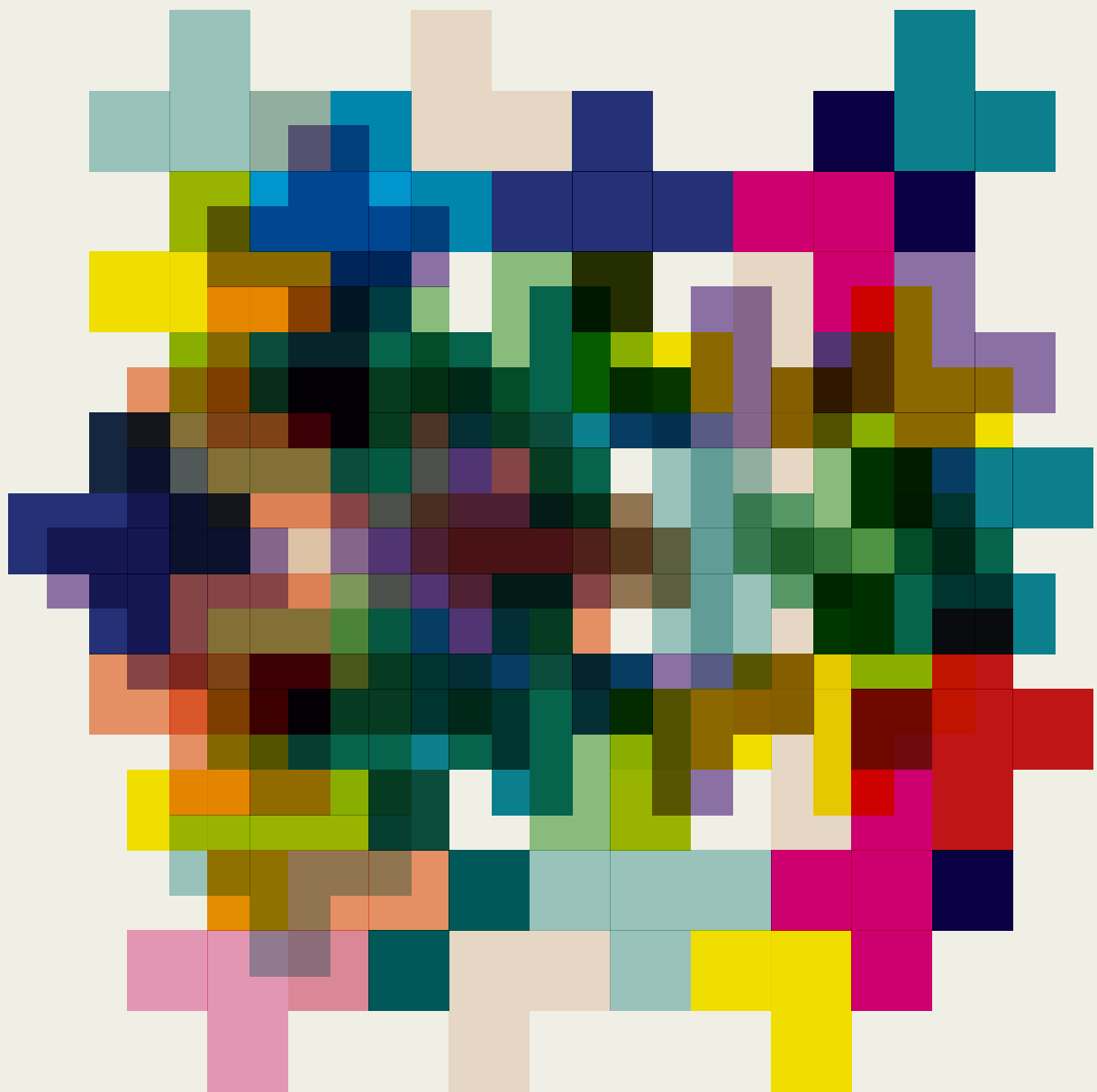


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## Thursday

### 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 Cunitini (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

- 15:45 – 16:30 Emotion Spirals in Digital Affect Cultures. Proximity at a distance. Empirical evidence and interdisciplinary challenges.  
**Katrin Döveling (University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt)**
- 16:30 – 17:15 The Digital Transformation of Education-Centred Communities: Affective-Emotional Dimensions and Resonance  
**Dietmar Jürgen Wetzels (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 digital communities  
**Silke 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](mailto:kwanka@soziologie.uni-kiel.de)