
COST Action DATAMIG

Cost Action Workshop

Athens 2024

organized by the Action Chair, the Core Group &
the Committees of WG 1, 2 and 3
at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & Online
25 – 26 June 2024

Program (21.6.2024 version)

(Times in EEST, please convert to other time zones if needed!)

Location

Department of History and Philosophy of Science
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
University Campus, Athens 157 71 ([Map](#))

Official Program

Tuesday, 25 June 2024 (10:00)

09:15–09:45 Coffee

09:45–10:10 Welcome

Welcome by COST Action Core Group

10:10–12:00 Open Panels I

Room A

WG1: Panel 1: Technologies, data, and borders

Moderation: Analisa Meloni & Philipp Seufferling

“Assess in Advance, Control Where Required”. Risk, Data and Anticipation in EU Customs Security

Georgios Glouftsios, University of Trento (online)

Secured by sentiments - bordering by emotional biometrics

Veronika Nagy, Utrecht University

Room: Room B

WG2: Panel 1

Moderation: Arely Cruz-Santiago & Maria Volkova

Digital Detention. Extractive economies and “alternatives” to immigrant detention in the USA

Carolina Sanchez Boe, Brown University in Paris (online)

Exploring Mixed Migration's Impact on Everyday Extremism in Serbian Borderland Communities

Stevan Tatalovic, Info Park

Room: Room C

WG3: Collective listening practice

“Active Listening”: Sound as a tool to explore migrant border crossings

with an introduction by **Nelli Kambouri, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Research Fellow, ERC CoG MUTE Project.**

This session will explore how we can use sound as a method to approach migrant border

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| <p>Asylum Knowledge and Technology as a Matter of Hospitality Jasper van der Kist, University of Antwerp (online)</p> <p>Violent ends for violent devices? Non-knowledge and the 'unreflexive' practices of EU's border security design Sarah Perret, Catholic University of Lille</p> <p>Border Control and Migration at Belarusian Borders: Unpacking the Socio-Technical Assemblage and the Role of the EU Ekaterina Mikhailova, Luxembourg Institute of Social and Economic Research</p> | <p>Divisions Bogna Burska, visual artist and Professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Gdańsk, Department of Intermedia</p> <p>Health and Mobility Justice: Moving Beyond Sedentary Paradigms Karolina Follis, Lancaster University</p> <p><u>With short provocations from:</u></p> <p>Technology doing borders Anthony Staines, Dublin City University.</p> <p>The complexities of cultural and religious diversity in European migration and border control. Genti Kruja, Bedër University.</p> | <p>crossings. Through the perspective of sonic experience and memory, the session will attempt to open a space in which we can become more attentive to sound and collectively explore the challenges of sonic agency, recording technologies, aesthetics, and ethics when listening carefully to the sounds and testimonies of border crossings. Most of the session will be devoted to listening to sound recordings collected in the context of the ERC CoG MUTE project (https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101002720) in collaboration with the Migrant Women's Network Melissa (https://melissanetwork.org/)</p> |
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12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Open Panels II

Room: Room A

WG1: Panel 2: Politics of data sharing and data quality

Moderation: Zuzana Uhde & Silvan Pollozek

Achieving Data Perfection - The Promises of Synthetic Data for Biometric Recognition
Thea Kirsch, Free University Berlin

Data-Quality as Controversy: Facial Recognition and Artificial Intelligence in Border Management
Clemens Binder, University of Copenhagen

Datafying human mobility in West Africa: interplays of legal and socio-technical infrastructures
Alice Fill, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris

Data quality in EU migration and border control: Towards a research agenda
Vasilis Argyriou & Matthias Leese, ETH Zurich

Room: Room C

WG3: Roundtable 1

Moderation: Nina Amelung & Brigitta Kuster

How much Datafication is in the New Pact and Will it Actually Matter?

Hannah Sommer, University of Vienna; Bernd Kasperek, Delft University of Technology

Body Bona Fide (work in progress)
Niels Christensen, artist based in Copenhagen

Making Eurostat data accessible: why and for whom?
Tom Montel, Institut Convergences Migration & Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis

EU-LISA between Lobbyism and Venture Sciences. Contours of a new research field in Empirical Migration and Border Regime Research
Vassilis S. Tsianos, Kiel UAS

'De-centring' the digital: Muldimodality as analytical lense in digital migration research
Zlatan Krajina, University of Zagreb

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-18:45 Open Panels III

Room: Room B
WG2 Workshop

Moderation: Olga Usachova & Sophie Bettex

Collaborative Map on Mapping: Using AI and Situational Analysis to explore bordering regimes.

Co-facilitated by Manju Bura, Tom Hogger Gadsby & Ernesto Schwartz-Marin, University of Exeter

The workshop offers a unique opportunity to engage with existing reports and mapping exercises from diverse stakeholders. It will enable the use of natural language processing techniques to map out the current debates and practices employed in the datafication of border control. Through 'close reading' exercises and iterative feedback loops, we aim to bring a deeper understanding and nuance to the AI, enhancing its effectiveness and relevance.

Room: Room C
WG3: Roundtable 2

Moderation: Brigitta Kuster & Nina Amelung

Borders, Migration and the Digital States of Exception in Cyprus

Nicos Trimikliniotis & Michaelangelo Anastasiou, University of Nicosia

Changing Imaginaries of Balkan Solidarity Structures in Migration

Barbara Beznec, Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts; Mojca Pajnik, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana & Peace Institute in Ljubljana

Digital Traces from the Mobile Commons: Between Social Knowledge and Regimental Evidence

Javier Toscano, activist researcher based in Berlin

Connecting AI resistance from whistleblowing to social justice

Tatiana Bazzichelli, Disruption Network Lab, Berlin

20:00 Joint Dinner

Location: tba

Wednesday, 26 June 2024

09:15-11:15 WG Sessions 1

Room A

**WG1-Writing Sprint
“Keywords”**

**Internal draft feedback
rounds in groups**

Room B

WG2-working session

**Collective writing of Special
Theme Proposals for Big
Data & Society**

Room C

WG3-working session

**Discussion space on forensic
investigative methodologies
to produce counter publics
and counter evidence on
datafied migration and
border control** with
Lydia Emmanouilidou,
independent journalist,
Greece; Charles Heller,
Border Forensics Geneva/
University of Bern; Stanislas
Michel, Border Forensics,
Geneva; Laura Stielike,
University of Osnabrück,
DATAMIG WG 3 Lab
spokesperson
co-facilitated by Bernd
Kasperek and Brigitta Kuster

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

13:00-14:15 Lunch Break

14:15-15:15 WG Sessions 2

Room A

**WG1-Writing Sprint
“Keywords”**

Plenum discussion,
reflection, next steps

Room B

WG2-working session

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Room C

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15:15-15:30 Wrap up, farewell

16:00-18:00 Management Committee Meeting

Moderation and preparation: Action Chair and Core Group

Organizational team

Athens team: Aristotle Tympas, Olga Lafazani, Kostas Gousis, Iro Dioti, Shelly Amparian

WG 1: Vasilis Argyriou, Alice Fill, Koen Leurs, Analisa Meloni, Veronika Nagy, Sarah Perret, Silvan Pollozek, Philipp Seufferling, Zuzana Uhde

WG 2: Arely Cruz-Santiago, Gabriella Sanchez

WG 3: Nina Amelung, Katharina Wuropulos, Brigitta Kuster together with Olga Lafazani, Nelly Kampouri, Dimitris Parsanoglou, Alice Whelan, Nadja Beglerovic, Valeria Raimondi, Sonia Terxeira, Michelle Pfeifer