

Workshop: Comparative studies of digital repression

Organizers: Anita Gohdes, Genia Kostka, Alexander Libman

Location: Hertie School, Friedrichstr. 180, 10117 Berlin, Room: 3.32 (3rd floor)

We are excited to welcome you all to Berlin in May. To allow sufficient time for the discussants, we kindly ask you to share your papers by **Friday, May 3rd** by **uploading them to the shared Dropbox folder**, which you can access here: <https://tinyurl.com/DigitalRepression>. We scheduled half an hour for each contribution. Presenters can organize their time as they see fit. We have assigned a discussant for each paper (see below in parentheses) but encourage you to keep your comments brief so we have time for a broader discussion.

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Schedule

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 22ND**

7:00 PM	WELCOME DINNER: Braufactum Hausvogteiplatz 3-4 10117 Berlin <i>The restaurant is an 8 minute walk from the hotel:</i> https://maps.app.goo.gl/BkgymTWFE25XgNsy8
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**THURSDAY,
MAY 23RD**

9:00-9:15	Welcome		
9:15-11:00	<u>Propaganda I</u>		
	Eddie Yang	<i>Propaganda and AI</i>	(Keremoglu)
	Aybuke Atalay	<i>Bot Ecologies in a Competitive Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Turkish Twittersphere</i>	(Unver)
	Allison Koh	<i>Do Authoritarian Regimes Thrive in Opaque Online Spaces? Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Twitter</i>	(Xu)
COFFEE			
11:30-13:00	<u>Law and Infrastructure</u>		
	Maurice Schumann	<i>Wherever Law Begins, Liberty Ends? New Data on Restrictive Internet Regulations and Digital Rights in Africa</i>	(Anthonio)
	Admire Mare	<i>Digital Repression in Africa: Infrastructures, Strategies and Resistances</i>	(Gohdes)
	Danie Stockmann	<i>Governing Digital China</i>	(Akbari)

LUNCH	
2:15-3:15	<p><u>Social media effects</u></p> <p>Jennifer Pan <i>Reach of deceptive online networks on Facebook and Instagram in the 2020 US Presidential Elections</i> (Atalay)</p> <p>Maxim Alyukov <i>The effects of disinformation discourse in authoritarian Russia</i> (Wijermars)</p>
COFFEE	
3:45-5:30	<p><u>Censorship</u></p> <p>Mariëlle Wijermars <i>Big Tech and Russian wartime censorship: Comparing state-platform conflict dynamics of Russia's platform bans</i> (Libman)</p> <p>Felicia Anthonio <i>Entrenchment of internet shutdowns in times of crisis</i> (Sombatpoonsiri)</p> <p>Danqi Guo <i>Knowing is Disturbing: Emotions and Public Attitudes Toward Digital Control under Autocracy</i></p>
7:00 PM	<p><i>DINNER</i> Mirari Restaurant Friedrichstraße 30, 10969 Berlin <i>The restaurant is a 14 minute walk from the hotel:</i> https://maps.app.goo.gl/PV1FatGoeuS6N8Kd9</p>
FRIDAY, MAY 24TH	
9:00 - 10:30	<p><u>Propaganda II</u></p> <p>Janjira Sombatpoonsiri <i>State-backed digital propaganda for repression in Thailand</i> (Schumann)</p> <p>Akin Unver <i>Agent-Based Modeling of Information Warfare: Do Audience Costs Really Matter?</i> (Koh)</p> <p>Eda Keremoglu <i>How Leaders Portray Themselves on Social Media Images</i> (Yang)</p>
10:45-11:45	<p><u>Surveillance</u></p> <p>Azadeh Akbari <i>Digital Transformation Dilemma: Digital IDs and Integrated Surveillance</i> (Mare)</p> <p>Xu Xu <i>The Unintrusive Nature of Digital Surveillance and Its Social Consequences</i> (Stockmann)</p>
12:00:12:45	
CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE	<p><u>Comparative Studies of Digital Repression</u></p> <p>Anita Gohdes</p> <p>Genia Kostka</p> <p>Alexander Libman</p>
LUNCH	

Participants

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