



**The Ninth European Multidisciplinary Conference on
Global Internet Governance Actors, Regulations,
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**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
GIG-ARTS 2025**

**The rise of digital sovereignty:
ambiguities and challenges**

**University of Salerno, Italy
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Digital Sovereignty in Comparative Perspective: State Authority, Corporate Power and Fundamental Rights in Cyberspace

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Cybersecurity (As A) Public Policy The Institutionalization Of Platform And Network Security In The Eu And Italy

SYNOPSIS

The GIG-ARTS (Global Internet Governance Actors, Regulations, Transactions and Strategies) conference is a European annual multidisciplinary academic venue to present and discuss developments in Global Internet Governance (GIG) and their implications in and beyond this field of research. The conference objectives are threefold: (1) to foster the enlargement and diversification of this academic community in order to increase its visibility; (2) to open more opportunities to young scholars, particularly from Europe and its neighbourhood; and (3) to anchor its discussions in the European context, providing a space where the scholarly community can address regional challenges and contribute to regional discussions.

Past editions have explored topics such as global internet governance as a diplomatic issue (Paris, 2017), inequalities in internet governance (Cardiff, 2018), Europe's role as a global player in governance (Salerno, 2019), online information governance (Vienna, 2021), and the intersection of governance and international human rights (Nicosia, 2022). More recent editions have focused on cybersecurity governance, resilience, and democracy (Padua, 2023) and reflections on thirty years of multistakeholderism in internet governance (The Hague, 2024).

The Ninth GIG-ARTS Conference, to be held at the University of Salerno, takes as its main theme "The rise of digital sovereignty: ambiguities and challenges". The concept of digital sovereignty has gained increasing attention and importance in recent years, driven by a complex mix of political and economic motivations, geopolitical tensions, and technological developments. The pursuit of digital sovereignty generates significant tensions, particularly between the desire for national control and the need for international and multistakeholder cooperation. Despite its growing prominence, digital sovereignty remains a deeply contested concept. This conference aims to foster critical dialogue on the rise of digital sovereignty, exploring its motivations, ambiguities, and contradictions.

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VENUE

GIG-ARTS 2025 will be hosted at the University of Salerno’s main campus in Fisciano, approximately 15 kilometers from the city center of Salerno. The conference sessions will take place in the Aula delle Lauree Gabriele de Rosa, located in Building D2. For detailed directions and campus navigation, please refer to the [interactive map](#). A campus map highlighting key points of interest is provided below.



For additional practical information on transportation options, nearby airports, and accommodation in Salerno, please visit our [website](#).

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for the Ninth **GIG-ARTS Conference** are 120€ for regular

participants and 60€ for students showing proof of status. These fees apply for both paper and non paper authors. Conference fees (non-refundable) cover a participant kit as well as coffee breaks, lunches, and a social event.

Registration deadline is **15 May 2025**.

The **REGISTRATION PROCESS** is available [here](#).

OUTLINE SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - Monday, 26 May

09:00-10:30 Registration
10:30-11:00 Welcome
11:00-12:30 Paper Panel Session 1 - Conceptualizing Digital Sovereignty
12:30-14:00 Lunch Break
14:00-15:30 Paper Panel Session 2 - Geopolitics of Digital Sovereignty
15:30-16:00 Break
16:00-17:00 Keynote Speech by Paul Timmers
17:00-18:00 Paper Panel Session 3 - Digital Sovereignty and Security
18:00-18:30 Transfer to Salerno

DAY 2 - Tuesday, 27 May

09:00-10:30 Paper Panel Session 4 - Platform Sovereignty
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:30 Roundtable: “Researching, Teaching and Practicing Digital Sovereignty”
12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30 Paper Panel Session 5 - Decolonial and Indigenous Perspectives on Digital Sovereignty
15:30-16:00 Break
16:00-17:00 Keynote Speech by Frederick Douzet
17:00-18:00 Paper Panel Session 6 - Digital Sovereignty and EU regulation
18:00-18:30 Transfer to Salerno

DAY 3 - Wednesday, 28 May

09:00-10:30 Paper Panel Session 7 - Data Governance and Data Sovereignty
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:30 Paper Panel Session 8 - European Digital Sovereignty: Digital Constitutionalism, digital autonomy and normative power
12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30	Paper Panel Session 9 - Infrastructural Sovereignty
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-17:30	Paper Panel Session 10 - Digital Sovereignty in Wartime
17:30-18:00	Concluding remarks
18:00-18:30	Transfer to Salerno

