

**Future-Ready Society Conference Series:  
Learning Journey 3 — Participedia**

Tuesday, 13 August 2024, 9.00am to 11.00am (Singapore Time)  
Online via Zoom

**PROGRAMME**

8.45 am – 9.00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>  Dr Harvey Neo Professorial Research Fellow Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities
9.10 am – 10.20 am	<b>Exploring Participedia: A Resource for Public Participation and Democratic Innovations</b>  Mr Patrick Scully Former Managing Director Participedia  Dr Paul Emiljanowicz Project Manager / Current Managing Director Participedia
10.20 am – 11.00 am	<b>Moderated Dialogue / Question-and-Answer</b>
11.00 am	<b>End</b>

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## SYNOPSIS

Participedia.net is a global crowdsourcing platform for policymakers, civil society organisations and researchers who are interested in public participation and democratic innovations. They have a crowdsourced database of over 360 methods that policymakers and civil society organisations can use to allow citizens to participate in collective decision making and collaborative governance. Join us for a learning journey to understand why and how this platform was created, and what are the most significant methods or case studies from the point of view of those who manage the platform. There will also be a practical session that demonstrates how to use and contribute to the knowledge base.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

**Patrick SCULLY** was Executive Vice President of The Paul J. Aicher Foundation, where he served as deputy director of its flagship program, Everyday Democracy, before forming Clearview Consulting. He also served as Participedia's Managing Director from 2011 through July 2021. Earlier in his career, Pat served as a programme officer and director of research at the Kettering Foundation, and as project manager at The Harwood Institute, a non-partisan public-issues research firm. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Budapest, Hungary from 1993–94 where he worked with newly formed civic associations throughout East Central Europe and helped found the Deliberative Democracy Network of East-Central Europe. Pat holds an interdisciplinary PhD in social science from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He is also a former Democratic Governance Program Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation.

**Paul EMILJANOWICZ** is the Managing Director of Participedia and a sessional lecturer in Political Science and Arts and Science. He is an active member of the Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa and the Global Development Section of the International Studies Association, as well as a board member for Demo.Reset: Deliberation in the Global South. His research focuses on reconceptualising development, the state, and democracy by engaging with traditionally excluded ideas and peoples. His work strengthens, defends and re-imagines inclusive democracy and citizen participation through democratic innovations. Dr Emiljanowicz has published in *Postcolonial Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Interventions*, *The Australasian Parliamentary Review*, *Small Axe*, *Democratization*, Routledge, SAGE, and Athabasca University Press (forthcoming), and in media outlets like *Africa is a Country* and *The Conversation*. He is completing a manuscript under a University Press and co-organising a special issue on Democratic Pedagogies. He also co-founded a new peer-reviewed journal, *Democracies*, published by Amsterdam University Press.