

Infrastructures and Inequalities: Media Industries, Digital Cultures and Politics

University of Helsinki, 21 – 22 October 2019

Venue: Metsätalo building, Unioninkatu 40, Helsinki

A conference organized by

- The Media Industries and Cultural Production Section of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)
- The Digital Culture and Communication Section of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)
- The Communication and Democracy Section of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)

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Conference Theme

This conference seeks to examine digital/media infrastructures and inequalities from an inter- and multi-disciplinary perspective, interrogating the significance of the 'infrastructural turn' in media and communication studies to our understanding of media industries, democracy and digital cultures. In a turn to 'infrastructuralism' (Peters 2015), media and communication scholars are increasingly attentive to the materialities and politics of the technological, organisational and cultural infrastructures that underpin media today. Platforms, data centres, software, but also new forms of organising cultural production and labour, shape the politics of digital cultures and transform the media industries. As digital/media infrastructures unfold in everyday life, they bring challenges across multiple domains, from the foundations of social justice to the industrial structures underpinning our everyday interactions with media and communication systems. This international conference brings together scholars from a variety of disciplines and perspectives to address the politics and inequalities that emerge and get reproduced, as technological and media industries adopt, dismantle and transform infrastructures to channel and process communication flows, as well as the formation of new domains for power struggles.

Guidance Notes for Speakers

The conference takes place in the Metsätalo building of the University of Helsinki (Unioninkatu 40, Helsinki). Presentations should be 15 minutes maximum to ensure time for quality discussions. For panels with five papers, presentations should ideally be 12 minutes. All rooms are equipped with a projector and a computer with MS Office PowerPoint with internet connection. There is Eduroam wi-fi coverage in the whole building. Please, bring your presentation on a USB-stick and transfer it to the computer in the room before the session starts to ensure a smooth transition between presentations. In exceptional cases you may try to use your own computer or online slides, in which case you must ensure yourself to have the appropriate connectors, etc and take the risk that there might be technical difficulties (especially for Mac-users). Please bear in mind that all computer interfaces are in Finnish, therefore we encourage the use of USB sticks and the existing equipment, as solving technical problems might be challenging due to the different language interface. We will do our best to help, but there will be only a very limited technical support during the conference.

Conference Credits

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as well as: Salla-Maria Laaksonen, *University of Helsinki*; Ramon Lobato, *RMIT University*; Stine Lomborg, *University of Copenhagen*; Paul Long, *Birmingham City University*; Tim Markham, *Birkbeck, University of London*; Leslie Meier, *University of Leeds*; Corinna Peil, *University of Salzburg*; Jean-Christophe Plantin, *London School of Economics*; Christian Schwarzenegger, *Augsburg University*; Andrew Spicer, *UWE Bristol*; Fredrik Stierstedt, *Södertörn University*; Emiliano Trere, *Cardiff University* Jeffrey Wimmer, *Augsburg University*.

Keynote sessions

Lisa Parks, 21 October, 09:15 – 10:15, Lecture hall 6
Glimpses of Network Sovereignty: Materialities of Media Infrastructure in Tanzania

This talk addresses the question of infrastructural equalities by analyzing the labor and resource challenges inherent in moving the global internet from undersea cable landings in urban areas to rural, low-income communities in Tanzania. Tanzania hosts four major undersea cable landings, suggesting that the country's 51 million people would be well integrated within global broadband fibre optic networks. Despite Tanzanians' close proximity to major internet gateways and the country's innovative regulatory climate (van Gorp & Maitland, 2009), limited electrical and terrestrial telecommunication infrastructure prevents most citizens from benefitting from these cable landings. This study uses ethnographic fieldwork, including site visits and interviews with workers at network facilities and the national data center in Dar es Salaam and the Mara region, to investigate the material conditions undergirding these paradoxical dynamics. Building on my past research on rural connectivity in neighboring Zambia, this study will also explore how labor and resource conditions have affected an initiative called the Serengeti Broadband Network (SBN), which began in 2007 to establish broadband connectivity across 15 villages in one of Tanzania's remote interior regions. Ultimately, the talk will draw upon this empirical research to explore how limited forms of network sovereignty may emerge within contexts of broader infrastructural inequalities.