DETAILED SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - Monday, 26 May

09:00-10:30 Registration

10:30-11:00 Welcome Session

Vincenzo Loia - Rector | University of Salerno

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Francesco Amoretti - University of Salerno

Nicola Palladino - University of Salerno

11:00-12:30 Paper Panel Session 1 - Conceptualizing Digital Sovereignty

Chair: Dennis Redeker (Bremen University - ZeMKI)

- From Sovereignty to Relational Autonomy: a Conceptual Contribution from the Southern Cone
Lucia Bosoer (Universitat Pompeu Fabra/European University Institute)
- Theorizing Rogue Digital Sovereignty
Marwan Kraidy (Northwestern University)
- Teaching Digital Sovereignty: How Many Bridges to Cross?
Jamal Shahin (BSoG-VUB/UvA/UNU-CRIS)
- Digital Sovereignty and Central and Eastern Europe: Thinking Digital Politics from a Semi-Periphery
Jakub Eberle; Linda Monsees (Institute of International Relations Prague)

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Paper Panel Session 2 - Geopolitics of Digital Sovereignty

Chair: Carlos Fonseca (Ghent University/UNU-CRIS)

- Informational Sovereignty: Website Infrastructure Dependency and Geopolitical Risk in Latin America
Juan Ortiz-Freuler (Annenberg/USC)
- Processing Digital Sovereignty in Western Balkan States: Sovereignty Deficiencies Amid EU Accession and US-China Digital Technology Rivalry
Ana Bojinović Fenko; Anastas Vangeli; Faris Kočan (University of Ljubljana)

- Kings vs Giants: Mapping the Struggle for Sovereignty in the Digital Age
Sara Concetta Santoriello; Giuseppe Borriello (University of Naples “Federico II”)
- From Internet Freedom to Digital Sovereignty: the Politics of Global Norm Contestation
Tetyana Lokot (Dublin City University); Mariëlle Wijermars (Maastricht University)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 Keynote Speech by Paul Timmers
“Europe in the Battlefield of Geopolitics and Technology”

Chair: Nicola Palladino (University of Salerno)

17:00-18:00 Paper Panel Session 3 - Digital Sovereignty and Security

Chair: Francesco Amoretti (University of Salerno)

- How Emerging Security Communities Moderate Cybersecurity Governance: an EU Case Study
Hannah-Sophie Weber (University of Oxford)
- Digital Sovereignty and European Cybersecurity Policy: Shaping a Unified Future
Giuseppe Borriello; Gaia Fristachi (University of Naples “Federico II”)
- Private Actors in Law Enforcement and Digital Sovereignty in the EU
Ryoko Arakawa (KU Leuven)

18:00-18:30 Transfer to Salerno

DAY 2 - Tuesday, 27 May

09:00-10:30 Paper Panel Session 4 - Platform Sovereignty

Chair: Fortunato Musella (University of Naples “Federico II”)

- Digital Sovereignty and Local Governance: Social Media, Public Order, and the Challenge of Platform Content Regulation
Willem Bantema; Laura Postma; Denise de Boer (NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences)
- Decentralised Social Media Initiatives within European Public Service Media. Towards a Public Service Social Media?
Joan Pla (Østfold University College)
- Towards a “Federated Sovereignty”? Mobilizations of Decentralized Platforms for (European) Digital Autonomy
Ksenia Ermoshina; Francesca Musiani (CNRS)
- A Case of ‘Strategic Hedging’? Contestation and Adoption of Norms in Social Media Governance in Indonesia
Treviliana Eka Putri (University of Groningen)

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Roundtable: “Researching Digital Sovereignty”

Chair: Claudia Padovani (University of Padua)

Participants: *Julia Pohle; Jamal Shahin; Ksenia Ermoshina; Jakub Eberle; Alison Harcourt*

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Paper Panel Session 5 - Decolonial and Indigenous Perspectives on Digital Sovereignty

Chair: Jan Aart Scholte (Leiden University)

- Can We Decolonize the Internet?
Henna Zamurd Butt (University of Chicago) and Marianne Franklin (University of Groningen)
- Reclaiming Sovereignty or Reinforcing Marginalisation? Anti-Gender Movements, Digital Sovereignty, and the Framing of 'Gender Ideology' as Neocolonial Imposition
Karolin Rippich (Dublin City University)
- Digital Pan-Africanism: an Alternative to Digital Sovereignty?
Dennis Redeker; Adio-Adet Dinika (Universität Bremen - ZeMKI)
- Indigenous Data Sovereignty (movement): Connecting Visions and Digital Futures.
Claudia Padovani; Enes Abanoz (University of Padua)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 Keynote Speech by Frederick Douzet

