

# **Transformations in the digital age #1: TRANSFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC SPHERE**

**25/26 April 2019**

## **Workshop program**

**Wednesday, 24 April 2019**

**19:30h | Pre-Conference Dinner**  
Restaurant “OS”, Old Town Hildesheim

**Thursday, 25 April 2019**

**9:00h - 9:15h | Welcome**  
Conveners

**9:15h - 11:00h | Panel 1: Online Communication**

Grant Blank; Elizabeth Dubois

**Do Echo Chambers exist? A seven-nation comparison**

Pere Masip; Carlos Ruiz; Jaume Suau; Pablo Capilla; David Puertas

**Incidental exposure to non like-minded news through social media: Opposing voices in echo-chambers news feed**

Ewa Nowak-Teter

**Reverse agenda-setting. Does the ‘search’ (public) agenda influences online media content?**

Héctor Fouce

**Interaction between media logics and public demands in the new public sphere: participation, diversity and media trust**

**11:00h - 11:15h | Coffee Break**

**11:15h - 13:00h | Panel 2: Deliberation and quality of democracy**

Giovanni Boccia Artieri; Sara Bentivegna

**Habermas' Hijacking: the “unity in difference” of the public sphere**

Jan-Erik Kermer; Rolf Nijmeijer

**To What Extent is Social Media Compatible with the Habermasian Concept of Public Sphere**

Oscar G. Luengo; Javier García-Marín

**"Measuring Online Political Dialogue: does polarization trigger more deliberation?"**

Federica Fusco

**The quality of online participation in Italy: a problem of inclusion**

**13:00h – 14:30h | Lunch**

**14:30h – 16:15h | Panel 3: Counter-publics and populism**

Lance Bennett, Matthias Hoffmann, Ulrike Klinger, Curd Knüpfer, Franziska Martini, Paul Samula, Vadim Voskresenskii

**Disinformation in dissonant public spheres:**

**The case of the campaign against the UN Global Compact for Migration**

S. Berg; V. Clute-Simon; T. König; A. Koster

**#metwo and the voices of the sans-part? The ambivalent potential of digital counter-publics and radical democratic interpretations**

Carlotta Caciagli

**Politicizing “from below”. The challenges of urban movements in digital age**

Marianne Kneuer; Mario Datts

**Countering the counter public sphere? Online populist activism as a challenge to existing concepts on the public sphere**

**17:15h – 19:15h | Guided City Tour**

Meeting at TBA

**19:30h | Dinner**

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## **Friday, 26 April 2019**

**9:00 - 10:45h | Panel 4: Online Discourse and Participation**

Andressa Liegi Vieira Costa

**How did we get here? Political culture and behavior on 2018's election in Brazil**

Pedro Pereira Neto; Mariana Serra Santos

**Reconsidering Facebook's role on contemporary Portuguese anti austerity social movements**

Donatella Selva

**The emotional public sphere and organised solidarity for refugees: the Italian case**

Alessandra Micalizzi; Manuela Farinosi

**#FertilityDay: the role of Twitter as Counter-Public Sphere**

**10:45h – 11:15h | Coffee Break**

**11:15h – 13:00h | Panel 5: Structural challenges**

Kumar, Manohar

**Transforming the public sphere: Whistleblowing and the new accountability**

Zunino, Mattia

**Realignment of parliamentary sphere. The case of Italian Constitutional reform proposal**

Ruiz-Soler, Javier

**European Twitter networks: where are they? A transnational European Public Sphere**

Schünemann, Wolf J.

**Still not ready for the world? Measuring the (trans-)national quality of political issue publics**

**13:00h – 13:30h | Wrap-up and future activities**

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**13:30h – 14:30h | Lunch**

**14:30h | End of workshop**

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Domäne Marienburg  
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