DIGITAL RIGHTS SUMMER SCHOOL

17 - 23/07/22

DAY 0 / 17.07.2022. / SUNDAY

PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE

19:00	DINNER

DAY 1 / 18.07.2022. / MONDAY

08:00	BREAKFAST		
09:00 - 09:15	HERE WE GO! [AKA OPENING REMARKS]	ANDREJ PETROVSKI NEVENA MARTINOVIĆ	
09:15 - 10:45	ZEROS, ONES AND DEMOCRACY	JOE MCNAMEE	THE SESSION AIMS TO HIGHLIGHT HOW DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CAN WORK TO BOTH SUPPORT - AND TO THREATEN - CIVIL SOCIETY AND DEMOCRACY. IT WILL ALSO INTRODUCE THE ONGOING EFFORT TO "RECLAIM" THE INTERNET BY GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGITAL RIGHTS COMMUNITIES, WHO ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENTS AND TECH COMPANIES ENACT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT PROTECT AND RESPECT INTERNET USERS' DIGITAL RIGHTS.
10:45 - 11:00	BREAK		
11:00 - 12:30	DIGITAL RIGHTS?	JONATHAN MCCULLY	WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "DIGITAL RIGHTS"? THIS SESSION AIMS TO EXPLAIN THAT DIGITAL RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS, I.E. THAT THE SAME HUMAN RIGHTS THAT APPLY OFFLINE, ALSO APPLY ONLINE. THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORKS THAT FORM THE FOUNDATION OF WHAT WE MEAN BY "DIGITAL RIGHTS", AS WELL AS DIGITAL RIGHTS PRINCIPLES EMBRACED BY THE ONLINE COMMUNITY SUCH AS EQUAL ACCESS, THE RIGHT TO NON-DISCRIMINATION, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, ACCESS TO INFORMATION, DATA PROTECTION/PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND RIGHT TO REMEDY, WILL ALSO BE EXPLAINED.
13:00	LUNCH		
14:00 - 17:00	FREE TIME		
17:00 - 18:30	WORKSHOP: WHAT COULD GO WRONG?	DIEGO NARANJO	THE NOTION OF DIGITAL RIGHTS MAY BE TO ABSTRACT TO GRASP AT TIMES, GIVEN THAT TECHNOLOGY HAS SO MUCH INFLUENCE ON OUR EVERYDAY LIVES. MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE COMPLEX PROCESSES BEHIND SOCIAL MEDIA ALGORITHMS, SEARCH ENGINES, WEBSITE COOKIES AND TRACKERS AND SO ON. DURING THIS WORKSHOP, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL RIGHTS AND HOW TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL RISKS.
19:00	DINNER		
20:00	EVENING PROGRAMME		

DAY 2 / 19.07.2022. / TUESDAY

08:00	BREAKFAST

09:00 - 10:30	THE INTERNET AFK [INVISIBLE INFRASTRUCTURES]	ANDREJ PETROVSKI	THE INTERNET – ALTHOUGH WE DON'T ALWAYS LOOK UPON IT AS SUCH – IS A VERY PHYSICAL THING. IT NEEDS COMPUTERS, ROUTERS, CABLES, ELECTRICITY AND PEOPLE TO POWER AND MANAGE IT SO WE CAN VISIT OUR DESIRED ONLINE RESOURCE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE. THIS SESSION WILL PRESENT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH AS INTERNET EXCHANGE POINTS, NETWORK NODES AND INTERCONNECTIONS, AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE WAY WE ACCESS OUR FAVORITE WEBSITES.

10:30 - 11:00	BREAK

11:00 - 12:30	THE INTERNET IRL	VLADAN JOLER	DIGITAL PLATFORMS HAVE GROWN TO BECOME GIANT CENTRALISED SYSTEMS GOVERNING NOT ONLY OUR PERSONAL DATA, BUT OUR BELIEFS, NEEDS AND INTERESTS TO A LARGER EXTENT. IN THAT SENSE, WE AS USERS ARE NOT ONLY THE "RAW RESOURCE" USED FOR DATA AND KNOWLEDGE EXTRACTION – WE ARE ALSO LABORERS IN THESE CLOSED AND NON-TRANSPARENT SYSTEMS. THE PROCESSES OF COLLECTING, STORING AND ANALYSING AS MUCH INFORMATION ON HUMANS AS POSSIBLE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON NUMEROUS SOCIAL PROCESSES, SUCH AS ELECTIONS, PROTESTS OR RECENTLY WARS. THIS SESSION AIMS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH A BETTER INSIGHT INTO THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REDUCE THE HARMS.

