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SCHOOL ON DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

THE PEOPLE & THE PROGRAMME

22—26 FEBRUARY 2027 | SALERNO, ITALY

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Five days. Five areas of digital governance.

MONDAY Opening and digital power

TUESDAY Internet governance

WEDNESDAY Digital sovereignty and constitutionalism

THURSDAY Cybersecurity and geopolitics

FRIDAY Artificial intelligence

FORMAT LEGEND

Keynote · Lecture · Seminar · Roundtable · Research clinic

Registration deadline: 31 December 2026 · Places are limited

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MONDAY 22 / Opening & Digital Power

THE DAILY PROGRAMME • SESSION-BY-SESSION

12:00–12:30 REGISTRATION	**Registration & Welcome**
12:30–13:00 OPENING	**Opening Ceremony** Institutional representatives **Vincenzo Maraio** (Regional Minister for Digitalisation, Campania Region) **Virgilio D'Antonio** (Rector, University of Salerno) **Gemma Carolillo** (Deputy Head of Future Internet Unit at European Commission) TBC **Chris Mondini** (Vice President, ICANN) **Stefano Giordano** (President, ISOC Italy) **Maurizio Merico** (Director, Department of Political and Social Studies UNISA) **Paolo Parente** (CEO, WeBeetle) **Vincenzo Vietri** (CEO, Enzima 12) **Jamal Shahin** (Co-Director, GIG-ARTS School) **Mauro Santaniello** (Chair, GIG-ARTS; Co-Director, GIG-ARTS School) **Chiara Spiniello** (Managing Director, GIG-ARTS School) **Daniela Tiggiano** (Connessioni Umane ETS)
13:00–14:00 LUNCH	**Welcome Lunch**
14:00–15:00 KEYNOTE 1	**Governing Digital Power, Renaming Tech: AI, Information Systems and the Public Interest** Keynote Speaker: **Robin Mansell** (London School of Economics and Political Science)
15:00–15:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
15:30–17:00 SEMINAR 1	**Internet Governance in Transition: Institutions, Infrastructures and Power** Chair: **Mauro Santaniello** (University of Salerno · UNU-CRIS) Speakers: **Marianne Franklin** (University of Groningen); **Francesca Musiani** (CNRS, France); **Jamal Shahin** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel · UNU-CRIS)
17:00–18:00 CLINIC	**Research Clinic · One hour to discuss research projects directly with international faculty members**

TUESDAY 23 / Internet Governance

THE DAILY PROGRAMME • SESSION-BY-SESSION

09:00–10:00 LECTURE 1	**Infrastructure as Governance: Power, Control and Contestation in the Internet** Speaker: **Francesca Musiani** (CNRS, France)
10:00–10:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
10:30–12:00 SEMINAR 2	**Internet Governance Beyond the West: China, Russia, and African Perspectives** Chair: **Jamal Shahin** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel · UNU-CRIS) Speakers: **Adio-Adet Dinika** (University of Bremen · ZeMKI); **Riccardo Nanni** (CNRS, France); **Xiaojuan Grace Yang** (Freie Universität Berlin · ICPC)
12:00–13:00 LUNCH	**Lunch**
13:00–15:00 ROUNDTABLE 1	**Who Governs the Internet? States, Markets and the Technical Community** Chair: **Daniela Piana** (University of Bologna) Business Speaker: **Alberto Oddenino** (Enzima12 - Osservatorio Proxima)· Government: **Gemma Carolillo** (European Commission) TBC · Technical Community: **Chris Mondini** (ICANN) Academic Community: **Adio-Adet Dinika** (University of Bremen · ZeMKI)
15:00–15:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
15:30–16:30 LECTURE 2	**Who Rules the Internet? Polycentric Internet Governmentality in the Age of Big Tech–Big State Power** Speaker: **Marianne Franklin** (University of Groningen)
16:30–17:00 DISCUSSION	**Discussion & Wrap-up** Participants & faculty
17:00–18:00 CLINIC	**Research Clinic · One hour to discuss research projects directly with international faculty members**

