

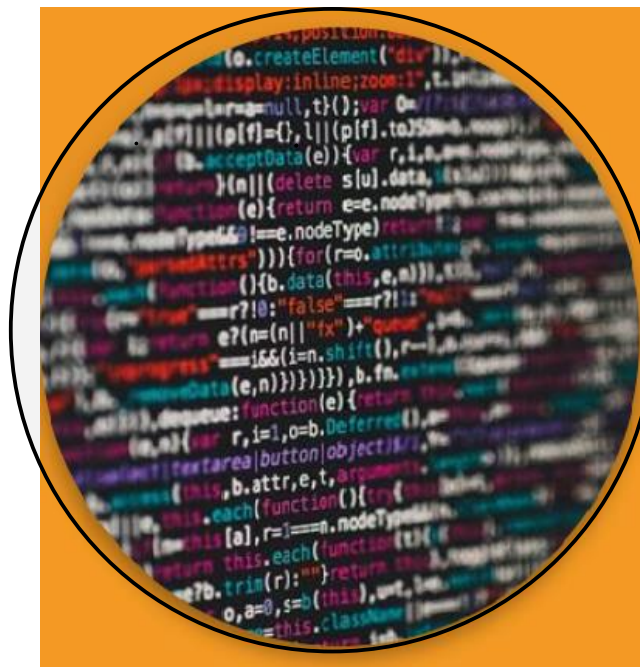
Technology, Big Data and International Relations

June 28th - July 2nd 2021

Online >> Application is now open

About

Debates on technology and power are not unprecedented in the field of International Relations. However, the way both interact in today's digital era holds challenging configurations for both the practice and the study of International Relations. Drawing on different interdisciplinary contributions, this Summer School aims to critically explore the epistemological and methodological possibilities big data and the Internet of things (IoT) bring to IR while questioning how far the technology that allowed the advent of these has been revolutionizing the world we live and how research in IR is concurrently going through an epistemological, (de)ontological, methodological and ethical shift.



Coordination Committee

Maria Raquel Freire and Sofia José Santos

Keynote Speakers

Stefania Milan, University of Amsterdam
Tommaso Venturini, Sciences Po Paris

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PhD International Politics and Conflict Resolution (FEUC/CES); Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence PRONE; DeCode/M and MEDIATIZED EU Research Projects

Who can apply?

Applicants should preferably be PhD or MA students, academics, or practitioners in the fields of International Relations, Political Science, Peace and Conflict Studies, Media and Communications, or Social Sciences. Sessions will be presented and discussed in English.

How to apply?

- Short CV (2 pages maximum) in English
- Biographical note (300 words maximum) in English
- Motivation statement (300 words maximum) in English

Fees

Early bird fee: 150€
Regular fee: 180€

Relevant dates:

12h (GMT+1) April 30th: Deadline for submitting your application [here](#)
April 30th: Announcement of selected candidates
May 10th: Early bird registration and payment
May 30th: Regular registration and payment

Further information:

<https://ces.uc.pt/summerwinterschools/?lang=1&id=28163>.

Programme

Monday, June 28th

9h15 -10h00: Welcoming session, *Maria Raquel Freire and Sofia José Santos*, University of Coimbra

10h00 – 12h00: Keynote address: “Reclaiming agency in the datafied society”, *Stefania Milan*, University of Amsterdam

14h00 - 16h00: Critical Perspectives on Technology, Technopolitics and Power, *Sofia José Santos*, University of Coimbra

16h30 – 18h00: Emotions, Technopolitics and Foreign Policy, *Maria Raquel Freire*, University of Coimbra

Tuesday, June 29th

9h00 – 11h00: Big data, 5G and IoT, *Tiago Lapa*, ISCTE-IUL

11h30-13h30: Ethical and methodological specificities of Internet Research Analysis, *Tiago Lapa*, ISCTE-IUL

15h00-17h00: Workshop on computer-assisted content analysis, *Bia Carneiro*, University of Coimbra

17h30 - 19h00 - Having a cyber-coffee with Oscar Hemer and Lia Tsuladze on 'Europeanization, Communication and Conviviality'

Wednesday, June 30th

9h00 – 11h00: Digital Ethnography: contextualizing ‘big data’ through thick descriptions of everyday lifeworlds online, *Tina Askanius*, Malmö University

11h30 – 13h00: Early Warning and Peace, *Teresa Almeida Cravo*, University of Coimbra

14h30 – 16h30: Disinformation and Propaganda, *Britt Paris*, Rutgers University

17h30 – 19h00 - Having a cyber-coffee with Thomas Tufte and Tanya Lokot on 'Internet, Politics and Communication for Social Change'

