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Registration

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Conference

Protest politics on web 2.0 – simply new wine in old bottles or is it a new politics of protest? How can we assess the impact of web 2.0 in terms of issue framing, collective action repertoires, shifting notions of the public and private, as well as new organizational structures? Has the introduction and spread of web 2.0 technologies led to the emergence of a new mode of protest politics?

The first panel discusses the interrelations between the use of the Internet and the organizations, campaigns and networks of social movements. Beyond questions of internal organization and communication among protest actors, this panel deals with new forms of political mobilization. Debates upon social movement across virtualized networks are focussed in the second panel, which will raise questions of community building and collective identity. The third panel will examine processes of transnationalization in terms of communication. Does virtualized communication indeed close the North-South divide, and build bridges between geographically dispersed subjects? The fourth panel engages the overall contribution of virtualized protest politics upon processes of (transnational) democratization. Discussion will highlight the role of civil society actors in the formation of public sphere(s) beyond nation-state borders.

Keynote Speakers

James F. Bohman holds the Danforth I Chair in the Humanities and is Professor of Philosophy and Professor of International Studies at Saint Louis University (USA). **Peter Jay Smith** is Professor of Political Science at Athabasca University (Canada). **Elizabeth Smythe** is Professor of Political Science at the Concordia University College of Alberta (Canada). **Richard Rogers** is Professor at the University of Amsterdam and holds the Chair in New Media & Digital Culture (Netherlands). **Dieter Rucht** is Honorary Professor at the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the Free University of Berlin and Co-chair of the research group 'Civil society, citizenship and political mobilization in Europe' at the Social Science Research Centre Berlin (Germany).

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FRIDAY

10.00 – 10.30 **Welcome notes by Peter Gendolla and Sigrid Baringhorst** (Siegen, Germany)

Panel 1: Virtualized Networks, Social Movements & Campaigns

10.30 – 11.00 **Keynote by Dieter Rucht** (Berlin, Germany): Protest Mobilization in the Age of Social Web

11.00 – 12.30 **Patrick P. Meier** (Cambridge, USA): Towards Networked Political Protests: An Empirical Analysis

Ralf Lindner (Karlsruhe, Germany): Models of Democracy and Internet-based Communication: How Ideological Orientations Shape the Online-Strategies of Parties and Interest Groups

Giovanni Navarra (London, UK): MoveOn and the Travel Tax: A Tale of Two Petitions in the World of Web 2.0

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15.00 **Edouard Morena** (London, UK): Virtualized Networks and their Effects in a Trade Union Context: The Case of the Confédération Paysanne

François Briatte (Grenoble, France): Network Campaigning over Copyright Issues in France

Francesca Forno (Bergamo, Italy): The Structure of the Italian Political Consumerist Mobilization on the Web

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Virtualized Networks & Community

15.30 – 16.00 **Keynote by Richard Rogers** (Amsterdam, Netherlands): Methods for the Study of the Circulation of Protest Content in (Virtual) Networks?

16.00 – 18.00 **Myra von Ondarza** (Berlin, Germany): The Euroblogosphere: Advent of a Social Movement or Source for Expert Information?

Andreas Jungherr (Mainz, Germany): Twittering Activists: The Uses of Twitter for Political Activism

Christina Neumeyer and Celina Raffl (Salzburg, Austria): Facebook for Protest? Assessing the Potential of Social Software for Political Activism Exemplified on the FARC Countermovement

Azi Lev-On (Ariel, Israel): Social Movements and the Web 2.0 Phenomenon: Conceptual Links

SATURDAY

Panel 3: Virtualized Networks & Transnationalism

09.00 – 09.30 **Keynote by Peter J. Smith and Elizabeth Smythe** (Athabasca/Edmonton, Canada): The Impact of Social Networking on Transnational Activism: More Orchestrated Campaigns or just Karaoke?

09.30 – 10.30 **Uwe Hunger and Kathrin Kissau** (Münster, Germany): Political Online-Participation of Ethnic Communities

Jae Seung Moon (Singapore): The Transnational Network and its Impact on the Social Movement: Overseas Filipino Workers Activism and Homeland Filipino Politics

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.15 **Marion Hamm** (Luzern, Switzerland): Doing Media: The Production of Transnational Communication Spaces in Social Movements – Ethnographic Reflections

Fidele Vlavo (London, UK): Deterritorializing Political Activism: A Critical Analysis

Angela Crack (Liverpool, UK): Social Networks: Interrogating the Social Foundations of a Transnational Public Sphere

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch Break

Panel 4: Virtualized Networks & Democracy

13.15 – 13.45 **Keynote by James Bohman** (St. Louis, USA): Networked Publics and Democratization: From Communicative Freedom to Communicative Power

13.45 – 15.15 **Jarmo Rinne** (Tampere, Finland): Self-Expression as Political Act: Building 'Virtual Tables' on the Web

Caja Thimm (Bonn, Germany): On the Way to Virtual Democracy? Avatar in 'Second Life'

Mundo Yang (Berlin, Germany): A Structural Transformation of the Internet? A Cultural Critique of Web 2.0

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.30 **Malte Härtig, Thomas Loer, Matthias Kettner, Gesine Stern, Melchior Walker** (Witten, Germany): 'In what kind of society do you want to live?' On Representing Net-based Public Debate as Democratic Deliberation

Henri Beunders and Arthur Edwards (Rotterdam, Netherlands): New Web Technologies, Micro-Mobilization and Public Spheres: Framing Processes on Climate Change

Tapio Häyhtiö and Jarmo Rinne (Tampere, Finland): Virtualized Civic Activities as Deliberation and Protest: Administrative and Actionist Citizenship