
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

(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, Athina 157 71 ([Map](#))

For pre-event of the local organizers on June 24, 18-20.00, please see the separate document!

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: tba

WG1: Panel 1: Technologies, data, and borders

**Moderation: Analisa Meloni & Philipp
Seuferling**

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

Georgios Glouftsios, University of Trento

Secured by sentiments - bordering by emotional
biometrics

Veronika Nagy, Utrecht University

Room: tba

WG2: Panel 1

**Moderation: Gabriella Sanchez & Maria
Volkova**

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

**Carolina Sanchez Boe, Brown University in
Paris**

Exploring Mixed Migration's Impact on Everyday
Extremism in Serbian Borderland Communities
Stevan Tatalovic, Info Park

Asylum Knowledge and Technology as a Matter of Hospitality

Jasper van der Kist, University of Antwerp

Violent ends for violent devices?
Non-knowledge and the 'unreflexive' practices of EU's border security design

Sarah Perret, Catholic University of Lille

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

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Bogna Burska, visual artist and scholar Professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Gdańsk, at the Department of Intermedia

With short provocations from:

Kelly Bescherer, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg

Karolina Follis, Lancaster University

Anthony Staines, Dublin City University.

Genti Kruja, Bedër University.

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Open Panels II

Room: tba

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

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

Room: tba

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

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-18:45 Open Panels III

Room: tba

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: tba X

WG3: Roundtable 2

Moderation: Brigitta Kuster & Nina Amelung

Border Abolition as Research Practice
Peter Teunissen, Gerda Henkel Foundation

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 tba

**WG1-Writing Sprint
"Keywords"**

Internal draft feedback rounds in groups

Room tba

WG2-working session

Collective writing of Special Theme Proposals for Big Data & Society

Rooms tba

**WG3-working session
(two subsessions in parallel)**

Subsession A) **Discussion space on forensic investigative methodologies to produce counter publics and counter evidence on datafied migration and border control** with Border Forensics, co-facilitated by

Olga Lafazani, Michelle Pfeifer and Brigitta Kuster

Subsession B) **“Active Listening”**: Sound as a tool to explore migrant border crossings;
Collective listening practice, with an introduction by Nelli Kambouri, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Research Fellow, CoG MUTE Project (detailed description below) *

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Local Event

Discussion II: Migration/Border Data Matters: Between ‘Representing and Intervening’

Moderation: Prof. Mojca Pajnik, DATAMIG COST Action Vice-Chair & Prof. Aristotle Tympas

Contributors: The DATAMIG workshop participants, Invited Institutions and Discussants (tba)

Kick-Off Talk: *Data: Critical Perspectives from the Humanities and the Social Sciences*

Prof. Aristotle Tympas, DATAMIG COST Action Chair

13:00-14:15 Lunch Break

14:15-15:15 WG Sessions 2

Room tba

WG1-Writing Sprint

“Keywords”

Plenum discussion, reflection, next steps

Room tba

WG2-working session

Plenum discussion, reflection, next steps

Room tba

WG3-working session

Plenum discussion, reflection, next steps

15:15-15:30 Wrap up, farewell

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

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

* **Working group 3 will have on Wednesday, 26 June 2024, 09:15-11:15**, two sessions in parallel. The subsession B) is about **“Active Listening”: Sound as a tool to explore migrant border crossings; Collective listening practice, with an introduction by Nelli Kambouri, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Research Fellow, CoG MUTE Project.**

This session will explore how we can use sound as a method to approach migrant border 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 CoG MUTE project (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101002720>) in collaboration with the Migrant Women’s Network Melissa (<https://melissanetwork.org/>)