Program for the Digital Democracy Workshop 2024

Thursday, 24 October

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Venue	UZH Digital Society Initiative (DSI) Rämistrasse 69 8001, Zürich

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09:00-09:30	Coffee and Welcome (Fabrizio Gilardi & Karsten Donnay)

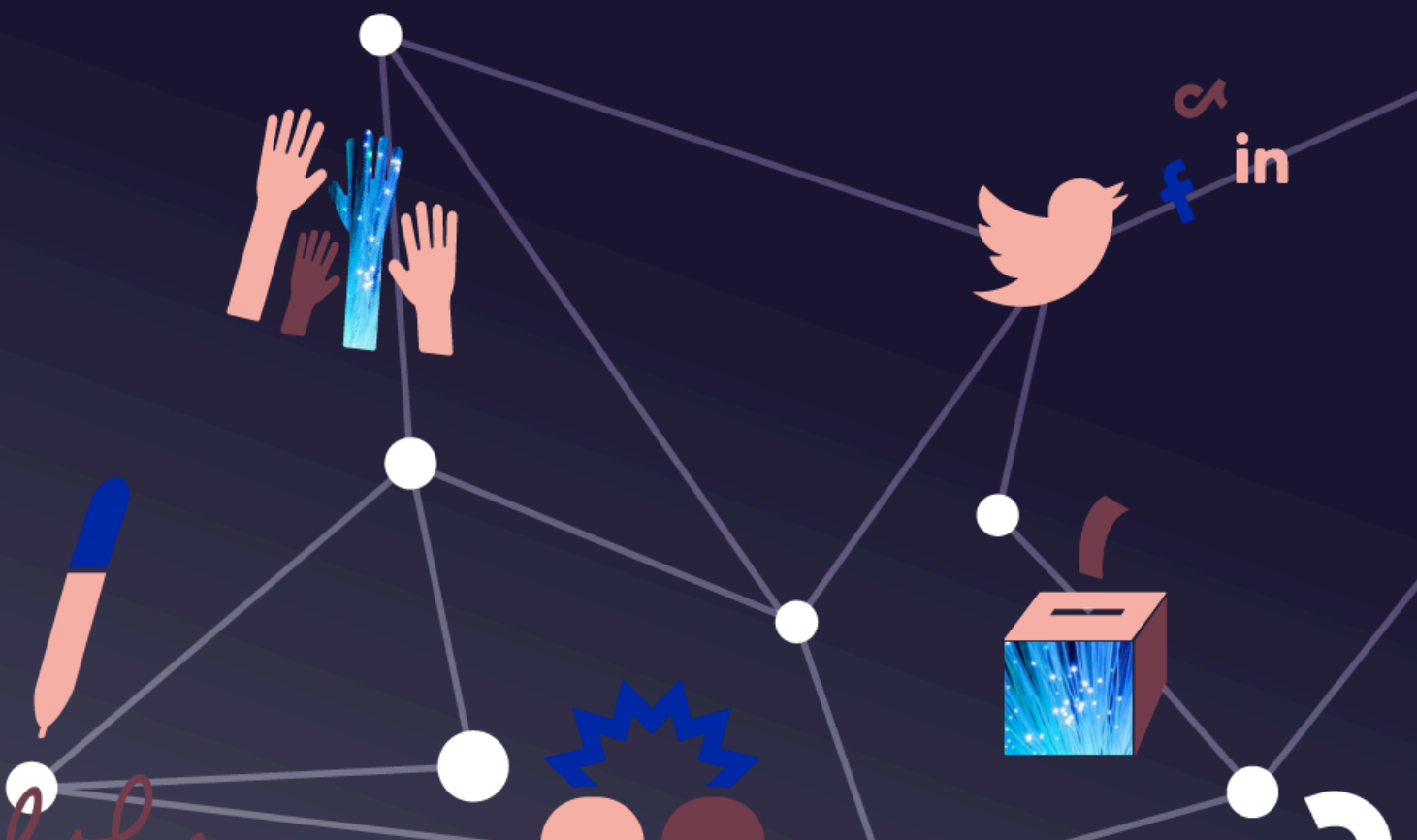09:30-11:00   Political Communication (Chair: Karsten Donnay)

1. "Who is Listening to Political Influencers? Characterizing How Influencers Curate Political Exposure on Social Media" by Jennifer Oser (Ben-Gurion University), John Wagner (University of New Mexico) and Nir Grinberg (Ben-Gurion University)

2. "Gen Z-style Politics: Influencers and Political Activism in the Era of Social Media" by Beatrice Bonini (Columbia University)

3. "Is News on Social Media Bad for you? An Instagram and WhatsApp Field Experiment in France and Germany" by Emma Hoes (University of Zurich), Magdalena Wojcieszak (UC Davis) and Sacha Altay (University of Zurich)

