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– Program and Timetable –

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Sep 29 (all day at Wolfgang-Paul-Hall)	
12:00	Reception
12:30	Conference Opening and Project Digital Society Farewell, *Caja Thimm (Spokeswoman Digital Society), Andreas Zimmer (Vice Rector, University of Bonn), Mario Anastasiadis (Scientific Coordinator), Marc Ziegele (Spokesman Research Groups), Laura Solzbacher (Spokeswoman Graduate School)*
13:45	**Keynote I and Discussion: Governing public values in European Platform Societies, *José van Dijck*** Chair: *Caja Thimm*
15:00	Lunch Break
16:00	Panel 1: Digital Governance and Democratic Institutions 1. Digital Democracy and the Limits of the Law: How the German Constitutional Court Considers Gender-Specific Incivility In the Digital Public Sphere, *Sheila B. Lalwani* 2. Creating Digital Electoral Publics as a Means of Voting Reform? The Case of California, *Christoph Bieber* 3. Quo Vadis Digital Greek Parliament in the Quest of Communication between Citizens and MPs?, *Georgios Lappas, Amalia Triantafillidou* Chair: *Isabelle Borucki*
17:30	Coffee Break
17:45	Panel 2: Social Media Between Conspiracy Theories and Extremism: Attacks on Democracy in the Digital Society 1. The Alternative Media Repertoire: An Analysis of Shared Alternative and Mainstream Media Content in Counterpublic Telegram Channels, *Svenja Boberg, Johanna Klapproth, Saïd Unger, Thorsten Quandt* 2. Linking News Use on Social Media to Conspiracy Beliefs: A Cross-Platform Linkage Study of German Media Users, *Tim Schatto-Eckrodt, Lena Clever, Lena Frischlich* 3. "We have it in our hands!!!!" Collective action mobilization in conspiracy-theory endorsing Facebook groups, *Lena Frischlich* 4. The battle for the hearts and minds: A Multi-modal Automated Content Analysis of Islamic Extremists' Instagram Propaganda, *Lena Clever, Nico Clever, Lena Frischlich* Chair: *Lena Frischlich*
19:45	End of Day 1
20:00	Dinner

Sep 30

Time	Session
09:30	**Keynote II and Discussion: Digital Democracy in Ukraine: Resilience, and Resistance,** *Dmytro Khutkyy* (Wolfgang-Paul-Hall) Chair: *Felix Riefer*
10:30	Panel 3 and Discussion: Digital Democracy in Times of War (Wolfgang-Paul-Hall) 1. Modification of using instruments of digital democracy in Ukraine during the war, *Tetiana Gorokhova* 2. Access to official information in times of war: how digital solutions protect the democratic values, *Tetyana Oleksiyuk* 3. **Discussion with Tetiana Gorokhova, Tetyana Oleksiyuk and Dmytro Khutkyy** Chair: *Felix Riefer*
12:00	Coffee Break

Time	Panel 4	Panel 5
12:15	Panel 4: Digital Democracy and the Formation of Political Opinion (Schumpeter-Room) 1. Digital media over State-sponsored propaganda in capturing perceptions of the War on Ukraine among Russians, *Ekaterina Romanova* 2. The Influence of Search Engines on Political Opinion Formation, *Fabian Haak, Franziska Pradel* 3. Digital Reactance Freedom and Control Narratives as Political Motivators on Telegram, *Katharina V. Hajek* 4. Smartphones based interventions: targeting political identity formation processes, *Rayner García Hernández* 5. Understanding the Impact of Disinformation online, *André Calero Valdez, Luisa Vervier, Martina Ziefle, Poornima Belavadi, Laura Burbach, Patrick Halbach* Chair: *German Neubaum*	Panel 5: Media Ethics, AI and Autonomous Decision Making (Curtius-Room) 1. AI meets Public Discourse: Ethical Considerations on the Interference of AI in Online Discussions, *Dennis Friess, Jonas Aaron Carstens* 2. Exploring opportunities and risks in decision support technologies for social workers, *Diana Schneider, Angelika Maier, Philipp Cimiano, Udo Seelmeyer* 3. Learnings from Studying Data Ethics Guidelines and Recommendations for Data Journalism, *Aline Franzke, Laura Solzbacher* 4. AI as a Tool of Propaganda: Ethical and Political Considerations in the Case of FEDOR the Robot, *Andrei Korbut* Chair: *Yannik Peters*
14:15	Lunch Break	

Time	Panel 6	Panel 7
15:15	Panel 6: The Digital Public Sphere I - Conceptualization and Theorization (Schumpeter-Room) 1. Reconstructing the Digital Public Sphere, *Manuel Biertz* 2. Post-Publics: De-/Re-Constructing the Public Sphere, *Martin Herbers* 3. Structuring the Structural Change - Reconceptualizing the Digital Transformation of the Public Sphere Using a Multi-Level-Approach, *Yannik Peters* 4. A new in-between à-venir? Thinking Privacy and Emancipation with Arendt, *Zanan Akin* Chair: *Caja Thimm*	Panel 7: CAIS fellow's panel 1 of 2: Researching Global Digital Cultures (Curtius-Room) 1. Responding against political intolerance: Migrant reactions to the far-right threat, *Javier Toscano* 2. Protest Mobilization on WhatsApp: Explaining Participants' Approaches Before and During COVID-19 in Brazil, *Sérgio Barbosa* 3. Pandemic Dashboards: How Cities Craft Knowledge of Covid-19, *Burcu Baykurt* Chair: *Sergio Barbosa, Co-chair: Javier Toscano*
17:15	Coffee Break	

