Attention to dementia and related issues has grown tremendously in the past few decades, also in academia. However, the same cannot be said with regard to the implications for democracy and democratic practice. Consequently, it is necessary to reflect on how political representation, participation, and inclusion are fundamentally challenged by the growing prevalence of dementia in societies across the world. The cases of Canada and the United States reveal widely different approaches for dealing with such challenges. In addition to problematizing these issues, Dr. Sonnicksen’s talk seeks to stimulate reflection and discussion on how to balance between protection and accommodation of democratic practices and the citizens themselves.

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