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DigiMeet 2023

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Call for Participation

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The Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation (bidt), the Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS) and the Weizenbaum Institute (WI), in cooperation with the Leibniz Institute for Media Research – Hans Bredow Institute, invite doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to present their work at the joint Digitalisation Research and Network Meeting – DigiMeet.

DigiMeet will take place virtually on **28 November 2023, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm CET**. Its **special topic** for 2023 is **“Diversity in digital transformation.”**

The main purpose of this interdisciplinary event is to provide a forum for early career researchers with a focus on digitalisation-related topics. DigiMeet offers opportunities for networking, discussing results and ideas, and gathering inspiration for new and ideally collaborative research projects.

Concept

Each year, our networking event addresses a topic that can be understood as a key concept in the ethical and human-centred design of digital transformation. While sustainability and data literacy were the focus topics in 2021 and 2022, questions of diversity will be highlighted in 2023. DigiMeet will give insight into the work of people who are actively working on diversity problems and possible solutions in the digital sphere, and show why it is important to take these issues into account for future research. Inspiring keynotes, presentations and workshops will deal with recent developments in this important area of digitalisation research.

Programme

The meeting will start with a morning keynote by Josephine Ballon. Josephine is Head of Legal at HateAid, a non-profit organisation that promotes human rights in digital space and stands up against digital violence and its consequences at both social and political levels. Josephine will talk about “HateAid – Legitimately against hate on the internet. About an NGO’s fight for human rights in the digital space”.

Afterwards, participants can present their research in parallel thematic sessions, which will be set up according to the submitted projects. There will be one special session related to the focus topic “diversity in digital transformation”. Contributions may be on various topics such as:

- Special Session: Diversity in digital transformation (Chair: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Pfeffer, TUM/bidt)
- Digital technologies, education and life-long learning (Chair: Prof. Dr. Nikol Rummel, CAIS)
- Governance of innovation in digital democracies (Chair: Prof. Dr. Matthias C. Kettemann, HBI)
- AI, work, and tools: (Chair: Prof. Dr. Martin Krzywdzinski, WI)

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Each session will be chaired by an expert from the convening institutions. After a short introduction by the chair, contributors may present their research plans or findings in a lightning talk (10-15 minutes) followed by a quick q&a (5-10 minutes). Each session will be concluded by a joint discussion.

The second part of the meeting is dedicated to workshops and an Open Space, which will be organised via [gather.town](#) (using this tool is optional, you may also choose to use a Zoom break-out room). The Open Space can be used in every imaginable way, e. g. for oral presentations, poster sessions, group discussions or any other multimedia or interactive purpose. Presentations should not exceed 15 minutes.

There will be two workshops in the afternoon:

1. **Dr. Josephine B. Schmitt** (CAIS): “Resilience for Researchers – Dealing with hate speech and right-wing agitation in the academic context”
2. **Prof. Dr. Frauke Mörike** (TU Dortmund): “Actually relevant?! ... Designing inclusive work systems”

DigiMeet closes with a virtual roundtable discussion on “Intersectional perspectives on Digitalisation and AI”, chaired by Katharina Mosene (HBI).

How to apply:

Doctoral and postdoctoral researchers can propose a contribution for the sessions and/or the Open Space. Please **submit your application** with a short abstract (max. 200 words) **until 20 September 2023** via <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=digimeet2023>. If you submit for the Open Space, please also give a short description of the intended format. Applicants will be notified concerning their submission(s) by **10 October 2023 at the latest**. Please note that all active contributors and regular participants will also need to **register** for the meeting by **31 October** (link will follow).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the organiser from your institute as indicated below or have a look at the respective websites.

Kind regards,
the Organising Team

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About the participating institutions:

bidt: The Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation (bidt), an Institute within the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, contributes to a better understanding of digital transformation's developments and challenges. Thereby, we provide the foundations which will shape society's digital future responsibly, for the common good.

CAIS: The Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS) in North Rhine-Westphalia promotes the active shaping of the social, political, economic, and cultural changes that digitalization brings about. The Center sees itself as a place for innovative interdisciplinary research and as a source of inspiration for a critical public that wants to find agreement on models for a self-determined life in the digital society.

HBI: The Leibniz Institute for Media Research – Hans Bredow Institute (HBI) examines media change and the related structural shifts in public communication. It combines basic research and research on knowledge transfer from cross-media, interdisciplinary and independent scholarly perspectives. Thus, the institute is a valued provider of problem-specific knowledge for politics, commerce and civil society.

WI: The Weizenbaum-Institute for Networked Society (WI) is the German Internet Institute, a place of excellent research on the transformation and design processes of digital change. In the spirit of Joseph Weizenbaum, we research the necessary framework conditions, means and processes for individual and social self-determination in a networked society. We understand self-determination as a design principle that is central to the preservation of human dignity and democracy.