4. "The Thin Ideology of Populist Advertising on Facebook during the 2019 EU Elections" by André Panisson (ISI Foundation Turin), Arthur Thomas Edward Capozzi Lupi (ETH Zurich), Corrado Monti (CENTAI Turin), Gianmarco De Francisci Morales (IMT Lucca) and Yelena Mejova (ISI Foundation Turin)

5. "Personalism in Pictures? How Leaders Present Themselves on Social Media Images" by Eda Keremoglu (University of Konstanz), Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz) and Stefan Scholz (University of Konstanz)

11:00-11:30	Coffee break

11:30-13:00	Theory (Chair: Karsten Donnay)

1. "'Smart Tech' and democratic implications: Insights from Smart Cities, Smart Policing, and Smart Borders" by Jasmin Dall'Agnola (ETH Zurich), Sophie Bettex (ETH Zurich) and Vasilis Argyriou (ETH Zurich)

2. "Diversity for Online Deliberation" by Nicolien Janssens (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

3. "Transforming Technological Citizenship Through Design, Collaboration, and Co-Creation" by Sachit Mahajan (ETH Zurich)

4. "The Harm of Disinformation between Manipulation to Complex Sociotechnical Assemblages" by Fabio Cristiano (Utrecht University) and Linda Monsees (Institute of International Relations Prague)

13:00-14:00	Lunch Break

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14:00-15:30	Artificial intelligence (Chair: Emma Hoes)

1. "Public Opinion about the Regulation of AI" by <u>Aina Gallego (University of Barcelona)</u>, Alexander Kuo (University of Oxford) and Shir Raviv (Columbia University)

2. "Triage Against the Machine: Can AI Reason Deliberatively?" by <u>Francesco Veri (Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau)</u> and Simon Niemeyer (University of Canberra)

3. "Chatbots at the Ballot Box: How do AI Chatbots Influence Political Attitudes and Behaviour?" by Alex Hartland (University of Saarland), Daniela Braun (University of Saarland), Giuseppe Carteny (University of Saarland), Ingmar Weber (University of Saarland), Jianlong Zhu (University of Saarland) and <u>Rosa Navarrete (University of Saarland)</u>

4. "Framing Artificial Intelligence: A Comparative Analysis of Political Party Discourses in the European Parliament" by <u>Maël Kubi (University of Zurich)</u>

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00-17:30	Keynote: Magdalena Wojcieszak (UC Davis) "Interest-based and Ideological Biases in Online Content Consumption: Problems and Solutions"

17:30-19:30	Reception (drinks & food)

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09:00-10:30   Content Moderation (Chair: Fabrizio Gilardi)

1. "Transparency in Content Moderation Is More Than the Provision of Information" by Friederike Quint (Technical University of Munich), Margaret Roberts (University of California San Diego), Mia Nahrgang (University of Konstanz), Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz) and Yannis Theocharis (Technical University of Munich)

2. "Gendered Costs to Political Promotion? Causal Evidence on Online incivility Against Politicians" by Francisco Tomás-Valiente Jordá (ETH Zurich)

3. "Does the Community Understand the Community Guidelines?" by Friederike Quint (Technical University of Munich), Margaret Roberts (University of California, San Diego), Mia Nahrgang (University of Konstanz), Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz) and Yannis Theocharis (Technical Universityy of Munich)

4. "The Systemic Impact of Deplatforming on Social Media" by Amin Mekacher (City, University of London), Andrea Baronchelli (City, University of London) and Max Falkenberg (City University of London and CEU Vienna)

5. "Improving the Diversity of Online Discussions using LLMs" by Cristina Sarasua (University of Zurich), Fabrizio Gilardi (University of Zurich) and Valeria Vuk (University of Zurich)

10:30 – 11:00   Coffee Break

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11:00-12:30 Participation (Chair: Philipp Trein)

1. "Reducing Affective Polarization with VAAs: A Pan-European Experiment" by Alexander Trechsel (University yof Lucerne), <u>Àlvaro Canalejo-Molero (University of Lucerne)</u> and Mathilde van Ditmars (University of Lucerne)

2. "Toxicity and Digital Incivility during Political Deliberation: The Case of the Constitutional Convention in Chile" by <u>Bastián González-Bustamante (Leiden University)</u> and Sebastián Rivera (Delft University of Technology)

3. "VAAs & Candidate-Level Issue Accountability" by Constantinos Djouvas (University of Technology, Cyprus), Fernando Mendez (University of Zurich), Jonathan Wheatley (Oxford Brookes University), Matthew Wall (Swansea University), <u>Micha Germann (University of Bath)</u> and Roula Nezi (University of Surrey)

4. "A 'Swiss Army Knife' for Direct Democracy: On Voting Design for Legitimate Participatory Budgeting" by Dirk Helbing (ETH Zurich), <u>Evangelos Pournaras (University of Leeds)</u>, Fatemeh Heravan (University of Huddersfield), Joshua Yang (ETH Zurich), Regula Hänggli Fricker (University of Fribourg), Srijoni Majumdar (University of Leeds) and Thomas Wellings (University of Leeds)

