

3rd Weizenbaum Conference

Democracy in Flux – Order, Dynamics and Voices in Digital Public Spheres

Host: Tobi Müller

Thursday, 17 June 2021

13.00 → 13.10 **Opening and Introduction**

Welcoming Address

13.10 → 13.20 Federal Minister of Education and Research Anja Karliczek, MdB
 13.20 → 13.30 Director of the Weizenbaum Institute Christoph Neuberger
 13.30 → 13.40 Scientific Committee Weizenbaum Institute Barbara Pfetsch

13.40 → 14.30 **Keynote**

Tiny Acts of Digital Democracy: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly
 Helen Margetts (Oxford Internet Institute | United Kingdom)

14.30 → 14.45 **Break**

14.45 → 16.15

Track A Creating and Opposing Orders

Panel 1
 Ordering through Social Media and Platforms

Chairs:
 Jeanette Hofmann, Lena Ulbricht

- \ **Between Normative Acceptance and Resistance: Explaining the Governance of News Aggregator's Practices across Five Countries**
 Sarah Anne Ganter (Simon Fraser University | Canada)
- \ **How Political Microtargeting Violates Political Rights**
 Judit Bayer (Budapest Business School | Hungary)
- \ **The Old, the New and the Unknown: The Normative Framework for Online Content Regulation in Brazil**
 Clara Iglesias Keller (Hans Bredow Institute | Germany)
- \ **Who can still afford to do Digital Activism? Exploring the Material Conditions of Online Mobilization**
 Paola Pierri (University of the Arts London | United Kingdom)

Track B Dynamics and Processes

Panel 1
 Power and Information Flows

Chair:
 Curd Knüpfer

- \ **Discursive Power: A Proposition to Measure Relative Influence in Contemporary Communication Environments**
 Andreas Jungherr (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena | Germany)
- \ **Digital Practices – Whose Voices are we hearing?**
 Hilmar Schäfer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin | Germany)
- \ **But is She Married? Assessing Citizens' Gendered Interests in Politicians Online**
 Theresa Gessler (University of Zurich | Switzerland)
- \ **Is there a Link between Climate Change Scepticism, Political Orientation, and Populism? An Analysis of Web Tracking and Survey Data from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK, and the US**
 Ralph Schroeder and Pu Yan (Oxford Internet Institute | United Kingdom)

Track C Voices and Agency

Panel 1
 Notions of Digital Citizenship

Chair:
 Martin Emmer

- \ **Networked Digital Inequalities: Political Engagement and Incidental Exposure on Social Media**
 Michael Xenos (University of Wisconsin-Madison | United States)
- \ **The Making of Community. Understanding Connective Action in Local Context**
 Jürgen Neyer and Susann Worschech (European University Viadrina | Germany)
- \ **For Health of the Nation, Unite Online: Medical Controversies, Civil Disobedience and the Future of Democracy in the Light of Expert Authority Crisis**
 Magdalena Góralaska (University of Warsaw | Poland)
- \ **The Making of Citizens: Democracy and Children's Rights in Digital Spheres**
 Katharina Kaesling (University of Bonn | Germany)

16.15 → 16.30

Break

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<p>16.30 → 18.00</p>	<p>Track A Creating and Opposing Orders</p> <hr/> <p>Panel 2 Regulation of Digital Technologies</p> <hr/> <p>Chairs: Jeanette Hofmann, Lena Ulbricht</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \ Media Literacy and the Protection of Minors in the Digital Age: Intermediary initiatives during the Transposition of the AVMS Directive in Spain Adriana Mutu (Universitat Abat Oliba CEU Spain) \ Understanding the Value of Public Opinion in Cyber Crisis Decision-Making-Processes Tobias Burgers and David J. Farber (Keio University Japan) \ Moderating the Regulators/Regulating the Moderators: NetzDG and Online Content Moderation in Germany Laura Fichtner (Universität Hamburg Germany) 	<p>Track B Dynamics and Processes</p> <hr/> <p>Panel 2 Political Information in Election Campaigns</p> <hr/> <p>Chair: Annett Heft</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \ Detecting Emotions in Politicians' Social Media Images: Facebook and Instagram in the 2020 US Primaries Michael Bossetta (Lund University Sweden) and Rasmus Schmökel (University of Copenhagen Denmark) \ Between Anarchy and Order – Digital Heuristics and Political Campaigning in Hybrid Media Environments Andreas Schäfer and Beth Gardner (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Germany) \ Engaging Users through Information or Critique? “Likes” and “Shares” for Parties on Facebook during the 2019 European Election Campaign Peter Maurer (Trier University Germany), Melanie Magin (NTNU Trondheim Norway), Márton Bene (Hungary & Eötvös Loránd University Hungary), Simon Kruschinski (Universität Mainz Germany), Jörg Haßler, Katharina Schlosser, Anna-Katharina Wurst (Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München Germany) 	<p>Track C Voices and Agency</p> <hr/> <p>Panel 2 The Role of Intermediaries in Democracy</p> <hr/> <p>Chair: Pablo Porten-Chee</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \ The Power of Platforms: Seeing Politics through Social Media Kjerstin Thorson (Michigan State University United States) \ The New Face(s) of News: Quasi-journalistic Intermediaries in the YouTube Universe Martin R. Herbers (Zeppelin Universität Germany), Dennis Lichtenstein (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften Austria) and Halina Bause (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf Germany) \ Intermediaries vs. States or Intermediaries and States: Democracy in the Post-Intermediation Age Martin Fertmann and Matthias C. Kettmann (Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institut Germany)
<p>18.00 → 18.10</p>	<p>Break</p>		
<p>18.10 → 19.00</p>	<p>Keynote Worse Than You Think: Misinformation on Facebook Matthew Hindman (George Washington University United States)</p>		
<p>19.00 → 19.10</p>	<p>Break</p>		
<p>19.10 → 21.00</p>	<p>Panel Discussion Zwischen Elfenbeinturm und Talkshow: Wie definiert sich akademische Relevanz? Heinz Bude (Universität Kassel), Viola Priesemann (Max-Planck-Institut für Dynamik und Selbstorganisation), Judith Simon (Universität Hamburg) and Uwe Hasebrink (Hans-Bredow-Institut), Moderation: Jeanette Hofmann</p>		

