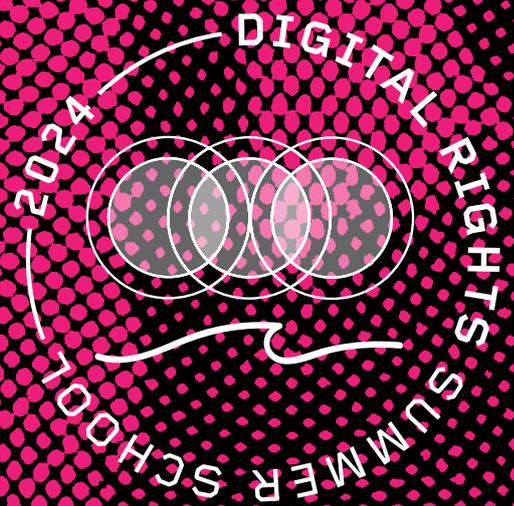


Program



08:00 - 09:00

breakfast

Morning session 1

Speakers:

09:00 - 09:30

Class is in session / Opening remarks**SHARE team**

09:30 - 10:30

What are digital rights?

Exploring our collective assumptions and priorities

Hans de Zwart**Evelyn Austin****Nikita Kekana**

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Mandatory reading:

[EDRi Annual Report 2023, sections 1 \(our movement\) and 2 \(work areas\)](#)

10:30 - 11:00

break

Morning session 2

Speakers:

11:00 - 12:30

What are digital rights?

Exploring our collective assumptions and priorities / Continued

Hans de Zwart**Evelyn Austin****Nikita Kekana**

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Mandatory reading:

[Digital Freedom Fund's Talking Digital Lexicon](#)

13:00 - 14:00

lunch

14:00 - 17:00

free time

Afternoon session

Leads:

17:00 - 18:30

Workshop to apply critical lenses to existing or future challenge**Hans de Zwart****Evelyn Austin**

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Mandatory thinking:

some questions to ponder in advance: <https://edu.nl/xqner>

19:00 - 20:00

dinner

Evening programme

20:00

Crowdsourced YouTube Party

08:00 - 09:00

breakfast

Morning session 1

Speaker:

09:30 - 10:30

**It's all connected:
digital rights and social justice****Nani Jansen Reventlow**

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Mandatory reading:

[Addressing systemic injustices across the digital and non-digital context](#)

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Optional recommended reading:

[Conversations 2: we thought technology was our friend](#)

10:30 - 11:00

break

Morning session 2

Speaker:

11:00 - 12:30

**Conducting media investigations
in the digital age: an ethical
perspective****Gill Phillips**

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Mandatory reading:

[Ethical issues in large-scale journalistic investigations](#)

13:00 - 14:00

lunch

14:00 - 17:00

free time

Afternoon session

Lead:

17:00 - 18:30

**Freedom of expression in the digital
age workshop****Jonathan McCully**

19:00 - 20:00

dinner

Evening programme

20:00

Kotor visit

Day 3

28 August 2024

wednesday

06:45 - 09:00

OPTIONAL but recommended / Mid-week Digital Detox in Stoliv

Morning session 1

Speaker:

09:30 - 10:30

Counter cartography of the internet and beyond

Vladan Joler

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Mandatory reading:
[Anatomy of an AI system](#)

10:30 - 11:00

break

Morning session 2

Speaker:

11:00 - 12:30

State surveillance and AI systems

Đorđe Krivokapić

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Mandatory reading:
[Invisible infrastructures: surveillance architecture](#)

13:00 - 14:00

lunch

14:00 - 17:00

free time

Afternoon session

Lead:

17:00 - 18:30

Counter-surveillance workshop

Filip Milošević

19:00 - 20:00

dinner

Evening programme

20:00

Quiz



08:00 - 09:00

breakfast

Morning session 1

Speakers:

09:30 - 10:30

Hey Siri, what is the EU AI Act?

Đorđe Bojović
Tomáš Adamec

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Mandatory reading:

[The EU Artificial Intelligence Act: 16 key takeaways](#)

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Optional recommended reading:

[EU Artificial Intelligence Act: deep dive](#)

10:30 - 11:00

break

Morning session 2

Speakers:

11:00 - 12:30

When benefits outweigh the risks:
EU approach to digital platform
regulation and chances of it
spill-over in the regionSnežana Bajčeta
Maida Čulahović

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Mandatory reading:

[Digital Services Act: a short primer](#)

13:00 - 14:00

lunch

Workshop

Leads:

14:00 - 15:30

Policy advocacy reaction workshop

Đorđe Bojović
Tomáš Adamec
Snežana Bajčeta
Maida Čulahović

17:00!

