

**Democracy, Deliberation and Exclusion.
A Brief Case Study on Romanian Deliberation Regarding the Civil Partnership**

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Abstract

The present article has its starting point in the feminist critiques directed against the theory of public reason detailed in Political Liberalism. These feminist critiques reject Rawls' model as they consider it limits both the individual's access and also the topics and themes subjected to debate. Starting from the question how and who establishes the limits between political and non-political (and therefore the implications reasonable/unreasonable, public/private, inclusion/exclusion), this paper will analyze Rawls' model (and its reasonability restriction), Habermas' proposals (and the rational argument restriction) and those of Iris Marion Young (communicative democracy), adding in the last part Morgan-Olsen's conceptual frame. The four approaches will be then used in a short overview of the 2014 Judiciary Committee debate on legalizing civil partnership in Romania.

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