International Conference

Digital Communities

—

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**Thursday**

**Introduction**

09:00       ARRIVAL
09:15 — 09:45 Welcome and Introduction    Robert Seyfert (Kiel University)
09:45 — 10:30 The Concept of Community. Ferdinand Tönnies’ Approach    Dieter Haselbach (ftg Kiel)
10:30 — 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

**Panel I: Digital Communities with Ferdinand Tönnies**

11:00 — 11:45 Digital Communities Beyond the Proximity Metaphor: Redescribing Tönnies’ Dual Logic of the Communal and Social in the Context of Digital Society    Edoardo Cumitini (University Hamburg)
11:45 — 12:15 The Hidden Side of Digital Media: Gemeinschaft as possible approach to digital communication away from the public sphere    Jakob Wiesinger (University Bamberg)
12:15 — 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

**Panel II: Digital Communities beyond Ferdinand Tönnies**

13:45 — 14:30 Why communities cannot be digital - and yet digital media and their infrastructures are fundamentally changing processes of communitization    Andreas Hepp (ZeMKI Bremen)
14:30 — 15:15 What are Local Conditions for the Production of Digital Communities? Protestant American Congregations and Politicized Communities on Twitter (X)    Insa Pruisken (SOCIUM Bremen)
15:15 — 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

**Panel III: Digital Affects and Emotions**

16:30 — 17:15 The Digital Transformation of Education-Centred Communities: Affective-Emotional Dimensions and Resonance    Dietmar Jürgen Wetzel (MSH Hamburg)
17:15 — 17:30 COFFEE BREAK
17:30 — 18:15 Strange intimacies: platforms, populism, and digital communities    Sandra Robinson (Carleton University, Canada)
19:00       DINNER

**Friday**

**Panel IV: From Digital Commons to Community Capitalism**

09:15 — 10:00 The making of neighbourhood communities: Urban and digital spaces of common?    Diana Betzler (University of Fribourg)
10:00 — 10:45 Community Capitalism. On the exploitation of digitalcommunities    Sille van Dyk (University Jena)
10:45 — 11:15 COFFEE BREAK
11:15 — 12:00 A note on neo-tribes: Escaping capitalism, the institutional, the organizational and the corporate — or not really?    Vivien Holdosi (Kiel University)
12:00 — 12:30 Final Discussion
12:30       LUNCH / FAREWELL

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