Boat ride @ 17:00 sharp

19:00 - 20:00

dinner

Day 5

30 August 2024

friday

08:00 - 09:00

breakfast

Morning session 1

Speakers:

09:30 - 10:30

Whose digital rights are (not) protected? Stories of women facing image-based sexual abuse and practices of journalists combating it

**Andela Milivojević
Aulonë Kadriu**

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Mandatory reading:
["If the videos are posted, I will lose everything"](#)

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["Undressed" by AI: Serbian women defenceless against deepfake porn](#)

10:30 - 11:00

break

Morning session 2

Speaker:

11:00 - 12:30

Harnessing collective action to counter data-driven harms

César Manso-Sayao

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Mandatory reading:
[The case for collective action against the harms of data-driven technologies](#)

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[Strategic Litigation Toolkit: why it's a powerful tool for change, and why you need it to build your litigation strategy](#)

13:00 - 14:00

lunch

14:00 - 17:00

free time

Afternoon session

Lead:

17:00 - 18:30

Strategic litigation workshop

César Manso-Sayao

19:00 - 20:00

dinner

Evening programme

20:00

Farewell Party



Day 1



What are digital rights? Exploring our collective assumptions and priorities

This session explores what we understand digital rights to be, highlighting how digital rights are human rights, and require an intersectional approach. They are not one size fits all. We shall dive into the tools for and theories of change available for digital rights activists, sharing insights and lessons from recent cases. As a group, we'll then investigate what our current and emerging priorities are within the digital rights space.

Speakers: Hans de Zwart, Evelyn Austin, Nikita Kekana

Workshop to apply critical lenses to existing or future challenge

In this workshop, we'll start with a quick recap of our previous learnings and review our priorities. Then, we'll break into small groups for a facilitated exercise. You'll have the chance to share your work or research interests with your group and explore how different perspectives can help improve your projects. We'll use prompt questions to examine whose viewpoints are represented, what power structures are challenged, and whose voices might be missing. The aim of this session is to spark new ideas for our work, and plant seeds for future connections and collaborations.

Leads: Hans de Zwart, Evelyn Austin

Day 2



It's all connected: digital rights and social justice

How do racial, social, and economic justice intersect with digital rights and technology? And why does it matter? In this session, we'll unpack some of the myths that consider technology and "digital" as somehow separate from our "regular" world. The session will start with a structured, interactive conversation, followed by small group work and close with discussion, reflections, and Q&A.

Speaker: Nani Jansen Reventlow

Conducting media investigations in the digital age: an ethical perspective

The session will provide an insight into what are the legal and ethical implications of media investigations, good faith journalism principles in the European Convention on Human Rights and how do ethical codes sit in the digital landscape. Some of the additional questions raised during this session include who is a journalist in the modern world, what is the public interest and who decides on this matter. Through a workshop-style discussion on a hypothetical example, we'll work through when it might be acceptable to access private information from a computer or leaked data from a source and whether a journalist should always send a right to reply/invitation to comment. The participants will also consider some of the issues around a journalist's relationship with a source.

Speaker: Gill Phillips

Freedom of expression in the digital age workshop

Freedom of expression is a fundamental right, and its protection and promotion is essential for any society. Nonetheless, in an age of social media monopolies, "fake news", deepfakes, "cancel culture", and the decline of traditional media, the political discourse around freedom of expression has lost its grounding in the human rights frameworks designed to protect it. We will explore and discuss the frameworks protecting the right to freedom of expression, and how they apply to digital contexts, with groups applying the framework to hypothetical case studies. The workshop will close with a plenary discussion and reports, as well as final reflections on the future of freedom of expression in the digital age.

Lead: Jonathan McCully

Day 3



Mid-week Digital Detox in Stoliv

Forget the digital noise and join us on Wednesday morning for an optional Mid-week Digital Detox! The boat from Perast to Stoliv leaves at 6:45 AM sharp! After a forty-minute climb to Upper Stoliv from the seashore through beautiful landscapes, we will enjoy a traditional breakfast prepared by the local community, as well as chestnut and olive forests and the refreshing air of Vrmac.

Counter cartography of the internet and beyond

This session is about mapping contemporary complex systems and infrastructures of exploitation. Taking Joler and Crawford's "Anatomy of an AI system" as the starting point, you will be led into a roller coaster trip through the simple internet packet delivery system, following with Facebook's sophisticated algorithmic factory, and going even deeper into fashionable corporate devices that actually operate as planetary-scale systems of knowledge extraction under the futurist label of machine learning and the likes. You will be encouraged to journey both in time and space: from deep time of mineral formation to the fast future of dystopian social media, from the nano scale of battery molecules to the planetary scale of contemporary production and distribution supply chains.

Speaker: Vladan Joler

State surveillance and AI systems

The focus of this session is an overview of state surveillance and its significance in the digital age. Participants will hear about history of state surveillance practices, touching on key developments and shifts over time. An analysis of contemporary technological advancements that impact surveillance, such as encryption, data mining, and AI will also be presented. We will also start a discussion on the current issues and threats related to state surveillance, including mass data collection, use of spyware, government hacking and the most prominent cases of state surveillance conducted via AI systems. Finally, participants will engage in an interactive game designed to explore and position their perspectives on balancing fundamental rights such as freedom of expression, privacy, and security in the digital context, particularly related to state surveillance. The game will involve scenarios and dilemmas where participants must decide how to prioritise these rights, fostering discussion and debate among the group.