Kaarina Nikunen, 22 October, 9:15 – 10:15, Lecture hall 6
Regarding the hate of others: digital infrastructures, data imaginaries and material solidarity

This talk explores the role of digital infrastructures for our understandings of and possibilities to further solidarity and social justice. The recent rise of populist and far-right movements in the Nordic countries and across the globe has brought about concern over intensification of circulation of affective racist and misogynist discourse through digital media, particularly on and across social media platforms. A growing body of research has investigated the management and circulation of 'hate speech'. I critically discuss the ways in which these studies address the role of infrastructures in terms of intensifying and/or advancing discourses and practices of hostility. To understand the complexity of these processes and to avoid simple technological determinism, there is a need for a more contextualized approach on circulation of racism and hate speech. The paper further explores connections of these dynamics to larger shifts in media ecosystem with the rise of anti-democratic media, hidden mechanisms of data surveillance and invisibility of power. Finally, I discuss the concept of material solidarity, inspired by feminist scholarship, as a way to approach new initiatives that strive to create ethical public media spaces and imagine alternatives to communicative capitalism.



Closing Plenary Panel, 22 October, 16:30 – 17:45, Lecture hall 6
The Relevance of Infrastructure Studies to Media Industries, Digital Cultures and Democracy research

In this closing session we invite the panelists and the conference participants to reflect on the relevance of the notion of 'infrastructure' for our understanding and study of media industries, digital cultures and questions of democracy. Is 'infrastructures' a concept, a perspective, or something else? What does it do and not do? Do we need it, and why/why not? What are its possibilities and limitations? What follows after 'infrastructure'?

- David Hesmondhalgh, University of Leeds
- Kaarina Nikunen, University of Tampere
- Lisa Parks, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Jean-Christophe Plantin, London School of Economics

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Monday 21 October

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration (Metsätalo building, second floor)
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Lisa Parks, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Glimpses of Network Sovereignty: Materialities of Media Infrastructure in Tanzania
10:15 – 10:30 Break
10:30 – 12:00 Parallel Paper Sessions 1 (Rooms 7, 8, and 12)
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break
13:00 – 14:30
Parallel Paper Sessions 2 (Rooms 8 and 12)
and
Early-career scholars' workshop 1: How to build and sustain researcher networks
(room 5)
14:30 – 14:45 Break
14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Paper Sessions 3 (Room 7, 8 and 12)
16:15 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Parallel Paper Sessions 4 (Rooms 7, 8 and 12)
18:30 – 20:00 Reception (Porthania building)

Tuesday 22 October

- 09:15 – 10:15 Keynote session (Lecture hall 6)
Kaarina Nikunen, University of Tampere
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solidarity
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13.00 – 14:30
Parallel Paper Sessions 6 (Rooms 8 and 12)
and
Early-career scholar' workshop 2: Why bother? Expert communication on social media
(room 5)
14:30 – 14:45 Break
14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Paper Sessions 7 (Rooms 7, 8 and 12)
16:15 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 17:45 **Closing Plenary Panel:** The relevance of Infrastructure Studies to Media Industries,
Digital Cultures and Democracy research
 - David Hesmondhalgh, University of Leeds
 - Kaarina Nikunen, University of Tampere
 - Lisa Parks, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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17:45 Goodbye

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Monday 21 October

08:30 – 09:00 Registration (Metsätalo building, second floor)

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome (Lecture hall 6)

Julia Velkova, *University of Helsinki*

09:15 – 10:15 Keynote session (Lecture hall 6)

Lisa Parks, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Glimpses of Network Sovereignty: Materialities of Media Infrastructure in Tanzania

Chair: Anne Kaun, *Södertörn University*

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Parallel Paper Sessions 1

Values in Digital Systems and Industries (Room 8)

Chair: Christoph Raetzsch, *Aarhus University*

1. Infrastructures of privacy in the global world of practice. *Rivka Ribak, University of Haifa*
2. China's Digital Nationalism: Search Engines and Online Encyclopaedias. *Dechun Zhang, University of Amsterdam/University of Aarhus*
3. Stereotypical depictions of age in media technology industries. *Andrea Rosales, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya; Jakob Svensson, Malmö University; Mireia Fernández-Ardévol, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya*
4. Debating and repairing ADM systems. *Minna Ruckenstein, University of Helsinki; Sonja Trifuljesko, University of Helsinki*

Organizing Media Production Infrastructures (Room 12)

Chair: Catherine Johnson, *University of Huddersfield*

1. Balancing on the shoulders of giants: Tracing the organizational discourses and responses to platformization and datafication of news media. *Salla-Maaria Laaksonen, University of Helsinki; Minna Markkanen, University of Jyväskylä; Mikko Villi, University of Jyväskylä*
2. Organizing Infrastructure: Unionization Campaigns in Digital Media. *Nicole Cohen, University of Toronto; Greig de Peuter, Wilfrid Laurier University*
3. "4 All the UK": Regional production ecologies and Channel 4's reorganisation. *Anna Zoellner, University of Leeds*
4. Liberty as Discipline: Labor Dilemma of Media Industries in Digital Age. *Yi Yang, Peking University*

