

Implementing Democratic Innovations Conference

10 – 11 June 2026

Astra, Porthansgatan 3, 20500 Åbo | Porthaninkatu 3, 20500 Turku

Wednesday 10 June	Scientific day (English)	Where
09:15	Registration opens	Astra
09:45–10:00	Welcome Greeting from ÅAU's Rector Gunilla Widén	Astra, Bonfire
10:00–10:30	Prof. Kimmo Grönlund : What is STRONG?	Astra, Bonfire
10:30–11:15	Prof. James Fishkin : Can deliberation cure the ills of democracy?	Astra, Bonfire
11:15–12:00	Prof. Nicole Curato : After America first: the urgent case for a global deliberative democracy	Astra, Bonfire
12:00–13:15	Lunch	Astra Café
13:15–13:45	Dr. Kaisa Kurkela : Barriers to citizen participation in participatory and deliberative democracy	Astra, Bonfire
13:45–14:45	Prof. Kaisa Herne : 20 years of lab-in-the-field experiments with deliberative mini-publics	Astra, Bonfire
14:45–15:15	Coffee break	Astra Café
15:15–16:30	Panel discussion by prof. Brigitte Geissel , prof. Kasper Møller Hansen , prof. Volker Schneider and prof. Jane Suiter : Is European democracy endangered? Moderated by prof. Lauri Rapeli	Astra, Bonfire
16:30–17:30	Aperitif on the terrace	Solsidan terrace
19:30–	Conference dinner	Hotel Radisson Blu Marina Palace
Thursday 11 June	Stakeholder day (Finnish & Swedish)	
10:00–10:30	Prof. Kimmo Grönlund : Mikä STRONG on?	Astra, Bonfire
10:30–11:00	Turun pormestari Piia Elo tai apulaispormestari : Turun kansalaispaneeli	Astra, Bonfire
11:00–11:30	Vaasan hyvinvointijohtaja Virve Flinkkilä : Vaasan kansalaispaneeli	Astra, Bonfire
11:30–12:00	Kahvitauko, kaffepaus	Astra Café
12:00–13:30	Yksityiskohtaista suunnittelua pienryhmissä, Ingående planering i smågrupper	Astra 3. krs, 3. vån
13:30–14:30	Lounas, lunch Kotimatka, hemfärd	Astra Café