13:00	LUNCH

14:00 - 17:00	FREE TIME

17:00 - 18:30	CRYPTOPARTY	FILIP MILOŠEVIĆ NINOSLAVA BOGDANOVIĆ BOJAN PERKOV	CRYPTOPARTIES HAVE BEEN POPULAR AS GATHERINGS OF THE INTERNET COMMUNITY, NO MATTER THE TECHNICAL SKILLS OF THE PARTICIPANTS. THEY ARE AN INTERACTIVE AND FUN WAY TO INSTALL OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE, ENCRYPT YOUR COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA AND GET MORE ADVICE ON HOW TO MAINTAIN BETTER DIGITAL HYGIENE. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY OUT NEW SOFTWARE AND TOOLS, ASK QUESTIONS AND EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE REGARDING BEST DIGITAL HYGIENE PRACTICES.

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20:00	EVENING PROGRAMME

DAY 3   /   20.07.2022.   /   WEDNESDAY

08:00	BREAKFAST

09:00 - 10:30	DATA PROTECTION UNIVERSE	DIEGO NARANJO JELENA ADAMOVIĆ	DATA PROTECTION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF DIGITAL RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE GDPR WAS INTRODUCED. THE SESSIONS AIM TO REVIEW THE LANDSCAPE OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL (EU) LEGAL FRAMEWORKS PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY. WE WILL EXPLORE ATTEMPTS TO HARMONISE PRIVACY REGULATIONS ACROSS THE EU WITH THE GDPR AND E-PRIVACY DIRECTIVE, AND HOW THE EUROPEAN APPROACH TO PRIVACY DIVERGES RADICALLY FROM THAT OF THE U.S., WHERE MANY GLOBAL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ARE HEADQUARTERED.

10:30 - 11:00	BREAK

11:00 - 12:30	OUR DATA DONE RIGHT	DIEGO NARANJO JELENA ADAMOVIĆ	PERSONAL DATA ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND THE LIFEBLOOD OF BIG TECH COMPANIES, SUCH AS GOOGLE, META OR MICROSOFT AMONG OTHERS. HOWEVER, CITIZENS AS DATA SUBJECTS ARE NOT POWERLESS - DATA PROTECTION LAW GIVES THEM NUMEROUS RIGHTS TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR DATA, SUCH AS ACCESS, DELETION OR PORTABILITY, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT TO LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH THEIR COUNTRY'S DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY. DURING THIS SESSION THE PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISING THEIR PERSONAL DATA RIGHTS AND HOW USE THESE MECHANISMS IN PRACTICE.

13:00	LUNCH

14:00 - 17:00	FREE TIME

17:00 - 18:30	ACTIVISM 101	FILIP MILOŠEVIĆ MARIA BELÉN LUNA SANZ	GOOD CAMPAIGNS AND CAUSES REQUIRE A LOT OF WORK, NOT JUST TO PROMOTE THE IDEA BUT ALSO TO MOBILISE YOUR COMMUNITY AND OTHER AFFECTED SOCIAL GROUPS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE AIM OF THE WORKSHOP IS TO EXPLAIN WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY EFFORT OR A CAMPAIGN, HOW TO BEST USE AND MANAGE RESOURCES AND HAVE A SOCIAL IMPACT BEYOND JUST THE CLOSEST COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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20:00	EVENING PROGRAMME

DAY 4 / 21.07.2022. / THURSDAY

08:00	BREAKFAST

09:00 - 10:30	CORPORATE POLICING OF ONLINE CONTENT	BOJANA KOSTIĆ	DIGITAL PLATFORMS TODAY HAVE IMMENSE POWER TO SHAPE CONTENT, NEWS, AND INFORMATION WE SEE AND SHARE ONLINE. THIS SESSION WILL EXPLAIN HOW PLATFORMS HAVE DEVELOPED AND DEPLOYED DIFFERENT TYPES OF AUTOMATED SYSTEMS/AI TO HELP POLICE A IMMENSE AMOUNTS OF USER-GENERATED CONTENT THAT VIOLATES THE LAW OR THAT RUNS AFOUL OF COMPANIES' OWN POLICIES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THESE SYSTEMS OFTEN MIS-IDENTIFY AND REMOVE LEGITIMATE CONTENT WHILE FAILING TO ACCURATELY OR CONSISTENTLY SPOT HARMFUL, ABUSIVE, OR ILLEGAL CONTENT, IN WHICH CASE THESE MATERIALS CONTINUE TO PROLIFERATE ONLINE.

