

PLANNED PROGRAM

JULY 5^{HT}, 2023

9.00-9.15	Welcoming Remarks Genia KOSTKA (Freie Universität Berlin)
9.15-10.30	Brainstorming session I, part I: Status Quo of the Research Field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Where are we at in the research field digital governance?</i> - <i>What do we know and what do we not know (i.e., strengths and weaknesses)?</i> - <i>How interdisciplinary is our field?</i> Moderator: Rebecca ARCESATI (MERICS)
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	Panel I: Local Governance and Citizen Participation <i>Panel chair: Xiang GAO</i> <i>Scientific input:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ziteng FAN (Fudan University) <i>“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Blame Avoidance and Local Governments’ Bandwagon Strategy in E-democracy Prioritization in Authoritarian China”</i> 2. Sabrina HABICH-SOBIEGALLA (Freie Universität Berlin) <i>“Beijing’s digital system of handling citizen complaints: Anticipatory logics of smart urban governance in the Chinese capital”</i> 3. Christian GÖBEL (Vienna University) <i>“The Invisible Uprising - Online resistance after the Ürümqi apartment fire in China”</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.30	Panel II: Information Control <i>Panel chair: Christian GÖBEL</i> <i>Scientific input:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Danqi GUO (Freie Universität Berlin) <i>“When Knowledges Matter (or not): Emotions and Public Attitudes under Digital Autocracy</i> 2. Eddie YANG (University of California San Diego) <i>“The Digital Dictator’s Dilemma: How Censorship Cripples AI’s ability for Repression”</i> 3. King-wa FU (The University of Hong Kong) <i>“Propagandization of Relative Gratification: How Chinese State Media Portray the International Pandemic”</i> 4. Martin DIMITROV (Tulane University) <i>“Dictatorship and Information”</i>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break
16.00-17.30	Roundtable I: Access, Political Climate, and Recent Reports from Fieldwork in China <i>Panel chair: Wiebke RABE</i> <i>5 minute inputs:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ceren ERGENC (Autonomous University of Barcelona) 2. Christoph Steinhardt (University of Vienna) 3. Danqi GUO (Freie Universität Berlin)
18.00	Dinner

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9.00-10.30	Panel III: Propaganda, State Narratives and Digital Media
	<p><i>Panel Chair:</i> King-wa FU</p> <p><i>Scientific input:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jennifer PAN (Stanford University) <i>“Propaganda in the Digital Age: A Decentralized Network Model”</i> 2. Hannah WAIGHT (New York University) <i>“The Cost of Control: Media Coordination and The Limits of Participatory Propaganda on Digital Media in China”</i> 3. Ming MA (Freie Universität Berlin) <i>“Decoding Authoritarian Block Building Narratives: A Comparative Study of China and Russia on Mass Media”</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	Panel IV: Digital Governance and Smart Cities
	<p><i>Panel Chair:</i> Wenhong CHEN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Xiang GAO (Zhejiang University) <i>“Discontent within the Digital Leviathan: Mass and Elite Attitudes Toward Surveillance in China's First “Smart City”</i> 2. Valentin WEBER (German Council on Foreign Relations) <i>“Chinese smart cities: the domestic-military-geopolitical nexus of urban governance”</i> 3. Jieun KIM (NYU Shanghai) <i>“China's Blacklists”</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.30	Panel V: Government Regulation of Tech Firms
	<p><i>Panel chair:</i> Lizhi LIU</p> <p><i>Scientific input:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shazeda AHMED (Princeton University) <i>“Strategies for State-Firm Co-production of China's Social Credit System”</i> 2. Xin DAI (Peking University) <i>“Towards a Regulatory New Deal for Digital Platforms”</i> 3. Wenhong CHEN (University of Texas Austin) <i>“Health Code Apps at the Crossroad of Biopolitics, Technopolitics, and Geopolitics”</i> 4. Marianne von Blomberg (University of Cologne) <i>“Credibility Standards – A new social credit mode of regulation?”</i>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break
16.00-17.30	Roundtable II: Research Methods for Digital Governance in China
	<p><i>Panel chair:</i> Genia KOSTKA</p> <p><i>5 minute inputs:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jennifer PAN (Stanford University) 2. Denise VAN DER KAMP (Oxford University) 3. Guobin YANG (University of Pennsylvania)
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9.00-10.30	Panel VI: Citizen Perspectives and Citizen Participation <i>Panel Chair:</i> Blake MILLER <i>Scientific input:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Genia KOSTKA (Freie Universität Berlin) <i>"Navigating the Digital Age: The gray digital divide and digital inclusion in China"</i>2. Wiebke RABE (Universität Bremen) <i>"ICT-based public participation in China's state-created spaces: participatory patterns and risk-benefit perceptions"</i>3. Ceren ERGENC (Autonomous University of Barcelona) <i>"Inclusivity and participation in China's smart cities"</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	Panel VII: Digital Politics of China <i>Panel Chair:</i> Denise VAN DER KAMP <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Blake MILLER (London School of Economics) <i>"Agile Information Control in China"</i>2. Liang MA (Renmin University) <i>Digitalization without Transformation: The paradoxes of digital government in China</i>3. Rongbin HAN (University of Georgia) <i>„Passing on the Red Genes“</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Roundtable III: Directions for future research <i>Roundtable chair:</i> Shazeda AHMED <i>5 minute inputs:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lizhi LIU (Georgetown University)2. Rachel MURPHY (University of Oxford)3. Katharin TAI (MIT)
14.30-15.00	Coffee Break
15.00-16.00	Brainstorming: Scoping Paper & Special Issue <i>Moderator:</i> Genia KOSTKA (Freie Universität Berlin)

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