Infrastructural Urban Politics and Justice (Room 7)

Chair: Adi Kuntsman, *Manchester Metropolitan University*

1. Justice in the Smart City? The value of social justice theories in examining datafication and urban injustice. *Danielle Hynes, University of New South Wales*
2. Social media temporalities as emergent infrastructures of urban politics. *Scott Rodgers, Birkbeck, University of London*
3. Implications of "Data as Infrastructure" in the smart city: Sidewalk Labs, and the future of public services in London. *Gunes Tavmen, King's College*
4. Deterioration: Infrastructures Becoming Visual. *Robert Payne, American University of Paris*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel Paper Sessions 2

Infrastructures of Production: Media Industries (Room 8)

Chair: Maria Michalis, *University of Westminster*

1. Infrastructural Invisibility in Hollywood: The Finances Behind the Curtain. *Shawna Kidman, University of California*
2. Technological Infrastructure as Controlling Point in the Online TV Industry. *Catherine Johnson, University of Huddersfield*
3. Queer and Heteronormative Infrastructures in Digital Porn Production Companies. *Rebecca Saunders, King's College London*
4. The Global Studio: Logistical Landscapes for the Media Supply Chain. *Kay Dickinson, Concordia University*

Engaging with Infrastructures: Publics and Attention (Room 12)

Chair: Sander De Ridder, *University of Ghent*

1. Organizing attention in reporting hybrid media events of terrorist violence. *Niina Uusitalo, Tampere University; Katja Valaskivi, Tampere Research Centre for Journalism, Media and Communication*
2. ~~Paywalls: Profitability and inequality. *Tellef Solbakk Raabe, University of Cambridge*~~
3. The Platformed Value of Engagement: Affect, Control, and Participation on Tumblr. *Elena Pilipets, Center for Advanced Internet Studies Bochum*
4. Infrastructures of Publics in the Post-Journalistic Society. *Christoph Raetzsch, Aarhus University*

Early-career Scholars' Workshop 1: How to Build and Sustain Researcher Networks (Room 5)

Chairs: Sofia P. Caldeira, *University of Ghent*
Giulia Manica, *University of Nottingham*
Ally McCrow-Young, *University of Copenhagen*

14:30 – 14:45 Break

14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Paper Sessions 3

Global Politics and Communication Infrastructures (Room 8)

Chair: Signe Lai, *Copenhagen University*

1. Internet Social Network Development in China: Liberalizing the telecommunications industry, Internet, and Tencent. *Meng Liang, University College London*
2. Communicative Rights and Politics of Digital Infrastructures in the Global South: The Case of the #DataMustFall in South Africa. *Tendai Joseph Chari, University of Venda*
3. Matter of Government: Internet Infrastructure and Subjectivity in India. *Ramnath Bhat, London School of Economics*
4. '5 Ways to Bypass Internet Censorship': interaction with infrastructural imaginaries. *Anna Smoliarova, St. Petersburg State University; Natalia Pavlushkina, St. Petersburg State University; Tamara Gromova, St. Petersburg State University*

Infrastructures, Environments and Sustainability (Room 7)

Chair: Julia Velkova, *University of Helsinki*

1. Digital convenience, energy demand: Media streaming, digital infrastructures, and environmental sustainability. *Vincent Manzerolle, University of Windsor; Leslie Meier, University of Leeds*
2. Infrastructures of digital solutionism: a critical reading of how smart cities relate to the environment, *Adi Kuntsman, Manchester Metropolitan University*
3. Hosting Cultures: Placing the Global Data Supply Chain, *Patrick Brodie, Concordia University.*
4. Digging Deeper Holes: Bitcoin Mines Map Onto Old Inequalities. *Stephan Struve, Carleton University*

Empowerment and Violence in Participatory Media (Room 12)

Chair: Sofia P. Caldeira, *University of Ghent*

1. From Open to Sourced: promises and challenges in participatory filmmaking. *Antoni Telo, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya; Gemma San Cornelio, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya*
2. Scattered Eggs of Instagram: World Record Egg as a Democratic Collaborative Artefact of Produsage. *Vojtěch Novák, Charles University*
3. Too Poor to Die: Commodification and 'Market Violence' in Funeral Crowdfunding. *Ella Lillqvist, University of Helsinki; Anu A. Harju, University of Helsinki*
4. Defining the concept of Othering Online Discourse. *Elina Vaahensalo, University of Turku.*

