



## **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**