

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN A POLARIZED ERA THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE FUTURE

Part 1 - Taking Stock and Devising Solutions

Friday, December 1, 2017 8:00am - 4:30pm

Imin Hall, East-West Center, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Part 2 - Public Consultation Strategies and Skills

Saturday, December 2, 2017 8:00am - 12:00pm

Classroom 2, William S. Richardson School of Law

Attend either day or both!
Student rates available!

Too many public meetings have become perfunctory 'tick-the-box' compliance exercises, or simply fresh combat zones for old ideological wars. Many have evolved into formulaic productions by project proponents or well-organized opposition campaigns by opponents. Both represent an unfunded bureaucratic burden for agencies to endure. Further, as public discourse has become increasingly polarized and hostile, it gets harder to arrive at decisions that can be supported by a plurality of citizens.

This full-day gathering, followed by a half-day skill and strategy workshop, will take stock of how public participation is faring, gather ideas for changes to the way public consultation takes place, offer techniques and approaches to improve public participation, and spark conversations that have consequences now and for the future.

Find more information and registration details at <http://www.accord3.com/>

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