16:15 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 18:00 Parallel Paper Sessions 4

Contested Spaces: Between Infrastructures and Individuals (Room 12)

Chair: Adi Kuntsman, *Manchester Metropolitan University*

1. Making sense of algorithmic resistance: A theoretical framework. *Tiziano Bonini, University of*

- Siena*; Emiliano Treré, *Cardiff University*
2. Material Resistance and Legal Persistence: A Case Study of Hurricane Katrina's Storm Levy Infrastructure and the Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation. *Helen Alexandra Hayes, McGill University*
 3. Technological adoption and communication before, during and after economic unease: How change in use of Internet Facilitating Devices enabled social inequality between 2005-2018. *Laurie Dempsey, University of Nottingham*
 4. Vital Signs: Exploring Inequality through Datafication in Self-Tracking Health Insurance. *Niamh Ni Bhroin, University of Oslo; Steffen Krüger, University of Oslo*

Infrastructures for (Re-)mediating Cultural Heritage (Room 7)

Chair: Ingrid Forsler, *Södertörn University*

1. Democracy and YouTube: The Case of Heritage. *Sheenagh Pietrobruno, Saint Paul University/University of Ottawa*
2. Whose money, whose content? Funding options for digitizing literary heritage. *Johanna Lilja, The National Library of Finland*
3. Infrastructural becoming as a provisional process: "What does open mean to you?". *Quoc-Tan Tran, University of Hamburg*
4. Infrastructures as experienced enabling environments for music consumption of a language minority: case Swedish-speaking Finns. *Kaarina Kilpiö, Åbo Akademi & Uniarts Helsinki*

The Situated Production of Global Communication Infrastructures (Room 8)

Chair: Patrick Brodie, *Concordia University*

1. The Struggle Over Great Power Competition: In the Case of Huawei's Path in Europe. *Zhan Zhang, Università della Svizzera Italiana*
2. A Route Not Taken: the rejection of the inscription of societal values in the Internet routing infrastructure. *Niels ten Oever, University of Amsterdam*
3. Towards a blueprint for digital media and internet governance in Africa: Lessons from the European framework. *Sally Deffor, European University Institute*
4. The role of platforms in the emergence of mediatized cross-innovation systems. *Indrek Ibrus and Ulrike Rohn, Tallinn University*

18:30 – 20:00 Reception with salad and wine (Porthania building, Yliopistonkatu 3)

Tuesday 22 October

09:15 – 10:15 Keynote Session (Lecture hall 6)

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10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Parallel Paper Sessions 5

Inequalities of Transnational Communication Infrastructures: Pasts, Presents and Futures (Room 8)

Chair: Christoph Raetzsch, *Aarhus University*

1. Misusing the Postal System of Communication: Transmission, The Non-Dialogical and Technologies of Care. *Timothy Barker, University of Glasgow*
2. ~~From the Russian Revolution to Russia Today: The Longevity of Soviet Communication Infrastructure.~~ *Marsha Siefert, Central European University*
3. Shaping the Domestic Satellite Communications System: Bringing Hawaii into National Synchronicity. *Selena Dickey, University of Texas at Austin*
4. The Future in Decay: Infrastructural Temporalities of Emergent Communication Technologies. *Lars Lundgren, Södertörn University; Julia Velkova, University of Helsinki*

Rethinking Theories of Media Production (Room 7)

Chair: Catherine Johnson, *University of Huddersfield*

1. Explaining recent developments in the VOD market from a critical infrastructure perspective. *Maria Michalis, University of Westminster*
2. TPS infrastructures and the web as a communication system. *Stine Lomborg, University of Copenhagen; Rasmus Helles, University of Copenhagen; Signe Sophus Lai, University of Copenhagen*
3. Rethinking digital media spatial and scale logics: Netflix “geographies” through a multi-layer network approach. *Giulia Manica, University of Nottingham*
4. Infrastructures of Inequality in Media Production: An Evolutionary Approach. *Paul Dwyer, University of Westminster*

Digital Cultures: Influencing, Campaigning and Power (Room 12)

Chair: Sander De Ridder, *University of Ghent*

1. Critical consumer cultures on anonymous mobile social media. *Salla-Maaria Laaksonen, University of Helsinki; Merja Porttikivi, University of Helsinki; Hanna Reinikainen, University of*

