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Is digital transformation a social transformation? Coping with re-emerging social challenges for humanity

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3rd Jean Monnet Day

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Programme

Conference venue: Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto, Ljubljanska cesta 31a, Novo mesto and Zoom

Thursday, 17 October

Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/97057425988**
Room: Alpha (ground floor)

8:30-9:00 **Arrival and registration**

9:00-9:30 **Welcome addresses**

- **Tamara Besednjak Valič,** president of the Slovenian Social Science Association
- **Matej Makarovič**, president of the national UNESCO Management of Social Transformations programme and dean of the Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)
- **Borut Rončević**, dean of the School of Advanced Social Studies (Nova Gorica, Slovenia)

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9:30-10:30 **Keynote speech with discussion:** *Embracing Change: Leading Digital Transformation (Dx) in Social Work Education and Practice*

- **Jo Ann R. Regan,** PhD, MSW, FNAP is the Dean of the National Catholic School of Social Service (NCSSS) at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., US

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 **Parallel Panel 1: Digital Transformation and Social Change**
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/94054991259**
Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Erika D. Uršič***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Tea Golob, Matej Makarovič***, FIŠ Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Social transformations as unintended drifting? A trend of declining reflexivity in Slovenia*
- ***Sanja Živkovič***, Heartist Center (Croatia): *Inspiringly Intertwined: Leadership Framework for Digital and Social Transformation*
- ***Tope Shola Akinyetun, Abiodun Fatai-Abatan, Nife Ogunbodede***, Lagos State University of Education (Nigeria) and University of Delaware (USA): *Digital Surveillance and the Threat of Democratic Capture in Africa*
- ***Suchet Kumar,*** Rayat Bahra University (India)*: On the Path to New Social Analytics: The Sociology of Artificial Intelligence*
- ***Abdulkhalig Mammadli,*** Karabakh University (Azerbaijan): *Accelerating Entrepreneurial University Development through Digital Transformation: A Strategic Proposal for Karabakh University*

11:00-12:30 **Parallel Panel 2: Mental-wellbeing in the Digital Age**
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/97057425988**
Room: Alpha (ground floor)

Chair: ***Borut Rončević***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Abdelfattah Ezzine,*** Espace Médiation (EsMed) (Marocco)*: Digital in crisis time: Women's daily life under COVID-19*
- ***Fatjona Haka,*** University of Tirana (Albania): *Exploring the relationship between shame, guilt, loneliness and peer interaction in primary school students*
- ***Sharon Everhardt,*** Troy University (USA): *Engaging Students in Incarcerated Settings to Rebuild Lives*
- ***Vatsal Tewari, Arpita Mishra,*** Jawaharlal Nehru University (India): *Unplugging in the Age of Tech: Exploring Digital Detox Movements Among Urban Indians*

12:30-14:00 **Lunch Break**

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14:00-15:30 Parallel Panel 1: Digital Communication and Social-Media (1)
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/94054991259**
Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Alenka Pandiloska Jurak,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Blaž Rodič***, Faculty of information studies in Novo mesto (Slovenia): *The false information epidemic in social media: overview of recent developments and research*
- ***Mateja Rek,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Youth in the Post-Truth Era: Fact-Checking and Digital Media Habits*
- ***Emilio Çika, Ilir Hebovija***, Mediterranean University of Albania (Albania): *Digital Political Communication: Navigating the New Media Landscape in Albania*
- ***Tomasz Kasprzak,*** University of Silesia (Poland): *Disability activism and social media users in Poland and Latvia: social movements in the Digital Age*
- ***Georgina Kiss-Kozma,*** Mathias Corvinus Collegium (Hungary): *How is digital media transforming young people's relationship strategies?*

14:00-15:30 Parallel Panel 2: Digital Communication and Social-Media (2)
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/97057425988**
Room: Alpha (ground floor)

Chair: ***Matevž Tomšič,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Luciana Anastasoaie, Florin Lazar***, Bucharest University (Romania): *Support and change tools of Social Values in the Digital age. A qualitative analysis of the social values within Romanian communities in the American diaspora.*
- ***Birungi Robert,*** Makerere Institute of Social Research (Uganda): *Social networks and gender based mass violence: the relationship between the two in the context of the Ugandan society*
- ***Priya Dahiya, Rinki Dahiya, Dr. Deepika,*** Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi; Indraprastha College for Women, New Delhi (India): *Digital Transformation in India: Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide and Socio-Economic Inequalities*
- ***Daniel Dylewski,*** Akademia Wymiaru Sprawiedliwości (Poland): *Digital democracy in Poland - perspectives and reality*
- ***Ulviyya Musa Babayeva***, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan(Azerbaijan): *Ethics and responsibility in digital communication*
- ***Sandeep Kaur,*** Guru Nanak college of education (India): *Navigating Connections: The Impact of Social Media on Adolescent Relationships and Interactions*