Time	Panel 8	Panel 9
17:30	Panel 8: The Digital Public Sphere II: Conditions and Dynamics (Schumpeter-Room) 1. "Digital Transformation of the Public Sphere: Platform Publics(s) and Disinformation in the Pandemic", *Caja Thimm* 2. A model of political homogeneity in online networks: Integrating original and new hypotheses, *German Neubaum, Manuel Cargnino, Daniel Röchert, Luna Frauhammer* 3. Digital public sphere in the Arab world, *Sarah Kandil* Chair: *Nicole Krämer*	Panel 9: CAIS fellow's panel 2 of 2: Researching Global Digital Cultures (Curtius-Room) 1. Embodying the Local: Assam's Growing YouTubers and Shifting Media Infrastructures, *Sagorika Singha* 2. FinTech and Neocolonialism in Africa, *Scott Timcke* 3. The Political Economy of Google's Global Data Centers, *Janna Huang* Chair: *Scott Timcke*
19:00	End of Day 2	
19:30	Dinner	

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10:00	**Panel 10: The Digital Public Sphere III: Strengthening Public Discourse (Schumpeter-Room)** 1. Truth and the spirit of inquiry - finding common ground in the online public sphere, *Michael Davis* 2. Effects of empowerment moderation in online discussions: A field experiment with four news outlets, *Dominique Heinbach, Marc Ziegele, Anke Stoll* 3. Agenda Cutting versus News Diversity. How Topics Disappear from the Media Agenda and how this Affect the Digital Democracy, *Jörg-Uwe Nieland, Hektor Haarkötter, Filiz Kalmuk* Chair: *Jan-Philipp Kluck*	**Panel 11: Digital Democracy and Youth (Curtius-Room)** 1. Can you tell your societal from your individual concerns? Appraisal of data collection harms to individuals and democracy among young Europeans, *Emilija Gagrčin, Nadja Schaetz, Roland Toth, Martin Emmer* 2. The understanding of social media business and operational logics among young people, *Sirkku Kotilainen, Guna Spurava* 3. Vlogs as a voice in public debate – youth audience's civic competences, *Agnieszka Kampka* Chair: *Nils Frederik Tolksdorf*
11:30	Coffee Break	
11:45	**Panel 12: Big Data & AI as Structural Challenges to Democracy (Schumpeter-Room)** 1. Democratizing Algorithms? An Assessment of a Potentially Dangerous Endeavor, *Hermann Diebel-Fischer* 2. Digital Transformations of Democracy: Requirements for Successful Problem Solving, *Jan-Philipp Kruse* 3. Algorithmic Decision Making and What it Means for Democracy, *Philipp Buchallik* 4. Adaption to algorithmic curation—a threat for the democratic value of journalism? A Systematic Literature Review on Journalistic Content Produced for Social Media Platforms, *Luise Anter* 5. Endangering Democratic Debate? A Fundamental Rights Analysis of Automated Content Moderation in Social Media, *Lisa Wiese, Johannes Weil* Chair: *Stephanie Schiedermair*	**Panel 13: Digital Democracy and Participation in the Platform Economy (Curtius-Room)** 1. Typologies of Political Online Participation – Illustrative Snapshots or Substantial Research Strategy?, *Martin Emmer, Christian Strippel, Pablo Porten-Cheé, Roland Toth* 2. Re-conceptualising the design of digital democracy, *Gianluca Sgueo, Gianluca Misuraca* 3. "Economic Dimensions of Democratisation in the Platform Economy", *Katjo Buissink* 4. Digital Participatory Urban Development: The Architecture of Digital Tools and Idealizations of City-Making, *Simone Tappert, Aline Suter* Chair: *Fabian Haak*
13:45	Lunch Break	
14:45	**Panel 14: Social Media as Digital Arenas and Home for "Alternative Facts" (Schumpeter-Room)** 1. Emergence and negotiation of the incivil concept CoStaPo in a reactive telegram group, *Maximilian Krug* 2. Incivility in Online Public Discussions, *Marike Bormann, Jan Philipp Kluck, Gerhard Vowe, Nicole Krämer* 3. Risk communication as a risk to democracy. The case of radon gas, *Berta García Orosa, José Luis Capón García, Tania Forja* 4. Hostile Social Media Effect of Cancel Culture on Partisan Support for Anti-LGBTQ Censorship Legislation in the United States, *Joon Soo Lim* Chair: *Mario Anastasiadis*	**Panel 15: Security and Privacy in the Digital Age (Curtius-Room)** 1. Same Same, but Different: Lack of Standardization in Measurement of Cybersecurity Self-Efficacy, *Nele Borgert* 2. The Measurement of Self-Efficacy in Information Security Research: A Mixed Methods Evaluation of Popular Scales, *Luisa Jansen* 3. Predictors of Cognitive Performance in Software Reverse Engineering and Code Obfuscation, *Salsabil Hamadache* 4. Computational Thinking as a Theoretical Framework for Examining the Problem-Solving Skills of IT Security Professionals, *Martin Bordewieck* Chair: *Malte Elson*
16:45	Summary and future perspectives (Schumpeter-Room)	
17:00	End of Conference	

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