

# Seminar

## *“Deliberative democracy and parental participation in Mexican secondary schools”*

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Can deliberative democracy be possible in the schools of Mexico? This paper presents some preliminary results of a research project aimed at analysing the operation of the Social Participation Boards. Social participation in the schools of Mexico has failed (SEP 2012). There is some evidence that suggest that these failures are based on a homogeneous way of promoting parental involvement (OCE, Latapi) and in an erroneous policy formulation (Santizo). These explanations call to question some governmental initiatives to active citizen's participation in the educational sector of Mexico, an emerging democracy. But the question is if people are able to perform democratically, that is, listening to the others, identifying problems, discussing, arguing and developing strategies to address schools' problems. Are Mexicans sufficiently democratic to promote social participation at schools and, eventually, to support their children?

## All welcome

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