

**NIG Annual Work Conference 2016,
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Panel 5: Citizens perspectives on Local Democracy and Local Governance

In this panel (in which both Dutch and English papers will be presented, but in which the main language will be Dutch) we will discuss recent research in the context of citizens perspectives on Local Democracy and Local Governance. Researchers studying the citizens are invited to present papers discussing empirical research describing citizens perspectives and explaining found differences between citizens and/or municipalities.

We have a commitment from the following researchers to present papers on the following topics, using the recent Lokaal Kiezers Onderzoek (LKO).

- Hoe groot is de steun voor het lokaal bestuur? *Tom van der Meer (Universiteit van Amsterdam)*
- Welke burgers zijn lokaal politiek actief? *Paul Dekker, Josje den Ridder (SCP)*
- Wat zijn de belangrijkste lokale politieke problemen? *Eefje Steenvoorden, Jeroen de Waal (Erasmus University)*
- Welke lokale politieke opvattingen hebben burgers? *Henk van der Kolk (Universiteit Twente)*
- Waarom gaat men (niet) stemmen bij lokale verkiezingen? *Eefje Steenvoorden, Jeroen de Waal (Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam)*
- Welke burgers zijn (niet) tevreden over de lokale dienstverlening? *Bas Denters (Universiteit Twente)*
- Wie houden het lokaal bestuur verantwoordelijk voor lokaal beleid? *Lisanne de Blok, Wouter van der Brug (Universiteit van Amsterdam)*

This, however, is not a closed shop panel. Others using the LKO data or other datasets describing citizens perspectives on local governance are urged to discuss their work and the above mentioned papers in the context of this panel.

The editorial board of *Bestuurswetenschappen: Tijdschrift voor Lokaal Bestuur* is committed to consider a set of the papers presented in this panel for a special issue.

The panel connects well to Theme 3 of the research program of NIG: Political institutions and democracy. In this Theme Political institutions and democracy, including research themes like representation, legitimacy, integrity and safety are studied. These subjects belong to the core

business of the international political sciences and are studied in all participating political science departments (Amsterdam, Leiden, Nijmegen, Twente).

If you want to present a paper, please submit your abstract (max. 800 words) to NIG before August 25th 2016 via de NIG website.

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