People, things, and data are ever more on the move. This movement takes particular forms that can be situated. Especially practice-based approaches have been pivotal in describing how people, things and data are interrelated in what are often called digital practices. These take different forms depending on who connects with whom, where, and in which ways.

But what are digital practices? Despite the frequent use of the concept, it is in many cases not clear what makes practices digital, or what the specificity of digital practices is. Therefore, the conference aims at providing a forum to discuss digital practices from different vantage points, ranging from considering human-to-human communication via digital means to automated machine-to-machine systems, such as developed under the heading of "Internet of Things."

The attempts to situate digital practices have led to a wide array of innovative research designs, in which digital devices are used as part of research methods. These range from rather classic data collection to digital methods, in which particular algorithms are created in order to study how digital devices and data behave. In order to situate people, things, and data, particularly qualitative, ethnographic studies have again been helpful for providing a broader context for the use of these devices. Digital practices take manifold forms, and are meaningful in very different ways depending on who is part of them where, and in which ways.

We invite theoretical and/or empirical contributions discussing digital practices from either perspective: as phenomena to be studied, or as part of innovative research designs.

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PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 7 June 2016

18:00h: Opening Keynote
of the SFB "Media of Cooperation"
Geoffrey Bowers:
Being Human. The Analog and the
Digital of it All

WEDNESDAY, 8 June 2016

10:00 – 10:30h: Introduction
Judith Ackermann, Asko Lehmkulio
and Tristan Thielmann

10:30 – 12:00h: Social Practices
Michael Lynch:
Taming 'the Dogs of Tacit Knowledge'?
Instructed Actions and Instructional
Technologies

Leopoldina Fortunati:
Living with Social Robots

– Lunch –

14:00 – 15:30h: Data Practices

Susanna Paasonen:
Fascinating Distractions in Networked
Media

Jonathan Gray/Liliana Bounegru:
Visualisation Practices.
Accounting for Datasets and Data
Infrastructures

– Coffee Break –

16:00 – 17:30h: Historical Practices

Thomas Haigh:
We Have Never Been Digital

Caroline Bassett:
Joseph Weizenbaum and the
Rationality-Logicality Equation

– Coffee Break –

18:00 – 19:30h: Panel Discussion

Ecologies and Practices:
Perspectives on How to Study Humans
and Data

THURSDAY, 9 June 2016

9:30 – 11:00h: Spatial Practices

Shireen Walton:
Moving Digital Ethnography in and out
of Place

Gillian Rose:
The Spatialities of Digital Practice.
Flow, Vertigo, Frame

– Coffee Break –

11:30h: Closing Keynote
Tim Ingold:
Life Off Screen

13:00h: End