Thursday, July 1st

9h00-11h00: Big Data and the Epistemologies of the South, *Jesús Sabariego*, University of Seville

11h30 – 13h30: Workshop on Network Analysis, *Inês Amaral*, University of Coimbra

15h00-16h30: Populism, Masculinities and Web Performativity, *Alexandre de Sousa Carvalho*, University of Coimbra

17h00-18h30: Digital Human Rights, *Daniela Nascimento*, University of Coimbra

Friday, July 2nd

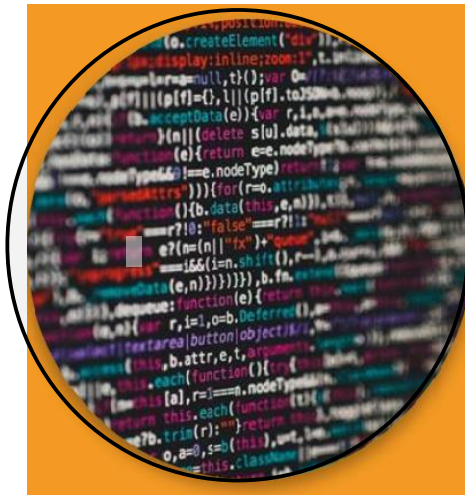
9h00-10h30: Power and diplomacy in cyberspace, *André Barrinha*, University of Bath

11h00-12h30: Internet regulation: between law, politics and emotion, *Benjamin Farrand*, University of Newcastle

14h00-16h00: Workshop on Data Visualisation, *Catarina Maças*, University of Coimbra

17h00 - 18h30: Keynote address: “Yes... But. Promises and Risks of Digital Methods” *Tommaso Venturini*, Sciences Po Paris

18h45 – 19h00: Closing session, *Maria Raquel Freire and Sofia José Santos*, University of Coimbra

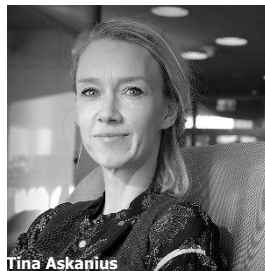




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Bio notes

Alexandre de Sousa Carvalho is Associate Researcher at the Centre for International Studies (ISCTE-IUL) and at the Center for Social Studies. He coordinates the thematic area "Populism and Extreme Masculinities" within the research project DeCode/M. Since February 2017, he has been a Guest Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra where he lectures at undergraduate and graduate programmes in International Relations, Development, Peace and Security Studies. He is a PhD Candidate in Political Science at ISCTE-IUL in Lisbon and holds a MA degree in African Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Bradford, UK, and a BA in International Relations, University of Coimbra.

André Barrinha is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Bath. He has published in high profile journals such as International Affairs, Mediterranean Politics, Third World Quarterly, Journal of Common Market Studies and Journal of European Integration. Dr Barrinha is currently working on cyber-diplomacy as an emerging practice in international relations. He was awarded in 2019, together with Thomas Renard (Egmont Institute), the Best Article in Global Affairs Award for a co-authored piece on cyber diplomacy and the English School. He is one of the coordinators of the UACES RN INTERSECT: Technology-Security-Society interplays in Europe.

Benjamin Farrand is Reader in Law & Emerging Technologies at Newcastle University. His research focuses on the interaction between law and politics in areas of uncertainty, drawing insights from critical theory, political economy and conceptualisations of power. Areas he has worked on include the control of online disinformation, power relations in legislative change in the field of internet regulation, and the security implications of Brexit for the UK and EU. He has published in journals such as the Journal of Common Market Studies, Oxford Journal of Legal Studies and the Journal of Information Technology and Politics.

Bia Carneiro is a PhD Sociology candidate in the programme "Labour Relations, Social Inequalities and Trade Unionism" at the Centre For Social Studies/Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra. Her current research applies content analysis and digital methods to explore the online presence of organised labour organisations. She holds an MSc Social Policy and Development from the London School of Economics. She is a researcher and the Media & Communications Coordinator for DeCode/M. In between her academic pursuits, Bia has gained more than fifteen years of professional experience in the areas of communications and international development.

Britt S. Paris is a critical informatics scholar studying how groups build, use, and understand information systems according to their values, and how these systems influence evidentiary standards and political action. She has published work on Internet infrastructure projects, digital labor, and civic data, analyzed through the lenses of critical, feminist, and de-colonial theory. She has her MA in Media Studies from the New School in New York City and her PhD in Information Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. She did her postdoctoral research at Data & Society Research Institute and remains affiliated there. She joined the faculty at Rutgers University as an Assistant in Fall 2019.

