Digital Sovereignty – Rhetoric and Reality

Online Conference 28-29 April 2022

Programme

Day 1 (28 April 2022)

9:30-10:30 Welcome & Framework Paper Presentation and Discussion
(Vienna Working Group on Digital Europe: Gerda Falkner, Sebastian Heidebrecht, Anke Obendiek, Elke Schraik, Timo Seidl – Universität Wien, AUT)

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Digital Sovereignty: Old or New?
On the Path to Digital Mercantilism? An Analysis of Policy and Media Discourse on EU Digital Policy. (Pascal König and Georg Wenzelburger – Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, DEU)

Fear of Technological Dominance: A Comparative-Historical Analysis of the European Policy Change. (Cosmina Moghior – National School of Political and Administrative Studies SNSPA, ROU)

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Digital Sovereignty in EU Policies
Digital Sovereignty and Its Impact on EU Policymaking. (Andrej Savin – Copenhagen Business School, DNK)

A Strategic Turn? The EU in the Making of Internet Standards. (Clément Perarnaud – Centre for European Policy Studies & Vrije Universiteit Brussel, BEL; and Julien Rossi – Université Rennes 2 and Université de technologie de Compiègne, FRA)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Digital borders
Digital Sovereignty and Private Tech: A Historical Juncture in European Security Cyber Governance. (Helena Farrand Carrapico – Northumbria University, GBR; and Benjamin Farrand – University of Newcastle, GBR)

Digital Sovereignty Meets Platform Reality. (Meelis Kitsing – Estonian Business School, EST)
Day 2 (29 April 2022)

9:30-11:00 Internal and external dynamics of digital sovereignty

_A Sheep in Wolf’s Clothing? The Influence of European Digital Sovereignty Discourse on EU External Relations Policy Change._ (Julia Carver – University of Oxford, GBR)

_Democratising Digital Sovereignty: Enhancing Democratic Participation in Decision-making about Digital Infrastructure._ (Julia Rone – University of Cambridge, GBR)

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Digital Sovereignty in Practice? Policy Cases

_Platform Infrastructure – the Means of Digital Sovereignty after the Return of Geoeconomics?_ (Jan Zygmuntowski – Kozminski University, POL)

_Self-Sovereign Identity: A Paradigm Shift in the EU Data Sovereignty Policy?_ (Bilgesu Sumer – Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, NLD)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Lobbying

_EU Platform Regulation and Industry Lobbying: Constellations of Interest and Power in a Contested Regulatory Field._ (Robert Gorwa, Grzegorz Lechowski, Martin Krzywdzinski – WZB Berlin Social Science Center, DEU)

_Undermining Lobbying Coalitions: The Interest Group Politics of Internet Content Regulation._ (Max Heermann – University of Konstanz, DEU)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 An International Outlook on the Digital Sovereignty Debate

_Digital Sovereignty as an Emergent Discursive Order._ (Mauro Santaniello and Francesco Amoretti – Università degli studi di Salerno, ITA)

_Impact of Offensive Cyber Operations on Digital Economy: Vulnerable Industries and Changing Currencies._ (Nori Katagiri – Saint Louis University, USA)

17:30-18:15 General Debate and Closing