

1) Jim:

- Needed architecture that people could adapt
- Did survey of others and designed from scratch
- Allows continuous adjustment
- Want to use prompting to find closure – come to consensus
- Reflective features – how active is the discussion?
- Separate code in order to see what the rules are
- DEMO
- Goals: UI, refine system, testing
- Long Term – lock down to API, convert to Java and JSP from PHP
- Should be able to download and drop onto server and build their own

2) Mitch:

- Gradient of identities – 1 is the final (i.e. 1 vote).
- Identity crisis
- Mimesis – act of mimicry (chameleon)
- Doppelganger – alter ego
- Simulacra
- Clone
- Twin Echo
- Mask
- Unions – megaphone – works both ways – also by
- Unions – interested in union structure
- Union – dog park
- ID Port (needs to be flushed out)

3) Donald:

- Policy framework background.
- 3 possible focuses: public consultation
- Concept plans – typically top-down? Use focus groups – very small groups 10-15.
- 2 wk public dialogue period – only physical commentary. Survey forms.
- Singapore's plans for next 40 years. 0.067% participation rate.
- 11 months total time with very low participation rate.
- Wants to increase participation rate, create platform for interactive debate.
- Shorten consultation process? Specific cultural context. (Challenge)
- What are the specific requirements? What are unique needs of users? Consultation process?

4) Sawako:

- Interested in UI
- Toolbox – click and drag yourself into discussions.
- Like the idea of clustering idea – people metaphor is apt.
- Get people spatial together and 'spatially divided'.

- Try to make it graphically engaging – push the limits.

#### 5) Jeremy:

- Identity, community and recursiveness
- Usually community is a passive
- If you assume all voices are equal then you lose the meaning.
- Constituent parts should inform the whole.
- Overlay scales of identity, user groups and community.
- Reject contrived idea of karma pts but use perhaps ‘sponsorship’ ideas.
- Push both metaphors – one body one community – push body around (Sawako) vs. elong to multiple groups at same time – would like to see both methods to the extreme.
- Recursiveness as a design approach – layered identity – push this – multiple hats but simultaneously.
- Philosophers set up dialogue with their ‘former selves’.

#### 6) Johanne:

- Usability, beauty and compelling experience.
- Universal usability. Easy to use.
- Widest possible set of users – need adaptability.
- Environment where people are self-aware – sense of community.
- UI interface design.
- How much discussion of underlying political philosophy?
- Presumption – that it is possible to create a neutral equal public sphere/ transparent (Habermas). Opposite – this is not possible – can only create arena to work out power relations.
- How is the underlying political commitment to each approach? (Each student to think about this).
- Might be useful to apply it Corporate Governance – allows to critique the current structure. Shareholders – different layers – moral issues, economic issues.
- Distopia – how can design combat this?

#### 7) Esra:

- Enhance democracy – but what does democracy mean to different groups?
- Different cultures interpret democracy differently.
- Trust, creditability.
- Depends on whether people know each other – would they have more or less trust if they had a relationship outside of sphere of ‘system’.
- What level of disclosure is necessary?
- Democracy has different meanings and values.
- Never get detailed account of what this means – need finer grain ethnographic research.
- Is ECitizen project – is this democracy to different groups? Why or why not?
- What types of decisions can/should be made using it?

- What would it take to trust this process.
- Create a set of standards that bridges cultures but allows for different ideals to be expressed.
- 3 groups: architects (WTC), NGO (in Boston), go to Town Meetings.
- set up user trials if the system is ready.
- write paper – illustrate the responses of users but also documentation of the account of the project, future suggestions.
- interested in existing biases and new biases that new system.
- WTC v. different from stockholders, contention about how should be involved – where would such a system fail and why? Compare contention against Singapore condition.
- Can get you into the rooms – NGOs and Town Meeting, not WTC, but this can be traced through the press on the web.

#### 8) Stelios:

- interested in user interface design.
- what about ‘bounds’? why do we need boxes?
- unstructured discussion (more natural?) vs. ‘threaded discussion’
- how can we reduce complexity (esp with so many users) – use frame panning, like the brain.
- frame sizing – color network – resize and adjustments.
- what about the history of a discussion – digital media tends to delete the idea of memory thus, we need frame diffusion – without deleting the information (like the natural way of fading of memory of an event).
- post-aggregated communities – people connected through the information topics themselves (data driven model).
- vs. pre-aggregated communities – people who organized around shared interests etc.
- need dual space – data and user driven interface.
- group identity not equal to sum of personal identity – polarization vs. sociolometer?
- interested in the links of the system, rather than nodes.
- challenge notion that it is not possible to visualize relationships. Sketch out UI states that are possible – demonstrate what it might look like.