


## Chapter 12

# A Normative Approach to Liberal, Deliberative, and Participative Democracy to Develop the Politics of Life Domains of Institutional Participative Governance

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### ABSTRACT

*This study aims to analyze the implications of the liberal, deliberative, and participative democracy perspectives from a normative orientation to develop the politics of life of institutional participative governance. The normative assumptions on institutional participatory governance reinforce the approaches of liberal, deliberative, and representative democracy used by citizens, civil society, and government institutions, considering the complexity of the contextual relationships. The method employed is the analytic-reflective based on the review of theoretical and empirical literature. It is concluded that the assumptions critical on a normative approach are basic for the analysis of the implications of liberal, deliberative, and participative democracy on the development of the different domains of life politics of any society.*

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## INTRODUCTION

The third wave of democratization of participatory governance institutions is trying to explain the emerging variables, the functions of the institutions and variations in their implementation. There is a consensus in institutional participatory governance in the third wave of democratization about the explanatory variables, the functions of institutions and variations in implementation. Relationships between nature, society and technology are undergoing changes of profundity and pace apart from the change dynamics.

Participatory processes in the governmental spaces are questioned and debated as being democratic, deliberative, direct, and participatory engagement processes able to revitalize and complement representative democracy forms. Participatory initiatives tend to link citizens with states through different innovative forms of participation from participatory democracy, deliberative democracy, empowering participatory governance.

The Schumpeterian electoral democracy model considers the parallel efforts of activists of civil society and political reformers leading to change the engagement forms of government officials and citizens. Most of the participatory governance institutions are aspirational experiments to fix or reform democratic deficits of electoral democracies.

The different representative participation forms are contrasts by debates in which citizens in their constituencies elect their representants and other forms of direct participatory democracy forms. The debate about framing the principle of democratic representation is a form to analyze institutional participatory governance. The efficiency of decision making processes in representative democracy is being under a hot debate between social scientists, including the governance and democracy theorists and researchers (Creighton, 2005).

Participatory governance arrangements emerging is a reflective and diverse phenomenon shifting away from the style of technocratic governance to the creation of new political spaces that replace or supplement the traditional forms of representative participation by scientific expertise, political representation, and election.

This study analysis of the implications of the normative assumptions to determine the liberal, deliberative, and participative democracy in the development of the politics of life domains based on institutional participative governance. The analysis begins delimiting the scope of the normative orientation to continue with the delimitation of the implications on the liberal, deliberative, and participative democracy. Finally, the study analyses the politics of life before the conclusive remarks.

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