

Call for abstracts:
"Digitizing Peoples in Uncertain Times"
Seminar, 13 & 14 May 2021



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You are welcome to submit your abstract to the seminar "Digitizing peoples in uncertain times: Interface methods for interventions on populations".

The seminar will be held on May 13th and 14th 2021 at the University of Bologna and virtually.

Deadline: March 30th

Aims

The seminar aims to address the emergent methods used to create data about populations in times of quick developments in health, security, mobility, education, to name a few, as well as the interventions we as social researchers can develop to create alternative epistemic forms about vulnerable, dispersed, invisible or just emergent populations.

Topics

- Which methods of knowing populations are being introduced to cope with new uncertainties? Shall these methods aim at universality - a common claim when it comes to Big Data, or should they come to terms with some forms of invisibility?
- Which new regimes of inclusion/exclusion do new methods introduce? What should fair and just ways of knowing populations in security, health, mobility, education, pandemics etc. encompass?
- What is the role of social scientists, especially those engaged with sociotechnologies, in dealing with those methods? What can intervention in population management mean for such scholars? To what extent can methods for social research and methods for social action overlap?
- Do we need alternative methods, or maybe we'd better combine existing digital and ethnographic, qualitative and quantitative methods in new ways?
- Which forms of intervention are more suitable to achieve fair and just enactment of populations? How can we deploy the principles of situated interventions in empirical and often sensitive fields?

More information about the rationale: <https://eventi.unibo.it/digitizingpeoples/rationale>

Confirmed keynote speakers

Noortje Marres, University of Warwick.

Teun Zuiderent-Jerak, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Submission guidelines

Please submit title, 300-word abstracts, author's name and surname, affiliation and email address to webmaster@processingcitizenship.eu

Deadline: March 30th, 2021

Notification of acceptance: April 9th, 2021

Conference settings

Given the continuing pandemic, the seminar will be held mainly or exclusively online.

Participation fee is waived; in case travelling becomes an option and you opt for presence, travel expenses are covered by the Project.

Program and other information about the event: <https://eventi.unibo.it/digitizingpeoples>

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