15:30-15:45 Break

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15:45-17:15 Parallel Panel 1: Digital Literacy and Skills Development
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Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Cristian Gangalic,*** Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)

- ***Priya Dahiya, Dr. Deepika, Rinki Dahiya***, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi; Indraprastha College for Women, New Delhi (India): *Navigating India's Path to Self-Reliance: The Role of Skill Development*
- ***Levente Székely***, Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary): *Can trust be automated? – Youth content consumption at the threshold of singularity*
- ***Ulkar Isfandiyarova, Parvana Ismayilova,*** UNEC Zagatala branch (Azerbaijan): *Exploring the Digital Transformation of Teaching-Learning Experiences of the Baby Boomer Generation in the rural university of Azerbaijan*
- ***Rinki Dahiya, Dr Deepika, Priya Dahiya,*** Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi; Indraprastha College for Women, New Delhi (India): *Beyond Borders: Transforming Education through Integrative STEAM Learning*
- ***Gizem Dak, Denitza Hinkova***, Sofya University (Bulgaria): *Investigating the role of Experienced teachers in the Formation of Professional Identities of Early Career Teachers*

15:45-17:15 Parallel Panel 2: Digital Inclusion and Equity
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/97057425988**
Room: Alpha (ground floor)

Chair: ***Igor Trajanovski,*** Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)

- ***Muhamad Supraja***, Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia): *Finding and Developing Social Theory in the Digital Transformation*
- ***Mridula Muralidharan***, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi (India): *An Intersectional Analysis of Gender-Based Violence in Digital Spaces: A Study from India*
- ***Swapnil Singh***, Banaras Hindu University (India): *Bridging the Gap: Assessing the Digital Divide's Impact on E-Education in India*
- ***Amna Ben Amara***, School of Advanced Social Studies, Nova Gorica (Slovenia): *Quality (Higher) Education in the Global South: Where to Now?*
- ***Petra Kleindienst,*** School of Advanced Social Studies, Nova Gorica (Slovenia) *Upholding Human dignity through Education*

17:15-17:30 Break

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17:30-19:00 Parallel Panel 1: Technology Integration in Education
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Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Janja Lozar,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Nataša Matulayová, Tatiana Matulayová, Kateřina Janků***, Silesian University in Opava (Czech Republic): *Integrating Virtual and Augmented Reality in Czech Higher Education: Developing Digital Competencies in Helping Professions*
- ***Shaikh Mohammad Kais, Mst. Fahmida Khatun***, University of Rajshahi (Bangladesh): *ICT in Islamic school: A study of selected Madrasas in Northern Bangladesh*
- ***Dak, Gizem***, ***Denitza Hinkova,*** Sofya University (Bulgaria): *In examination of tolerance trends of secondary students in distance education in terms of various variables*
- ***Hanifa Yunuslu,*** Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University (Azerbaijan): Technology Integration in Education
- ***Larissa G. Titarenko***, Belarusian State University (Belarus): *International Asynchronous Distance Courses: Can they Provide Personalized Educational Opportunities?*

17:30-19:00 Parallel Panel 2: Looking into Some Extraordinary Challenges and Crises
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/97057425988**
Room: Alpha (ground floor)

Chair: ***Kseniia Gromova,*** Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)

- ***Ayshan Mustafazada***, Azerbaijan University of Languages (Azerbaijan): *The Role of AI in Shaping the Future of Education: Enhancing Learning Outcomes with Adaptive Algorithms*
- ***Turkanbayim Ahmadli***, Karabakh University (Azerbaijan): *Enhancing Critical Thinking in English Classrooms Through AI-Driven Project-Based Learning*
- ***Gulgadam Farmanli Dadashova, Lamiya Rzayeva-Ahmadli***, SIM Social Work School; (Azerbaijan): *Digitalisation in Social Work Education: Contribution and Challenges of Online Learning in the Context of Azerbaijani Social Work School*
- ***Imran Azer Bayramov, Sona Vugar Pashayeva,*** Baku State University (Azerbaijan): *The Shallowing of the Caspian Sea and its Impact on the Socio-Economic Sustainability of Greater Baku*
- ***Gasimova Tezegul, Fatullayeva Sadagat,*** Sumgayit State University (Azerbaijan): *The political-philosophical view of the formation of the control system defining social order and standards of behavior*

