From the Social Web to Public Deliberation: Design Considerations for the Deme Platform

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Abstract:
This talk will describe Deme (which rhymes with team), a content management framework for the social Web which is currently being adapting for use in a large research project to test methods of involving the public in health care research decisions. Deme is designed as a platform for deliberation, which will be distinguished from other forms of communicative interaction: cooperation, debate, and negotiation. The talk will also discuss how the characteristics of these different communication modes can lead to design decisions, as well as some of the research questions being pursued in this project.

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