10:30 - 11:00	BREAK

11:00 - 12:30	GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF ONLINE SPEECH	JONATHAN MCCULLY	FROM LAWS BANNING FAKE NEWS TO REGULATIONS REQUIRING PLATFORMS TO RAPIDLY REMOVE HARMFUL CONTENT, GOVERNMENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE PASSING LAWS AND REGULATIONS RESTRICTING WHAT TYPES OF CONTENT CAN BE VIEWED AND SHARED ONLINE. THIS SESSION WILL PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO THE WORRISOME DETERIORATION OF ONLINE FREE EXPRESSION NORMS AND PRACTICES, AS POLICYMAKERS ADAPT TO MORE AUTHORITARIAN APPROACHES TO CENSORSHIP AND STATE ACTORS GRAPPLE WITH WAYS TO HOLD TECH COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PROLIFERATION OF HARMFUL CONTENT ONLINE.

13:00	LUNCH

14:00 - 17:00	FREE TIME

17:00 - 18:30	WORKSHOP: THE SPEECH PROBLEM	NEVENA MARTINOVIĆ	THE INTERNET IS FILLED WITH BLOGS, MEMES, VIDEOS AND OTHER FORMS OF CONTENT WHICH MAY NOT BE ILLEGAL BUT CAN CAUSE PERSONAL DISTRESS AND SOCIAL DIVISION, AND IN SOME CASES HAVE REAL-LIFE CONSEQUENCES. THIS SESSION WILL PROVIDE MORE INSIGHT INTO WHAT ARE THE ASPECTS OF PROBLEMATIC ONLINE SPEECH AND HOW TO AVOID OVER-REGULATING MATTERS RELATED TO USER-GENERATED CONTENT POSTED TO ONLINE PLATFORMS.

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09:00 - 10:30	DATA-DRIVEN POLICING AND MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES	SANNE STEVENS	THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT THE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES HAS THE POTENTIAL NOT ONLY TO REPRODUCE BUT ALSO TO AMPLIFY EXISTING FORMS OF INEQUALITY AND OPPRESSION, SUCH AS RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION. RECENTLY, SEVERAL ACTORS WITHIN THE DIGITAL RIGHTS-FIELD REALISED THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN IGNORED DYNAMIC AND A BLIND-SPOT IN MANY DIGITAL RIGHTS DEBATES. THIS SESSION FIRST SETS THE STAGE BY INVESTIGATING HOW THE USE OF SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER DATA-DRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES BY GOVERNMENTS INCREASES INEQUALITY AND CONTRIBUTES TO DISCRIMINATORY PRACTISES. DISCUSSING CONCRETE CASES OF DATA-DRIVEN TARGETING OF MIGRANTS, ROMA AND RACIALISED COMMUNITIES, WE WILL THEN DISCUSS WHICH STRATEGIES THE DIGITAL RIGHTSFIELD COULD ADOPT TO ADDRESS THE DISPROPORTIONATE EFFECTS OF DATA-DRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES ON MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES AND WHO ARE THE IMPORTANT ACTORS FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATION.

10:30 - 11:00	BREAK

11:00 - 12:30	HOW TO SUE THEM ALL?	LAURENCE MEYER	OVER THE YEARS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND ADVOCACY GROUPS HAVE DEVELOPED DIFFERENT TACTICS IN TERMS OF PROTECTION OF DIGITAL RIGHTS. THIS SESSION WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE APPROACH OF STRATEGIC LITIGATION, I.E. INITIATING COURT PROCESSES IN MATTERS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO DEFEND AND UPHOLD DIGITAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, AS IT HAS PROVEN TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF HOLDING BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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14:00 - 17:00	FREE TIME

17:00	BOAT RIDE AND DINNER

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