“How Geopolitics Shapes Cyberspace: a Cartography of Internet Logical Routes”

Chair: Edoardo Celeste (Dublin City University)

17:00-18:00 Paper Panel Session 6 - Digital Sovereignty and EU Regulation

Chair: Julia Pohle (WZB)

- Governance Mechanisms for EU Digital Sovereignty: the Case of the Artificial Intelligence Act
Evangelia Psychogiopoulou (University of the Peloponnese)
- The Digital Services Act in Action: Platform Governance, Regulatory Adaptation, and the Future of EU Digital Sovereignty
Thi Ngoc Anh Nguyen (University of Padua)
- Norms of Digital Sovereignty and Altercasting: The European Union and Artificial Intelligence Governance
Sophie Hoogenboom (UNU-CRIS)

18:00-18:30 Transfer to Salerno

DAY 3 - Wednesday, 28 May

09:00-10:30 Paper Panel Session 7 - Data Governance and Data Sovereignty

Chair: Marianne Franklin (University of Groningen)

- Practices of Ordering and Bordering in Sovereign Cloud Projects
Andreas Baur (Universities of Amsterdam and Tübingen)
- Data Sovereignty in India: Balancing Restriction and Accumulation of Data through Digital Public Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence
Jyoti Panday (Georgia Institute of Technology)

- Converging Frictions: the Unexpected Alignment of Secure Messaging and Digital Sovereignty in Switzerland
Samuele Fratini (University of Padua / Università della Svizzera Italiana)
- Towards Substantive Digital Sovereignty in E-Government: Tensions Between Power, Responsibility, and Control as Evident from an Empirical Study on the Perspectives of Citizens, Experts, and Administrative Staff in Germany
Robin Preiß; Christian Herzog (University of Lübeck)

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Paper Panel Session 8 - European Digital Sovereignty: Digital Constitutionalism, Digital Autonomy and Normative Power

Chair: Daniela Piana (University of Bologna)

- The European Third Way: the EU's Strategic Narrative of a Value-Based Digital Order and its Global Impact
Julia Pohle; Leo Thüer; Milan Schröder; Christian Rauh (WZB)
- The Geopolitics of Semiconductors – How digital Sovereignty Helps Legitimize Geoeconomic Measures
Linda Monsees (Institute of International Relations Prague)
- EU Digital Sovereignty: the Risks of Strategic Autonomy
Edoardo Celeste; Alba Perez Victorio; Victor Henriquez Diaz (Dublin City University)
- Digital Sovereignty vs. Digital Constitutionalism: between the EU and its Member States
Chiara Spiniello (University of Salerno)

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Paper Panel Session 9 - Infrastructural Sovereignty

Chair: Jamal Shahin (BSoG-VUB/UvA/UNU-CRIS)

- Digital Sovereignty for Industrial Competitiveness – the Case of Manufacturing-X in Germany
Max Münzinger (Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg); Cartus Bo-Xiang You (National Taiwan University; Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg)
- The Liverpool Civic Data Cooperative: A Participatory Approach to Building Regional Digital Sovereignty and Data Stewardship
Gary Leeming; Emily Rempel; Iain Buchan (University of Liverpool)
- Unlocking Digital Sovereignty: Open Source Software in Connectivity Architecture. A Perspective on Chinese Companies in O-RAN
Riccardo Nanni (CNRS)
- Infrastructural Power: How Governments Are Managing Internet Points of Control
Juan Ortiz-Freuler (Annenberg USC)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Paper Panel Session 10 - Digital Sovereignty in Wartime

Chair: Mauro Santaniello (University of Salerno)

- Lessons from Ukraine: Examining the Policy Implications of the Multi-stakeholder Environment Found in Digital Open Source Investigations During Violent Conflicts
Magdalene Karalis (Chatham House - Russia Eurasia Program)
- Digital and Technological Sovereignty of the Emerging Powers with some Industrial Capabilities. Russia's Cooperation with the Global South since the Beginning of its War Against Ukraine.
Ewa Dabrowska (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Digital Sovereignty Wartime: 'Infrastructure Power' and post-2022 Ukraine Dealing with a Twofold Digital Dependency
Julien Nocetti (University Paris 8)
- Civilizational Claims in Cyberspace Governance: Russian Case Study
Liliya Khasanova (Tufts University)

17:30-18:00 Concluding Remarks

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