

**PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF E-DEMOCRACY.
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
(ICT) AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION IN E-DEMOCRACY**

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Abstract

The article discusses the relationship between technology and politics with regard to the concept of participation. The main emphasis is put on philosophical underpinnings of e-democracy. The latter term indicates a modern version of democracy that is mediated by new ITC technology. Fundamental models of democracy are presented with a special importance assigned to the role and place of participation. Finally, main features of a new approach to information technology which takes into account the role of values in the process of design are presented.

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