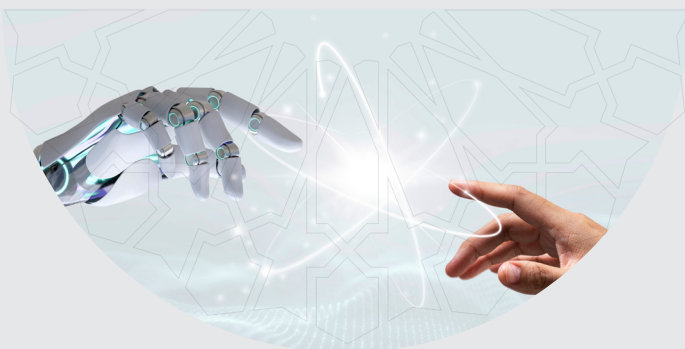


RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Digital Capital and Political Systems: **Shaping Inequalities in a Technological Age**



Thursday, Friday 17-18 April, 2025



9:00 AM



Women Library W16 - Main Room W001

Research Symposium

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Thursday 17 April	
8.30 - 9 AM	Registration
9.00 - 9.20 AM	Opening Greeting
9.20 -10 AM	Keynote: Jeremy Schulz (Berkeley University) How to Think about the Digital Elite: Setting the Agenda for Future Research
10.00 - 11.20 AM	First Session: Global Digital Capital: Inequality and Power Across Borders Massimo Ragnedda Theorizing Digital Capital Elena Vartanova and Anna Gladkova Digital and epistemic inequality: The impact on communication in the Global South Fahed Al-Sumait Persistent Socio-Digital Inequalities in Kuwait's Hyperconnected but Stratified Society Tatiana Karabchuk, Aizhan Shomotova, Maha Bashri and Branislav Radeljik Digital Capital and Political Participation of the Youth in the Middle East
11.20 - 11.40	Coffee Break

11.40 – 13.00 PM	Second Session: Technological Innovation, Digital Capital, and Inequality Across Sectors
	Fabiana Battisti Third Sector and AI: The challenge for participation and social agency in Italy Adewale Matthew Adekanmbi Technological Innovations, Digital Capital, and the Decentralization of Political Authority: Prospects and Obstacles Carolina Escudero Journalists’ Feelings About AI Training in Newsrooms: Oppression vs. Emancipation Muhammad Awais, Massimo Ragnedda and Maria Laura Rui Framing AI in the Media: Unpacking the Political Implications and Power Dynamics
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00–15.20 PM	Third Session The Digital Divide in the Global South: Power, Politics, and Structural Inequalities
	Ghada Zakaria Beyond Access: Exploring the Third and Fourth Levels of the Digital Divide in the Global South Abeer AlNajjar Cloaking the Genocide in Palestine: Algorithmic Bias and Digital Power in the Erasure of Palestinian Narratives (2023–2025) Bouziane Zaid Data Sovereignty and Algorithmic Accountability for Digital Futures in the Global South Noel Packard The Digital Divide Begins in the Cold War Military Networks, rather than the Global Digital or AI Age.
15.20 -15.40	Break

15.40 – 17.00 AM

Fourth Session:
Digital Capital in Education: Challenges and Opportunities Across Contexts

Mayukh Devadas

Caste and Digital: Reconceptualising Digital Capital in Indian Educational Context.

Hamad Dheyab

Rise of LLMs and its effects on Digital Literacy

Amal Al-Ghazawy, Donia Tarek and Yassmeen El Mahdy Hanafy

Evaluating the AI use in Media Education: A Meta-Analysis of AI studies and Educators Insights

Abhishek Kumar

Digital Aspirations and Digital Divide: The Role of Habitus in the Digital Inclusion of Students in India

Thursday 17 April: 19.00 – 23.00 Social Dinner

Friday 18th of April

9.00 – 10.20 AM	Fifth Session Resistance, Humor, and Social Justice in the Digital Age
	<p>Zoe Hurley Laughable resistance: The role of humour in Middle Eastern women influencers’ social/digital capital</p> <p>Emenyeonu, C. Ogadimma Beyond Access: Emerging Digital Divides and Their Implications for Social Justice in the Global South—A Case Study of Nigeria</p> <p>Jaana Serres Refocusing the Analytical Lens: Examining Technology, Power, and Resistance with Nigerian Youth</p> <p>Svetlana Bodrunova Yet another paradox of plenty? Low consumption and de-classing of hard news in high-choice media environments as a new digitally-enabled inequality</p>
10.20 – 10.30	Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.10 AM	<p>Keynote: Maria Laura Ruii Framing Digital and Environmental Challenges as Inter-connected inequalities</p>
11.10AM – 12.10 PM	<p>Sixth Session Digital Capital and Environmental Awareness: Shaping Sustainable Futures</p> <p>Glenn Muschert and Aizhan Shomotova Exploring the Determinants of Digital Capital: Access and Competence in the United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Jason Gainous Understanding Digital Capital, Environmental Awareness, and Pro- Environmental Behavior in the Age of Technology</p> <p>Max Posner The nexus of digital environmental habitus: examining the intersection of digital and environmental capital in higher education</p>
12.10 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.20 PM	<p>Seventh Session Digital Media, AI, and Citizen Engagement: Navigating the Future of Civic Participation</p> <p>Xuanxuan Tan and Weihang Wang A Chinese Red AI? Navigating Grassroots Nationalism, Media Affordances and AI Regulations through AI-Generated Videos on Douyin</p> <p>Murat Senturk Overcoming Digital Inequalities in Citizen Engagement: Strengthening Volunteering Policies in Local Governments</p> <p>Wissam Mouawad The Ever-Collapsing Digital Capital of Lebanon: The Case of M.Media.</p> <p>Moktar Elareshi Digital Inclusion or Exclusion in Libya: What's missing!</p>
15.20 – 15.40	Break

15.40 – 17.00pm	<p>Eight Session Digital Capital, Governance, and Political Participation in the Global South</p> <p>Kamilla Nigmatullina, Svetlana S. Bodrunova, Renat Kasymov, Elizaveta Titovna The introduction of AI to Russian newsrooms and the new digital divide in the organizational culture of journalists</p> <p>Shauhin Talesh The Endogenous Construction of Law: How Cyber Insurance Companies Construct the Meaning of Privacy Law and Cybersecurity Compliance</p> <p>Juan S. Gómez Cruces, Estariol de la Paz and Ewan Thomas-Colquhoun – The Consequences of the Digital Governance of Online Public Spaces by Populist Leaders</p> <p>Alya Anter and Narmeen Ibrahim Arab journalists and algorithmic governance: Awareness, Trust, and Accountability</p>
17.00 – 17.20	Conclusion