WEDNESDAY 24 / Digital Sovereignty & Constitutionalism

THE DAILY PROGRAMME • SESSION-BY-SESSION

09:00–10:00 LECTURE 3	**Digital Sovereignty: Concepts, Actors and Controversies** Speaker: **Julia Pohle** (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin)
10:00–10:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
10:30–12:00 SEMINAR 3	**Digital Sovereignty: Authority, Infrastructure and Strategic Autonomy** Chair: **Paul Nemitz** (College of Europe) Speakers: **Erik Longo** (University of Florence); **Edoardo Celeste** (Dublin City University); **Riccardo Nanni** (CNRS, France); **Sophie Hoogenboom** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel · UNU-CRIS)
12:00–13:00 LECTURE 4	**Digital Constitutionalism: Constituting and Constraining Digital Power** Speaker: **Edoardo Celeste** (Dublin City University)
13:00–14:00 LUNCH	**Lunch**
14:00–15:00 LECTURE 5	**Mapping Digital Bills of Rights: Actors, Principles and Trends** Speaker: **Dennis Redeker** (University of Bremen · ZeMKI)
15:00–15:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
15:30–17:00 SEMINAR 4	**States, International Organizations and the Governance of Digital Power** Chair: **Chiara Spiniello** (University of Bremen · University of Salerno) · Speakers: **Julia Pohle** (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin); **Daniela Piana** (University of Bologna); **Xiaojuan Grace Yang** (Freie Universität Berlin · ICPC); **Carlos Fonseca Diaz** (University of Ghent · UNU-CRIS)
17:00–18:00 CLINIC	**Research Clinic · One hour to discuss research projects directly with international faculty members**

THURSDAY 25 / Cybersecurity & Geopolitics

THE DAILY PROGRAMME • SESSION-BY-SESSION

09:00–10:00 LECTURE 6	**Cybersecurity Governance in a Geopoliticised Internet** Speaker: **Joe Burton** (Lancaster University)
10:00–10:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
10:30–12:00 ROUNDTABLE 2	**Geopolitics of Artificial Intelligence: Security, Rights and Transnational Governance** Chair: **Nicola Palladino** (University of Salerno, AI Act Advisory Forum) Speakers: Business: **Rosario Sorrentino** (Comtel SPA) Government: **David Reichel** (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, FRA) Civil Society: **Alessia Chiriatti** (Istituto Affari Internazionali) **Andrea Venanzoni** (AssoCyber) Academic Community: **Claudia Padovani** (University of Padova)
12:00–13:00 LUNCH	**Lunch**
13:00–15:00 ROUNDTABLE 3	**Digital Sovereignty in a Fragmenting World** Chair: **Claudia Padovani** (University of Padova) Speakers: Business: **Paolo Parente** (WeBeetle), **Aniello Gentile** (Confindustria Servizi Innovativi e Tecnologici) Government: **Monica Scannapieco** (Italian Agency for National Cybersecurity - ACN); **Samuele Dominioni** (United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research - UNIDIR) Technical Community: **Andrea Beccalli** (ICANN) Academic Community: **Katalin Feher** (KU Leuven, Ludovika University of Public Service)
15:00–15:30 BREAK	**Coffee break**
15:30–16:30 LECTURE 7	**How Geopolitics Gets Built into Digital Networks — and How to Stop It** Speaker: **Niels ten Oever** (University of Amsterdam)
16:30–17:00 DISCUSSION	**Discussion & Wrap-up** Participants & faculty
17:00–18:00 CLINIC	**Research Clinic · One hour to discuss research projects directly with international faculty members**

FRIDAY 26 / Artificial Intelligence

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09:00–10:00 LECTURE 8	**AI & Democracy: Evidence and the way ahead** Speaker: **Paul Nemitz** (College of Europe)
10:00–12:00 ROUNDTABLE 4	**Governing Agentic AI: Identity, Standards and Infrastructural Actorhood** Chair: **Katalin Feher** (KU Leuven, Ludovika University of Public Service) Business Speaker: **Gabriele Minniti** (WeSecurity) Technical Community: **Sebastian Hallensleben** (Chair, CEN-CENELEC JTC 21 on AI) Online; **Andrea Beccalli** (ICANN) Academic Community: **Niels ten Oever** (University of Amsterdam); **Mauro Santaniello** (University of Salerno · UNU-CRIS)
12:00–13:00 LECTURE 9	**Computational Power: Governing AI, Democracy and Human Agency** Speaker: **Paolo Benanti** (LUISS Guido Carli)
13:00–14:00 LUNCH	**Farewell Lunch**
14:00–14:30 CLOSING	**Closing Session, Certificates & Farewell**

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