International Conference

Digital Communities

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Social proximity from a spatial distance

18. – 19. July 2024

Seeburg Kiel, Germany
International Conference
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18. and 19. July 2024 in Kiel

Thursday, 18.07.2024

Introduction
09:00 Arrival

09:15-09:45 Robert Seyfert (Kiel University)
Welcome and Introduction

09:45-10:30 Dieter Haselbach (ftg Kiel)
The Concept of Community. Ferdinand Tönnies’ Approach

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Panel I: Digital Communities with Ferdinand Tönnies

11:00-11:45 Edoardo Cumitini (University Hamburg)
Digital Communities Beyond the Proximity Metaphor:
Redescribing Tönnies’ Dual Logic of the Communal and Social
in the Context of Digital Society

11:45-12:15 Jakob Wiesinger (University Bamberg)
The Hidden Side of Digital Media: Gemeinschaft as possible
approach to digital communication away from the public sphere

12:15-13:45 Lunch Break
Panel II: Digital Communities beyond Ferdinand Tönnies

13:45-14:30 Andreas Hepp (ZeMKI Bremen)

*Why communities cannot be digital – and yet digital media and their infrastructures are fundamentally changing processes of communitization*

14:30-15:15 Insa Pruisken (SOCIUM Bremen)

*What are Local Conditions for the Production of Digital Communities? Protestant American Congregations and Politicized Communities on Twitter (X)*

15:15-15:45 **Coffee Break**

Panel III: Digital Affects and Emotions

15:45-16:30 Katrin Döveling (University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt)

*Emotion Spirals in Digital Affect Cultures. Proximity at a distance. Empirical evidence and interdisciplinary challenges.*

16:30-17:15 Dietmar Jürgen Wetzel (MSH Hamburg)

*The Digital Transformation of Education-Centred Communities: Affective-Emotional Dimensions and Resonance*

17:15-17:30 **Coffee Break**

17:30-18:15 Sandra Robinson (Carleton University, Canada)

*Strange intimacies: platforms, populism, and digital communities*

19:00 **Dinner**
Friday, 19.07.02

Panel IV: From Digital Commons to Community Capitalism

09:15-10:00 Diana Betzler (University of Fribourg)

*The making of neighbourhood communities: Urban and digital spaces of common?*

10:00-10:45 Silke van Dyk (University Jena)

*Community Capitalism. On the exploitation of digital communities*

**10:45-11:15 Coffee Break**

11:15-12:00 Vivien Holdosi (Kiel University)

*A note on neo-tribes: Escaping capitalism, the institutional, the organizational and the corporate — or not really?*

12:00-12:30 Final Discussion

**12:30: Lunch / Farewell**

**Location:**

Seeburg Kiel
Düsternbrooker Weg 2
24105 Kiel

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Please register at the following e-mail address: kwanka@soziologie.uni-kiel.de