Jyväskylä

2. "Getting word out through Instagram": Understanding young women's experiences of the gendered infrastructural politics of Instagram. *Sofia P. Caldeira, Ghent University*
3. The Use of Social Networks Against Feminism: the Case of Vox Political Party in Spain. *Asunción Bernárdez, Complutense University; Paula Requeijo Rey, Complutense University*
4. Social media as rhizomatic digital infrastructure: power dynamics in the first days of the Ukrainian Euromaidan revolution. *Alexandre Zaezjev, University of Geneva*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch (+ Section Business Meetings in rooms 7, 8 and 12)

13.00 – 14:30 Parallel Paper Sessions 6

Infrastructural Philosophy, Ethics and Literacies (Room 8)

Chair: Stine Lomborg, *University of Copenhagen*

1. From infrastructural imagination to infrastructure literacy in media education. *Ingrid Forsler, Södertörn University*
2. Rethinking Infrastructural Literacy: Wayfaring through Spotify's materialities. *Tim Markham, Birkbeck, University of London*
3. Media infrastructures and (un)readiness-to-hand. *Linus Andersson, Halmstad University*
4. ~~Data visualisation as an actor in the politics of inequality.~~ *Lulu Pinney, University of Sheffield*

Working on Infrastructures: Invisible Labour (Room 12)

Chair: Leslie Meier, *University of Leeds*

1. Made in Prison – Tracing the Role of Prison Labor for Media Infrastructures, *Anne Kaun, Södertörn University; Fredrik Stiernstedt, Södertörn University*
2. Is Demand Side Response a woman's work? Domestic labour and the UK's future smart electricity system, *Charlotte Johnson, UCL*
3. The 'non-people' of datafication: data centres and human labour. *Julia Velkova, University of Helsinki*
4. Clicking Like Buttons: The Exploitation of Digital Labor through Collection of 'Likes' on Social Media Platforms — Taking WeChat as a case. *Hui Lin, The University of Hong Kong*

Early-career Scholars' Workshop 2: Why Bother? Expert Communication on Social Media (Room 5)

Chairs: Sofia P. Caldeira, *University of Ghent*
Giulia Manica, *University of Nottingham*
Ally McCrow-Young, *University of Copenhagen*

14:30 – 14:45 Break

14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Paper Sessions 7

Messy Maze: Infrastructural Dynamics of the Indian Media Economy (Room 7)

Chairs: Vibodh Parthasarathi, *University of Helsinki*
Philippe Bouquillion, *Paris 13 University*

1. Platformisation, or a deep history of media and mediation, *Vibodh Parthasarathi, University of Helsinki*
2. The Capitalist Logics of OTTs in India, *Philippe Bouquillion, Paris 13 University*
3. From Data Localization towards Data Stewardship, *Jyoti Panday, IIMA Idea Telecom Centre of Excellence*
4. Gig Work, Social Media and Resistance, *Noopur Raval, University of California Irvine*

Infrastructural Agency and Resistance (Room 8)

Chair: Anne Kaun, *Södertörn University*

1. Between opportunism and resilience: the infrastructure of alternative media projects. *Andrew Ó Baoill, NUI Galway*
2. From Selfish Consumer Activist to Caring-Citizen: Examine the Consumer Video Activism and Consumer Sphere in China. *Zizheng Yu, Cardiff University*
3. Resisting digital capitalism from the platforms to the streets and back again: On the intersection of data activism and grassroots mobilisation. *Mikko Laamanen, Royal Holloway, University of London; Vassilis Charitsis, University of Helsinki*
4. Mirrors, icebergs and puppet masters: making sense of the power of digital infrastructures through visual focus groups. *Elisabetta Ferrari, University of Pennsylvania*

Reconfiguration of Infrastructures and Inequalities (Room 12)

Chair: Seija Ridell, *Tampere University*

1. Infrastructural ignorance and the datafied (re)production of inequalities, Jaana Parviainen, Lauri Lahikainen & Seija Ridell. *Tampere University*
2. Technological infrastructures and public action – An Arendtian interpretation, *Mirka Muilu, Tampere University*
3. Agency and inequality in the landscapes of code: sociotechnical imaginaries as infrastructure, *Minna Saariketo, Aalto University*
4. Listening to infrastructures, *Meri Kytö, University of Eastern Finland*

16:15 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17:45 Closing Plenary Panel: The Relevance of Infrastructure Studies to Media Industries, Digital Cultures and Democracy Research (Lecture Hall 6)

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