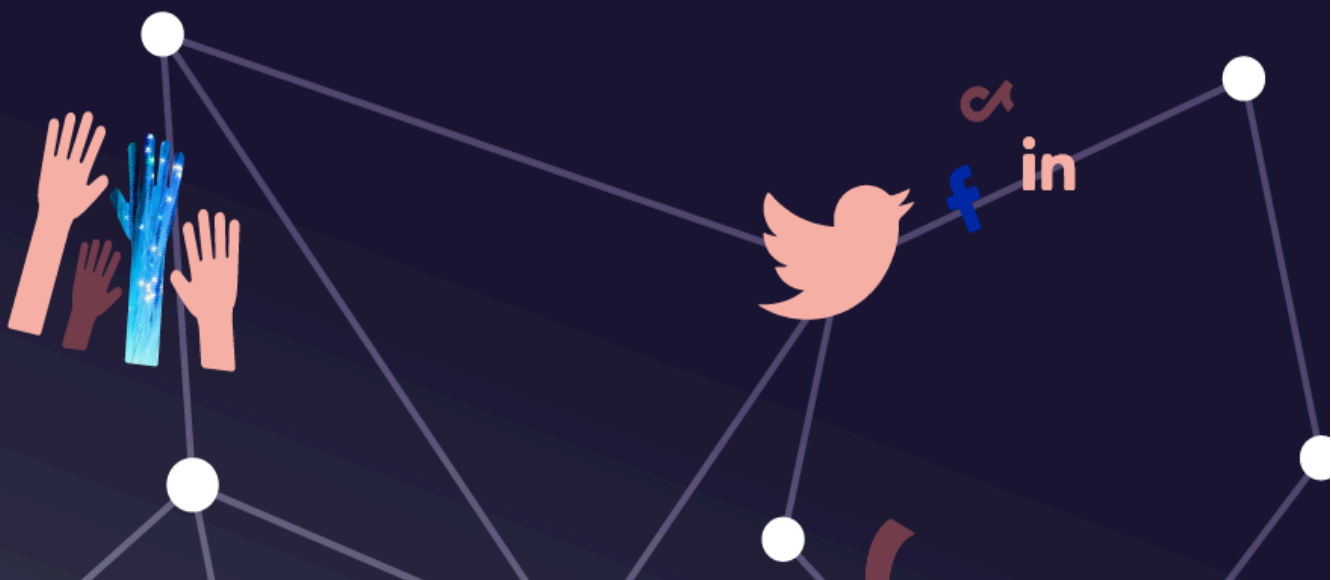**12:30 – 13:30** Lunch Break

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13:30-15:00   Public Policy & Opinion (Chair: Iuliia Spycher)

1. "Do online public consultations matter for stakeholder support for policy proposals? Evidence from the European Union" by Adriana Bunea (University of Bergen) and Idunn Norbech (University of Bergen)

2. "Sectoral or Encompassing Regulation of Artificial Intelligence? Actors' Preferences for Policy Integration in a Comparative Perspective" by Frédéric Varone (University of Geneva), Nicole Lemke (University of Lausanne) and Philipp Trein (University of Lausanne)

3. "The Regulation of AI: Comparing Approaches, Assessing Chances" by Andreas Busch (University of Göttingen)

4. "Democratic Oversight and Algorithmic Decision-making" by Amber Zenklusen (University of St.Gallen), Eri Bertsou (University of St.Gallen) and Pradeep Krishnan (University of St.Gallen)

5. "Measuring Public Opinion Using Newspaper Comments" by Dominik Hangartner (ETH Zurich), Francisco Tomás-Valiente Jordá (ETH Zurich), Laura Bronner (ETH Zurich) and Nicolai Berk (ETH Zurich)

15:00 – 15:30   Coffee Break

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15:30-17:00   Autocracies & Violence (Chair: Jennifer Victoria Scurrell)

1. "Circumventing Online Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes Through Satellite Broadband" by Clemence Poirier (ETH Zurich)

2. "Propaganda Bias and AI" by Brandon Stewart (Princeton University), Eddie Yang (Purdue University), Hannah Waight (New York University), Joshua Tucker (New York University), Margaret Roberts (University of California, San Diego), Solomon Messing (New York University) and Yin Yuan (Saint Mary's College of California)

3. "Jumping the Great Firewall: Understanding Digital Civil Disobedience to Internet Censorship in China" by Kai Zhu (Bocconi University)

4. "Dawn of a New Era: Artificial Intelligence and the Onset of War" by Valerie Sticher (University of Zurich)

5. "Does Electoral Violence Mobilize Political Support? Evidence from the Capitol Insurrection in the U.S." by Juan Morales (Wilfrid Laurier University) and Krzysztof Krakowski (King's College London)

17:00 – 18:30   Goodbye Drinks