



# Call for Papers Digital (In)Visibilities

## **Annual Conference**

Giessen Graduate Center for Social, Economic and Legal Science (GGS)

6. - 8. December 2017 Justus-Liebig-University Giessen

Digitalization is one of the driving forces in today's world and is changing our society sustainably. While economy has considered this for a long time and has intensively involved with work and industry 4.0, the rest of society is increasingly confronted with technological change. Public affairs, the health and educational system, are increasingly digitized with largely algorithmic systems. Platforms like Facebook, Google, Uber and many others have been changing our communication behavior and opportunities for participation. In the process, private data, the oil of the digital world, will be collected in the background.

We live in an increasingly networked and data based society in which new forms of working, communicating and learning arise. This raises many questions. What happens in the background with my data? How will we work in the future, how will we do research? How do we learn and develop old and new skills? How do we want to prepare our children for this future? And how do we want to participate in political processes in the future? What are the hidden challenges and opportunities? Our everyday life is becoming simpler and more transparent, but the traceability of the processes behind the display becomes visibly more invisible. With the conference, we want to give space in an interdisciplinary environment to gather experiences, raise questions, reflect and shape them.

## Themes

Digitalization, new media, information and communication technologies - whatever names we want to use for the drivers of today's society, there are always a variety of different disciplines involved. The conference aims at addressing this situation by making the interfaces between the different scientific disciplines, teachers, learners as well as political and economic institutions their central theme. The focus is on the digital transformation of our society and the related shifts of the visible to the invisible (keywords digital processes, data processing and cybercrime), the changed possibilities of (un) visualization (keywords social media, participation and network activism) The digital (un) visibility (keywords search engine rankings, fake news and data protection).

We are calling for contributions, which include the following areas

How do network platforms and social media change our communication behavior under the guise of an invisible identity?

How do algorithms in the background affect society, business and legislation?

How are digital crimes visible? What challenges does digital change have for the constitutional state?

Does digitalization offer opportunities for direct political participation?

How does the visualization of digital media change teaching and learning?

To what extent does digitalization contribute to the visual construction of social reality?

The conference opens on the first day with a joint snack reception followed by the presentation of the Children's Rights Film Festival, which combines media literacy with cultural and political education, thus illustrating the interdisciplinary framework of the conference.

The main event takes place on the 7th and 8th of December.

## **Event formats**

#### Keynote

A topic is presented in details (~ 30 min.) and offers space for a subsequent discussion (~ 15 min).

#### Vorträge

Lectures are a classic presentation format, with which one's own reflections, scientific findings or practical experiences can be presented and briefly discussed (~ 10 min.) by means of a presentation (~ 20 min.).

### Discussion Roundtable

The round table resembles the principle of a barcamp. Instead of a classical lecture, this format is intended to allow for a more informal exchange on one's own topic. Here, students and those who are interested are also explicitly addressed, who do not deal with a topic scientifically (for example as part of a doctorate), but would like to discuss their thoughts on digitization with others.

### **Networking**

In order to promote interdisciplinary exchange, we would like, at the end of the conference, together with the research center Mittelhessen, to get to know each other in an informal framework and to find further possibilities for future cooperation.

## Post formats

The following types of contributions with a focus on the above topics are accepted

Practical reports from science, business and schools

Theoretical work

**Empirical studies** 

## Submission

Please send your submissions to GGS-Jahrestagung@uni-giessen.de with the subject "CfP Digitalisierung" in Word or PDF file by September 15.

The following formats are to be submitted

Short Biography (up to 100 words)

Abstract (up to 300 words)

Please specify your research interests and / or research areas.

You will find further information and the official Homepage here: https://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/zentren/ggs/forschung/tagung2017

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