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Friday, 18 October

3rd Jean Monnet Day

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Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/94259603280**
Room: Gama (ground floor)

8:30-8:45 Arrival and registration

8:45-9:00 Welcome addresses
Heads of both deans (FIS and SASS) and JM projects of sessions

9:00-10:30 Sustainable Industry 4.0 for European Union" Jean Monnet Module (SI4.0forEU) Jean Monnet Module
Parallel Panel 1: Digital Transformation and Social Change
Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/94259603280**
Room: Gama (ground floor)

Chair: ***Erika Džajić Uršič,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Roya Amirova***, The Academy of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan): *Digital twins: a catalyst for sustainable manufacturing and enhanced state finances*
- ***Kseniia Gromova, Borut Rončević***, Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Development of a Successful Industrial Locality: Social Fields Analysis*
- ***Deepika Anshu Bara***, Indian Institute of Technology Dhanbad (India): *Bridging the Digital Divide: The Impact of Digitalization and Cashless Economy on Tribal Communities in Rural Jharkhand, India*
- ***Erika D. Uršič, Alenka Pandiloska Jurak, Urška Fric, Jelena Topić Božič, Simon Muhič, Janez Kolar,*** Rudolfovo- znastveno in tehnološko središče

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Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Advancing Circular Economy in Slovenia: a systematic review of Industrial Symbiosis Networks and their Opportunities*

- ***B. Baris Yildiz, Gizem Dak, Denitza Hinkova,*** Sofya University (Bulgaria): *Industry 4.0 Teacher Awareness: Avcilar district example*

The session under the **JM Module SI4.0forEU** will also provide an Introductory presentation of the Module leader and its activities. Scholars will be invited to contribute to the session with their research insights, scientific reviews and discussion.

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09:30-10:30 Inclusive Communities for European Industry 5.0 (IC4EU) Jean Monnet Chair

Parallel Panel 2: Transformative Pedagogical Approaches Innovative Teaching Methodologies

Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/95996240521**

Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Tea Golob,*** Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)

- ***Florin Nechita***, ***Elena Reghina Nechita, Georgiana Nechita,*** Transilvania University of Brasov (Romania): *Bridging Learning and Practice: Project-Based Learning and Working Life Connected Initiatives at Transilvania University of Brașov*
- ***Edit Lezha, Eranda Bilali(Halluni)***, University of Albania (Albania) Rudolfovo – Science and Technology Centre of Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Encouraging the development of Industrial Symbiosis Networks – Transition to Circular Economy*
- ***Lanbon, John Biitian,*** University of Cape Coast (Ghana): Teachers' Pedagogy Continuum and its Impact on ICT Education for the Visually Impaired in Ghana
- ***Nocenzi Mariella, Dominici Piero,*** Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) *Transversal Transitions in Sustainable Education: first evidence from the SUSEDI Project - Route to Transformation of Educational In-stitutions through a Holistic Approach to Sustainability*
- ***Hüseyn Orucov,*** Azerbaijan.Baku: *Impact of mentoring programs on student life: Academic and social development*

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10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

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11:00-12:30 EU as a Global Actor in Fragmented and Traumatized World (EU-GlobalAct) Jean Monnet Module

Parallel Panel 1: Digital Transformation and Social Change

Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/94259603280**

Room: Gama (ground floor)

Chair: ***Janja Mikulan***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Janja Mikulan,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Online radicalization in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Comparing Islamist and far-right extremists*
- ***Andrej Omulec, Jožica Pongrac***, Ministry of Justice of Republic of Slovenia (Slovenia): *Addressing Mental Health Needs of Marginalized and Vulnerable Populations*
- ***Edina Šifrar,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): Telepsychiatry, telepsychotherapy and online psychosocial counseling
- ***Petra Škabar,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *AI in Mental Health: Addressing Burnout and Redefining Human Roles Amidst Digital Transformation*
- ***Emil Karajić,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *The Role of Telehealth Services in Supporting LGBTQ+ Mental Health in the Post-COVID Era.*

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12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Media, Populism and Political Stability in the European Union (MEDIAPOP) Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

Populism: Cause or Symptom of the Crisis of European Democracy?

Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/95996240521**

Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Matevž Tomšič***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

Discussants in Round Table:

- ***Bojan Bugarič,*** University of Sheffield, (UK)
- ***Bogdan Radu,*** Babes-Bolyai Univeristy Cluj (Romania)
- ***Vit Novotny,*** Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (Belgium)

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15:30-15:45 Break

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15:45-17:15 Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 - EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030)

Thematic session: Agenda 2030 and the role of Institutions, social networks and cognitive frame

Parallel Panel 2: Digital and sustainable in industry and working environment

Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/95996240521**
Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Kseniia Gromova***, Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)

- ***Nikša Alfirević, Zdenko Klepić, Darko Rendulić,*** University of Split (Croatia): *Digital technology and mental well-being of business students in croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- ***Dolores Modic***, NORD University (Norway): *Innovating for a Circular Economy: Harnessing Technology and Innovation to Achieve Agenda 2030 and the SDGs*
- ***Gangaliuc Cristian, Lukas Danko, Sila Ceren, Varis Husar,*** Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Revisiting cluster organizations as actors of change in regional development: an explorative study of intermediaries in Central and Eastern Europe*
- ***Erika D. Uršič, Janez Kolar, Urša Lamut,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Circular Economy Competences gap: the case study of Slovenia*
- ***Denitsa Hinkova***, Sofia University ¨St. Kliment Ohridski¨ (Bulgaria): *Smart Sustainable Cities of Gen Z and Millennials: A Foresight on Transformation and Resilience in Europe.*

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15:30-15:45 Break

17:30-18:30 IPR4SC project Developing Skills in Intellectual Property Rights Open Data for Sustainability and Circularity

Join us at: **https://zoom.us/j/95996240521**
Room: Epsilon (1st floor)

Chair: ***Cristian Gangaliuc***, Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto (Slovenia)
Title: ***Teaching Sustainability and Circularity: Novel Approaches from IPR4SC Project***

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18:30 Concluding Remarks



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JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 – EU Global Leadership – TIA 2030

Invitation letter

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Kseniia Gromova. I am a team member of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "**Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 - EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030)**"
In the name of Prof. Dr. Borut Rončević, I would like to cordially invite you to participate as a speaker in a Thematic Session, "**Agenda 2030 and the Role of Institutions, Social Networks, and Cognitive Frames.**" The session is planned for Jean Monnet Day during the 17th International Slovenian Social Science Conference **„Is digital transformation a social transformation? Coping with re-emerging social challenges for humanity"**. The conference will be organised by the Slovenian Social Science Association and held on **October 17 and 18, 2024, in Novo mesto, Slovenia. We could also accommodate your connection via Zoom.** Your contribution, experience and expertise are substantial for the discussion and will significantly benefit the wider research community.

To introduce the context, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "**Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 - EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030)**" concerns itself with the European Union's implementation of the UN Global Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project explores the role of technological innovations in pursuing Agenda 2030 objectives. We aspire to foster multi-level dialogue between academics, students, professionals, policymakers, civil servants, businesses, and the general public on the importance and contribution of the SDGs of Agenda 2030 and the European Union's role.

We are planning the session for approximately **1.5 hours**, with 3-4 invitees. We expect each speaker to deliver a **15-20-minute presentation** on *technological innovations and sustainable development or the context of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals*. Further, we plan to implement a moderated discussion on the emerging topics and engage with the audience.

If you find our invitation interesting and relevant to your work, we would gladly welcome you as an expert at the thematic session. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
The Jean Monnet COE Team,
Kseniia Gromova

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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence titled **Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030** (TIA2030) is the focal point for competence and knowledge on European Union implementation of United Nations global Agenda 2030. European Union played an important role in adoption of Agenda 2030.

To achieve this, **TIA2030** engages a variety of target groups, i.e. academia, students, professionals, policy-makers, civil servants, businesses, civil society and the general public at large. **TIA2030** sets up infrastructure, methodologies, protocols, and tools to systematically collect, evaluate and make publicly available both already existing documentary resources and new primary empirical data. This is the foundation for multi-level policy debate with relevant audiences (conference special sessions, joint field trips and round table discussions) and enables to develop content and tools on EU subjects, to complement and upgrade current courses and curricula (course modules, summer schools, workshops), which will be available as Open Educational Resources.

As a result, **TIA2030** will advance interdisciplinary EU studies and deal with the phenomenon of EU implementation deficit, with a view to offer research and educational tools that could be utilised throughout Europe and beyond, to contribute to awareness of **Agenda 2030** and its implementation.

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