Catarina Maças has an Undergraduate and Master degree in Design and Multimedia from University of Coimbra. She is a PhD candidate in the PhD Program Information Science and Technology, and is a teaching assistant at the Department of Informatics Engineering, University of Coimbra. She is also a researcher at the Computational Design and Visualization Lab, University of Coimbra. Her research focuses on Information Visualization, more specifically in the visualization of temporal events. Also, she aims to develop visualizations that entice the user to explore the visual elements and gather a deeper understanding of the represented data.

Daniela Nascimento has a PhD in International Politics and Conflict Resolution from the University of Coimbra, and a European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation from the Inter-European Center for Human Rights and Democratisation. She is a researcher at the Center for Social Studies and professor in International Relations at the School of Economics, University of Coimbra. Her research interests focus on peace studies, human rights, peacebuilding, humanitarian action, especially in the African context and Timor Leste. Her latest publication is International Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Strategies. The Complexities of war and peace in Sudan (Routledge, 2017).

Inês Amaral is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Coimbra. She holds a PhD in Communication Sciences, University of Minho, and is a researcher at the Centre for Studies in Communication and Society. She has been a researcher in international and national projects such as European Media Literacy Education Study, News as Democratic Resources – Cross-Cultural Comparative Research, Media in Action, and Digital Rights: A Password for the Future. Currently, she leads as PI the project MyGender and is researcher at DeCode/M.

Jesús Sabariego holds a PhD in Human Rights and Development. He was Lecturer of Contemporary Political and Social History, in the degrees of Sociology and Political Science at the University Pablo de Olavide, coordinator (2001-2007) and lecturer (206-2008) of the Doctoral Programme in Human Rights and Development and in the Human Rights Group "José Carlos Mariátegui" (2004 - 2008), European Union and the UNESCO Chair in Social Participation; visiting lecturer and researcher in universities of Latin America and Europe, a consultant for several public and third sector organizations. He undertook his postdoctoral research on social movements, funded by FCT. Currently, he is MSCA Researcher at the University of Sevilla.

Lia Tsuladze is an Associate Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University, Georgia. She has been directing the Programme of Applied Social Research at Center for Social (CSS) since 2012 and became a Research Director and joined the CSS Board, in 2014. In 2016 she became an Executive Director at CSS. Lia is the author of more than 20 publications and 2 textbooks. Her current research deals with the political and popular discourses on Europeanisation in Georgia, focusing on how these discourses are performed for international vs. domestic audiences. She is member of the MEDIATIZED EU research project.

Maria Raquel Freire is a researcher at the Centre for Social Studies and Professor of International Relations at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra. She is a Jean Monnet Chair and Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Coimbra and leads as principal investigator CES' team on the MEDIATIZED EU research project. She is a member of the Scientific Council for Social Sciences and Humanities of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, and member of the European Science Foundation College of Expert Reviewers. Her research interests focus on peace studies, particularly peacekeeping and peacebuilding; foreign policy, international security, Russia and the post-Soviet space.



Oscar Hemer is Professor of Journalistic and Literary Creation, Malmö University. Dr. Philos. in Social Anthropology at the University of Oslo (2011). Writer of several novels and with a twenty year experience as an arts journalist and editor. He was the initiator of the one-year Master program "Communication for Development" and its coordinator from the inception in 2000 to 2014. His latest own works are the novel *Misiones* (2014), which finalizes his Argentina Trilogy (*Cosmos Aska*, 2000; *Santiago* 2007), and the experimental literary anthropology monograph *Contaminations & Ethnographic Fictions: Southern Crossings* (Palgrave Macmillan 2020). In parallel with his own research, Hemer has lately been the coordinator of the research network *Conviviality at the Crossroads*, a collaboration between Malmö University and Bard College Berlin.

Sofia José Santos is an Assistant Professor in International Relations at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra, and a Researcher at the Center for Social, where she coordinates the DeCode/M project as PI (FCT). She is also part of the research projects *MEDIATIZED-EU* (H2020), *UNPOP* (FCT), *MyGender* (FCT), *(De)Othering* (FCT) and *PARENT* (EU). She is also co-coordinator of the PhD Programme *Democracy in the Twenty-first Century*. Since 2008 she has undertaken research on media and international relations; internet and technopolitics; and media and masculinities from a critical perspective. Sofia holds a PhD in International Relations, from the University of Coimbra, and an Advanced Studies Diploma in Communication Sciences from ISCTE-IUL.

