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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), three leading German institutions in the field of digitalisation research, invite doctoral researchers to present their work at the newly established joint Digitalisation Research and Network Meeting – DigiMeet.

DigiMeet will take place virtually on **10 June 2021, 9am – 6pm CEST**. Its **special topic** for 2021 is **“sustainability in digital transformation: charting new terrain, exploring tensions.”**

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.

Programme:

The event will start with a **keynote** by [Ortwin Renn](#). His talk will focus on **“digitalisation and sustainability: friends or foes?”** Renn serves as Scientific Director at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam and is professor for technology assessment and environmental sociology at the University of Potsdam. Together with Dr. Marion Dreyer and Agnes Lampke, he also directs the non-profit company DIALOGIK, a research institute for the investigation of communication and participation processes.

The first part of the meeting throughout the morning is then divided into five thematic sessions:

- o **Special Session on “Sustainability”** (chaired by: Verena Tiefenbeck, Mark Andor)
- o **Session A: Digitalised economies in national and European competition** (chaired by: Daniel Schnurr, Norbert Gronau)
- o **Session B: Artificial Intelligence, innovations and tools** (chaired by: Ute Schmid, Alexander Pretschner)
- o **Session C: Impact of digitalisation on life at work & at home** (chaired by: Fabian Hoose, Martin Krzywdzinski)
- o **Session D: Ethics, trust, law and democracy in the digital transformation** (chaired by: Hannah Ruschemeier, Jeanette Hofmann)

Each session will be chaired by experts from the convening institutions. After a short introductory input by each chair (up to 5 min) contributors will get an opportunity to present their findings in a lightning talk (5 min) followed

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by a quick q&a (5 min). Each session will be concluded by a joint discussion amongst participants and the audience (10-15 min). After these sessions more time will be provided for informal dialogue. A lunch break (approx. 12:45-14:00) will conclude the first part of DigiMeet 2021.

The second part of the meeting (i.e. the afternoon) is dedicated to **Open Spaces**, which will be organised via [gather.town](#) (using this tool is optional, you may also choose to use a Zoom break-out room). Open Spaces can be used in every imaginable way, e. g. for oral presentations, poster sessions, group discussions or any other multimedia or interactive purpose. It is up to you which topics will be discussed and they may range from pressing research questions to other relevant topics related to the pursuit of your PhD (e.g. good scientific practice, research data management, open access publications). An Open Space may last up to 90 minutes.

The event will finish with a **keynote** by **Elisa Lindinger** on “**imagining the Internet as a park**”. Elisa’s talk proposes to rethink and reframe how digital technology is created, discussed, and owned. The keynote will present ideas for shaping equitable digital futures in the public interest, based on the work of Berlin-based non-profit [SUPERRR Lab](#).

How to apply:

Doctoral researchers can propose a presentation for a chosen thematic session and/or a theme for an Open Space. Contributions to sessions should be 5-10 minutes lightning talks. Contributions to an Open Space should not exceed 15 minutes. It is also possible to submit a joint application for an Open Space (2 or more presenters/organisers). For multiple proposals (e.g. for a thematic session and an Open Space) please make separate submissions.

Submissions may include, amongst others, presentations of individual/collaborative research results (particularly with a view to the thematic sessions), outlines for (joint) project proposals or networking sessions with lightning talks to prepare future collaborative work (particularly with a view to Open Spaces). Submissions may also be directed towards societal impact and/or transfer of research outcomes.

For individual submissions for an Open Space the organising team reserves the right to create joint Open Spaces for proposals on identical and/or similar topics. Please **submit your application** with a 200 word abstract and short description of the intended format (thematic session or Open Space) **at the latest until 14 May 2021** via https://survey.lamapoll.de/DigiMeet-2021_CfP/. Applicants will be notified concerning their submission(s) throughout **May 2021** by the organising team. Please note that all active contributors and regular participants will also need to **register** for the meeting by 28 May (link will follow).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the responsible 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 convening 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.

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.