Design Forum as practiced in the City of Los Angeles.

Dr. Thomas Bryer is an assistant professor in the Department of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida. His teaching and research focuses on public participation with government, citizen engagement, cross-sector collaboration, and ethics. His work has appeared in *Public Administration Review*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, *Public Performance and Management Review*, *Journal of Public Administration Education*, *American Review of Public Administration*, *International Journal of Public Participation*, *Journal of Homeland Security and Management*, *Public Administration and Management*, and *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior*. He also has published chapters in peer reviewed books and award winning teaching simulations.