Stefania Milan is Associate Professor of New Media and Digital Culture at the University of Amsterdam. She is the Principal Investigator (PI) of the *DATACTIVE* project (European Research Council Starting Grant No 639379), Co-Principal Investigator of the *e-LADDA* project (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Grant No 857897) and Project Leader of *Citizenship and Standard-Setting in Digital Networks* (NWO Grant No MVt.19.032). She is also the principal of the *DATACTIVE* Ideas Lab. She holds a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute (EUI), Italy (2009).



Tanya (Tetyana) Lokot is Associate Professor in Digital Media and Society at the School of Communications, Dublin Centre University. She researches protest and digital media in Ukraine and Russia, as well as internet freedom, censorship and internet governance in Eastern Europe. Her book, *Beyond the Protest Square Digital Media and Augmented Dissent*, is forthcoming in early 2021. Tanya received her PhD from the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland. Tanya's research has been published in *Information, Communication & Society*; *Social Media + Society*; *Digital Journalism*; *Surveillance & Society* and *Irish Studies in International Affairs*. Tanya has worked as a journalist, non-profit consultant, and media trainer in Ukraine, Belarus, and Georgia, and speaks fluent English, Russian, and Ukrainian. From 2014 to 2016 she was contributing editor for the *RuNet Echo* project at *Global Voices*.

Teresa Almeida Cravo is an Assistant Professor in International Relations at the Faculty of Economics and a Researcher at the Centre for Social Studies. She is currently the head of the University's International Relations Department and the coordinator of its undergraduate degree in International Relations. She holds a PhD from the Department of Politics and International Studies of the University of Cambridge. In recent years, she has been an Academic Visitor at the African Studies Centre of the University of Oxford, a Visiting Fellow at the University of Westminster, in London, and at the University of Monash in Melbourne. She was also an Associate of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Her research interests include critical perspectives on peace and violence, security, development, global interventionism and foreign policy, particularly within the Lusophone context, as well as poststructuralism and discourse analysis.

Thomas Tufte is an internationally leading scholar in the field of communication for social change. Professor Tufte's expertise and experience lie in critically exploring the interrelations between media texts/flows/genres, communicative practices and processes of citizen engagement and social change. His long-standing research interests have evolved around two key areas: qualitative audience studies and communication for social change research, often times combining the two. Thomas has led 7 international research projects in the field, having sat on numerous editorial boards, and worked in about 30 countries worldwide. His publications include 15 books and more than 50 journal articles. Thomas Tufte joined Loughborough from a position as Research Director at the School of Media, Communication and Sociology at University of Leicester.

Tiago Lapa is an Assistant Professor and researcher at CIES-IUL, in the area of communication, in the Department of Sociology of the School of Sociology and Public Policy of ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa. He has collaborated as a reviewer in publications and participates in COST and Erasmus + programs and in international scientific networks such as the World Internet Project and the European Media Coach Initiative, related to Internet studies, the digital divide and new media literacy. He also belongs to the advisory council of the Safe Internet Center of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). His scientific work has been published in the form of books, chapters and articles in indexed journals of international circulation.

Tina Askanius is Associate Professor in Media and Communication Studies at the School of Arts and Communication, Malmö University, where she is also the co-director of the interdisciplinary research platform *Rethinking Democracy* www.mau.se/redem. She holds a PhD in Media and Communication Studies from Lund University. Her research broadly concerns the interplay between media and social movements and she has published extensively on these matters in the context of social movements challenging racism, sexism and climate justice as well as ultra-nationalist and neo-Nazi movements in Scandinavia. She is currently working on a 4-year research project on the digital media practices of takfiri movements and extreme-right movements in Sweden (MMW 2018-2021) and an international project comparing white supremacist movements in Sweden and Canada (MSB 2020-2013).

Tommaso Venturini is a researcher at the CNRS Centre for Internet and Society. He is also associate researcher of INRIA and of the médialab of Sciences Po Paris and founding member of the Public Data Lab. In 2016, he has been a "digital methods lecturer" at the Department of Digital Humanities of King's College London. From 2009 to 2015, he has coordinated the research activities of the médialab of Sciences Po Paris. His research activities focus on: Digital Methods, Digital Media Studies, Controversy Mapping, Science & Technology Studies, Social Modernization and he has been the leading scientist of the projects EMAPS and MEDEA and responsible for the Axis 1 of the project FORCCAST. Tommaso teaches Controversy Mapping, Digital Methods, Data Journalism, Data Activism and STS at graduate and undergraduate level. He holds a PhD in Society of Information, University of Milano Bicocca.