PRODIGEES

Promoting Research on Digitalisation in Emerging Powers and Europe

Towards Sustainable Development

Call for Abstracts

for PRODIGEES Author's Workshop
Digitalisation in Governance and Society

Nice, France, 22-24 September 2022

MGG-PRODIGEES, in collaboration with CIFE, invites researchers from the PRODIGEES network to submit abstracts towards proposals for publications in two thematic areas: Digitalisation & Governance and Digitalisation & Society. Accepted contributors will be invited to participate in a three-day Author's Workshop on 22-24 September in Nice, Fance with the goal of developing joint publication projects. The workshop is hosted by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE), within the framework of DIE's Managing Global Governance (MGG) network initiative PRODIGEES (*Promoting Research on Digitalisation in Emerging Powers and Europe towards Sustainable Development)*.

The Author's Workshop is an innovative laboratory for developing paper ideas towards a common publication project among multiple partners. Selected keynote speakers will deliver opening presentations to kick off discussions with all participants. Smaller group, workshop formats will facilitate the joint development of research projects (ideally with teams of co-authors from different world regions) that culminate in concrete publication plans on the basis of submitted paper proposals. The aspired outcome is the development of multiple projects on different sub-topics, with the potential to be combined into one bigger publication, such as a special issue of a journal, a book, or individual contributions. During the Workshop, groups of authors will identify target mediums for their respective publications.

A full agenda will be available in summer 2022.

Submission deadline
1 April 2022

Information on the topics

Investments in digitalisation affect personal, political, societal, environmental and economic processes across the globe and have enormous effects in almost all sectors in the coming decades, from agriculture to industry and finance, from education to health, democracy and human rights. Digitalisation also influences the success of the worldwide transformation towards sustainable development, as endorsed by the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[1]. Digital technologies are understood to belong to the most powerful facilitators for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)[2]. At the same time, the digital transformation will only be successful if it is socially accepted and fosters sustainable and equitable growth.

Understanding and shaping the interdependencies between digitalisation and sustainability belongs to the key challenges of the digital era. They are the precondition to employ the transformative potentials of digitalisation to meet the needs and aspirations of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs within the planet's physical boundaries[3].

Examples of viable research topics include, but are not limited to:

- data protection regulations
- digitalisation and the UN's 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development
- e-government and e-governance
- European regulatory measures as models of reference
- gender-inclusive digitalisation
- implications of digitally facilitated state-civil society interactions
- innovative digital training formats for education and network cooperation
- nexus of democratic societies, digitalisation and sustainable innovation
- open science, open access and open data
- role of digital and social media in democratic practices

Keywords

cooperation; data; democracy; development; digitalisation; education; equality; governance; inclusivity; innovation; knowledge; science; society; sustainability; technology; transparency.

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[1] United Nations General Assembly (2015): Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 21 October 2015, A/RES/70/1.

[2] International Telecommunication Union (2017): Buenos Aires Declaration. Buenos Aires: World Tele-communication Development Conference (WTDC-17), 9-20 October 2017.

[3] European Commission's Directorate-General for International cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) (2017): New European Consensus on Development – "Our world, our dignity, our future" – Joint Statement by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States Meet-ing within the council, the European Parliament and the European Commission. URL: https://ec.eu-ropa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/european-consensus-on-development-final-20170626_en.pdf.

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Abstract submission information

Participation in this call is restricted to researchers from one of the following institutions:

- Austrian Academy of Sciences - Institute of Technology Assessment (OEAW-ITA), Austria
- Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia
- Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Brazil
- German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Germany
- Instituto Mora (MORA), Mexico
- Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy
- Luiss Guido Carli University (LUISS), Italy
- Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India
- Stellenbosch University (SU), South Africa
- Universität Hamburg (UHAM), Germany

Participants from Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa are strongly encouraged to use the Author's Workshop as an opportunity to begin a secondment to a European partner institute.

This call is for **abstracts between 300 and 500 words**. Full manuscripts need not be prepared for the workshop; rather, the workshop acts as an innovative laboratory for collaboratively developing paper ideas and expertise towards a common publication project among multiple partners.

Please send abstracts with full contact information and institutional affiliation to Dr. Wulf Reiners, wulf.reiners@die-gdi.de; CC'ing Dr. Sven Grimm, sven.grimm@die-gdi.de and Benjamin Stewart, benjamin.stewart@die-gdi.de by 01 April 2022.

The chosen abstracts will be clustered according to themes. During the workshop, applicants will form coalitions, according to their cluster.

Applicants will be informed about the selection by 15 May 2022.

Where to learn more

To learn more about the PRODIGEES project, its coordinators, collaborators and sponsors, please visit the following links:

Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE): https://www.cife.eu/

European Commission's Horizon 2020 Program: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/home

German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE): https://www.die-gdi.de/en/

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