

# I lati oscuri della democrazia elettronica

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## *The Dark Sides of Electronic Democracy*

*Abstract:* This paper deals with the mainstream understanding of electronic democracy as a contemporary translation of the traditional ideal of direct democracy. The analysis on the theoretical presuppositions of e-democracy is followed by a critical overview of the outcomes provided by the experience. Several risks of a plebiscitary drift within digital democracy are also sketched out.

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