

Semi-structured interviews on DAOs (DaoStack)

Introduction

My name is Silvia Semenzin and I'm a researcher at P2P Models (<https://p2pmodels.eu>), a EU-funded research group studying blockchain technologies and their impact on alternative economies and political structures. I am currently looking for DAOs users to conduct a number of semi-structured interviews for an ethnographic research. I would like to chat with you about how does a DAO community work and how are the activities/internal relationship are structured. Your participation in this interview is voluntary, confidential, and could be withdrawn at any time. This research may be part of an academic publication, but no personal data of yours will be public at any point. The interview would last around an hour, and will be recorded. Do you provide your consent?

Warm up

- Introduction (age, gender, occupation, studies)
- What is a DAO for you?
- Tell me how your interest for DAOs arose

Block 1. How do you use DAOs?

- How many DAOs have you been involved in?
- Which kind of DAOs were they? What was the main mission? (financial/not financial)
- What's your main motivation for participating in DAOs?
- Is your DAO still active? If not, what happened?
- How often do/did you participate?
- How much activity takes place in your DAO?

Block 2. DAOs community

- Who are the subjects who participate and enter the community?
- Which requirements are necessary to access a DAO? (e.g. owning a token...)
- Who are the most active participants and who are the less active?
- Where does communication take place for discussing DAO's activities? (Online channels, e.g. Telegram/Discord; Offline activities, reunions...)
- Which DAO activity does not happen inside DAOstack?

Block 3. Voting & participating in a DAO?

- How does voting work? (it's decided before and outside the DAO...?)
- Who votes and how often?
- Who are the users who hold more tokens?
- How many people participate in a typical vote?
- In your personal experience, have you regularly voted and/or made a proposal?
- It is common that a few people have much more voting power than most, have you experienced that? How do you feel about it?
- How is staking used?

- Do you think that Holographic Consensus work? Describe it.
- Are you satisfied with your experience with HC? How many times have you used it?
- For which votations is it useful? for which ones it isn't?
- Have you experienced other voting models for DAOs? How do you compare them with HC?