Friday, 18 June 2021

10.00 → 10.10

Opening and Introduction

10.10 → 11.00

Keynote

The Boomerang Effect: The Paradoxical Effect of Digital Technologies on Democracy
Daniel Ziblatt (Berlin Social Science Center and Harvard University | United States)

11.00 → 11.30

Break

11.30 → 13.00

**Track A
Creating and Opposing Orders**

Panel 3
De-Institutionalization of the Public Sphere

Chairs:
Jeanette Hofmann,
Lena Ulbricht

- \ **What is a Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere? Some Skeptical Remarks on the Discourse of Digitality**
Johannes Peisker (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg | Germany)
- \ **Collective Civic Engagement and Civic Counter Publics – Theoretical Reflections upon a new Phenomenon**
Dennis Frieß (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf | Germany)
- \ **The Emergence and Persistence of Online Civic Intervention as a Discourse Norm: A Network Simulation Model**
Daniel Maier (German Cancer Consortium (DKTK), Frankfurt (Main) | Germany), Pablo Porten-Cheé (Heidelberg University | Germany) and Marlene Kunst (Freie Universität Berlin | Germany)

**Track B
Dynamics and Processes**

Panel 3
Fragmentation in Digital Public Spheres

Chair:
Annett Heft

- \ **Ideological Infrastructures of Meaning, Disinformation, and Online Civic Culture**
Andrew Chadwick (Loughborough University | United Kingdom)
- \ **The Many Faces of Disintegration: A Simulation Study of Intermediaries' Effects on the Structure of Society**
Pascal Jürgens and Birgit Stark (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz | Germany)
- \ **Following the Beaten Track – a Sociology of Knowledge Perspective on Disinformation and its Effects on Democratic Discourse**
Rolf Nijmeijer (LU-ISS Guido Carli | Italy), Wolf Schünemann (Hildesheim University | Germany) and Tim König (Hildesheim University | Germany)
- \ **Drifting away from the Mainstream: Tracking Populists' Alternative Media Visits**
Ralph Schroeder and Pu Yan (Oxford Internet Institute | United Kingdom)

**Track C
Voices and Agency**

Panel 3
Technologies: Novel Linkages and Networks

Chair:
Thorsten Thiel

- \ **Digital Activists - The Networking Society as a Democratic Reality**
Isabelle Borucki and Stine Ziegler (University of Duisburg-Essen | Germany)
- \ **“Can we Please Stop Yelling at Each Other just because it’s the Internet?” Comparing Incivility Perceptions of Community Managers, Users, and Activists in Online Comment Sections**
Marike Bormann, Dominique Heinbach and Marc Ziegele (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf | Germany)
- \ **Bridging the Gap between Citizen Participation and Administrative Action. Does Digitalization Improve the Exchange between Political Actors, Administration and Citizens?**
Jörg Radtke and Sheree May Saßmannshausen (Universität Siegen | Germany)

**Track C
Voices and Agency**

Panel 4
Digital Activism

Chair:
Barbara Pfetsch

- \ **Digital Activism on the Right - The Rise of Illiberal Public Spheres in Germany and the US**
Lance Bennett (University of Washington Seattle | United States)
- \ **Incivility and Political Dissent: Multiple Roles of Aggressive Content in Political Discourse on the Russian YouTube**
Svetlana Bodrunova and Ivan Blekanov (St. Petersburg University | Russia) and Anna Litvinenko (Freie Universität Berlin | Germany)
- \ **Digital Public Activism and the Redefinition of Citizenship: The Movement Against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of India**
Sangeeta Mahapatra (German Institute for Global and Area Studies | Germany), Kiran Gari-mella (Massachusetts Institute of Technology | United States)

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Wrap-up and Closing

Barbara Pfetsch and Jeanette Hofmann