Speaker: Đorđe Krivokapić

Counter-surveillance workshop

Following the morning sessions, this workshop will recap means of corporate and state surveillance, further deconstruct targeted and mass surveillance, and provide useful tools and practices to counter them. More specifically, as most of us already have ideas about encrypting communication and data, we will dive deeper into workflows that will demystify and ease the adoption of various tools to mask our identifiers and identities online.

Lead: Filip Milošević

Day 4



Hey Siri, what is the EU AI Act?

The development and uptake of AI required a response from EU - the AI Act - to protect our rights and freedoms in the face of emerging technologies. However, was it sufficient? We will decode biases and examine the need to strengthen safeguards against threats posed by surveillance technologies. The session will uncover technologies used for remote biometric identification, how they are used against journalists, activists, and citizens in general, and the discriminatory potential of AI technologies. We will round off the session with a simulation of a negotiation in the European Parliament on the legislation regarding the use of Remote Biometric Identification in public (e.g. facial recognition systems). Participants will be divided into teams based on EU parliamentary groups in order to summarise the political priorities of their group, negotiate and try to reach a compromise on the final text and ultimately vote on the agreed compromise.

Speakers: Đorđe Bojović, Tomáš Adamec

When benefits outweigh the risks: EU approach to digital platform regulation and chances of its spill-over in the region

The session will provide an introduction to the EU Digital Services Act (DSA), its key concepts, values and regulatory logic. What is it that makes the EU approach to platform regulation novel and feasible? Insight into the enforcement structure and overview of its practical implementation so far, exploration of possible avenues, opportunities and challenges for DSA alignment in the region will also be presented. Issues directly addressed by the DSA (e.g. reporting mechanisms, recommender systems, advertising) will be discussed with participants along with their practical implications - or lack thereof - in the region. The participants would then be invited to suggest their own examples. The goal is to identify areas in which there might have been some spill-over effect, as well as areas which the group feels would need to be addressed most urgently, and that could be translated into advocacy points at the afternoon workshop session.

Speakers: Snežana Bajčeta, Maida Ćulahović

Policy advocacy reaction workshop

The participants will engage in an advocacy workshop concerning the Western Balkans entry to the EU's Digital Single Market. In addition to considering different advocacy strategies concerning DSA, AI Act and other related policies, the participants will take on a scenario where they will be grouped to take on roles of different stakeholders (e.g. European Commission, Western Balkans Government...) in this process in order to plan a reaction to the advocacy proposal about the coverage of the Western Balkans with EU's digital instruments.

Leads: Đorđe Bojović, Tomáš Adamec, Snežana Bajčeta, Maida Ćulahović



Whose digital rights are (not) protected? Stories of women facing image-based sexual abuse and practices of journalists combating it

The use of technology seems to imitate the injustices that women experience offline, leaving them isolated and with few resources to fight online abuse. In this session, we will talk about the digital rights landscape in Kosovo and Serbia through the stories of those who have endured the full extent of the violations of their rights - women. We will explore the nature of image-based sexual abuse, what the societal discourse around it is, the reporting mechanisms, the impact of AI in exacerbating the problem and how journalists can help. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences, including their activism efforts, setbacks and plans within their contexts. Additionally, through a session of questions and answers, we will delve deeper into how we can build on current regional research on image-based sexual abuse.

Speakers: Anđela Milivojević, Aulonë Kadriu

Harnessing collective action to counter data-driven harms

The session will introduce some reflections around the collective dimension of data-driven harms, focusing on how structural oppression and inequalities disproportionately impact historically disadvantaged communities or groups. Divided into groups, the participants will map out a few concrete examples of collective data-driven harms, as well as collective strategies to resist and counter these data-driven harms. The group findings will be presented at the end of the session, and will be used to situate representative actions within broader collective action efforts, provide a general overview of the EU Representative Actions Directive (RAD), and illustrate varying approaches to harnessing collective action to counter data-driven harms.

Speaker: César Manso-Sayao

Strategic litigation workshop

The workshop will delve into the concept of strategic litigation as a tool for social change, and will continue with a presentation covering the main aspects of a litigation strategy (litigation planning, advocacy, narrative and judgement implementation) and an overview of DFF's Strategic Litigation Toolkit. Participants will be divided into groups with heterogenous compositions (lawyers, technologists, journalists, activists, etc.) and asked to carry out a scenario-building strategic litigation case exercise, filling in a template with a series of structured guiding questions. Ideally, the case should emerge from the outputs of the group exercise during the previous session on collective action. Each group will pitch their case at the end of the workshop, highlighting the most relevant components in their strategy as well as explaining the importance of the case and what social change it aims to bring.

Lead: César Manso-Sayao



See you in Perast

