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## **La participation politique (re)visitée par les TIC: la réinvention des échelles du débat public**

**Abstract:** The aim of this article is to question the different scales of the formal political participation and, in a wider angle, of political public debates through the perspective of information and communication technologies (ICT) implementation: to what extent do ICT actually allow the reconfiguration of political spaces and traditional participative models? How do they contribute to develop the reflection on multilevel logics or scales of participation, political communication and public debate? This article tackles these issues by providing an overview of general scientific literature related to ICT-driven political participation and by analysing three actual examples taken from the Swiss federal elections of autumn 2007. Our goal is to track emerging and sometimes paradoxical trends in the electronic political participation processes within the specific context of Swiss direct democracy and federalism.

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