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The *Living Reviews in Democracy (LRD)* is now online. It is a new member of the family of Living Reviews journals. One of the most important features of the LRD is that its articles are updated regularly by the authors; this is the significance of the word 'living' in the title. Web-based and peer-reviewed, the LRD publishes reviews of research on core themes relating to democracy. Articles are solicited by an international editorial board from scientists who are experts in their fields. They provide critical outlines of the state of the art in the subjects covered and offer annotated insights (and where possible, active links) into the key literature. The goal of the journal is to develop its articles into a carefully screened and edited, well-integrated, topical set of hypertext documents that, taken together, form a valuable research tool for scholars of democracy.

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Living Reviews  
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LRD is the second Living Reviews journal in the social sciences, besides the recently launched *Living Reviews in European Governance (LREG)*, which is published by the European Community Studies Association Austria.

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