

Digitalisation Research Seminar.

DigiSem
2026

Berlin, 21–22 Sep

Balancing Digital
Safety between
Risks, Rights, and
Regulation

DigiSem 2026 - Programme

Except for keynote talks, presentations are 15 min long. Each slot also contains Q&A and time for discussion.

Monday, 21.09.2026

13.00 – 14.00	Arrival and Lunch
14.00 – 14.20	Welcome by the Organisers
14.20 – 15.20	Keynote talk: AI and the Safety Paradox: Convenience, Control, or Compromise? <i>Prof. Lena Kästner (University of Bayreuth/bidt-project PI)</i>
15.20 – 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 – 17.45	Session 1 – Risks of using AI on bias and decision making Cybersecurity as Individualized Responsibility: Organisational Security Communication and the Responsibilization of Digital Safety <i>Sonja Spitzer (University of Vienna)</i> Counterfactual Latent Representations: A Neuro-symbolic Approach <i>Leonhard Kestel, Christoph Kern (LMU Munich)</i> Out of scope, out of mind? The influence of unrelated AI advice on clinicians' diagnostic reasoning during X-ray interpretation <i>Insa Schaffernak (TH Augsburg)</i> Rethinking AI Fairness Beyond Explainability in EU AI Law as a Socio-Technical Accountability Approach <i>Mariia Pleskach (National Technical University of Ukraine)</i>
17.45 – 18.00	Refreshments
18.00 – 19.00	Poster Pitches & Poster Session
19.00	Welcome Reception & Networking

Tuesday, 22.09.2026

9.00 – 10.30	Session 2 – Protection of vulnerable groups in the digital space How to protect children from AI systems risks? A critical approach <i>Dr. Silvia Corradi (University of Innsbruck)</i> Mapping the Policy Landscape of Social Media Regulation to Improve Youth Mental Health: Towards a Rights-Informed Typology of Access, Usage, Design and Regulatory Environment <i>Eva Ziegltrum, Adrian Meier, Valeri Yap, Amy Orben, Jamil Adjallah, Tobias Dienlin, Veronika Kalmus, Kathrin Karsay, Charo Sábada (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)</i> Participatory AI for Resource-Poor Languages: Correcting Moderation Failures through Survivor Knowledge <i>Pooja Lama, Himanshu Panday, Dridhata Silwal, Hameeda Syed & Saashi Windsor (Dignity in Difference)</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Keynote talk: Cyber-Resilience: Bridging Consumer Protection, Smart Hardware, and the AI Frontier <i>Dr. Jens Karschau (BSI)</i>
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch Break
12.45 – 14.15	Session 3 – Regulation of social media for human and societal safety Paid Attention: The Impact of Meta Ads in the 2025 German Federal Election Campaign <i>Jakob Berg, Prof. Johannes Breuer & Felix Schmidt (University of Regensburg, CAIS, gesis)</i> Speaking the Law's Language: Helping Digital Safety Researchers Navigate Regulatory Processes <i>Annabel Schultz & Dorian Tsolak (Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia)</i> Surveillance Watermarking: Trading Privacy for AI Disclosure <i>Zachary Cooper (Weizenbaum Institute / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)</i>
14.15 – 14.30	Closing Remarks

Venue

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