

Contested social participation. On the social voluntarization, economization and individualization of social participation

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In this project, practices that enable participation are placed at the center and connected to various societal developments. The focus is on transformations in welfare state infrastructure, as well as on different practices through which social participation is created. The social environments of actors are thus linked to broader societal discourses.

The project pursues the fundamental question of how social participation is contested, what societal understanding of social order is associated with these struggles over participation, and how the emerging spaces of possibility can become new forms of re-collectivization of participation issues, potentially leading to civil society strategies for addressing them.