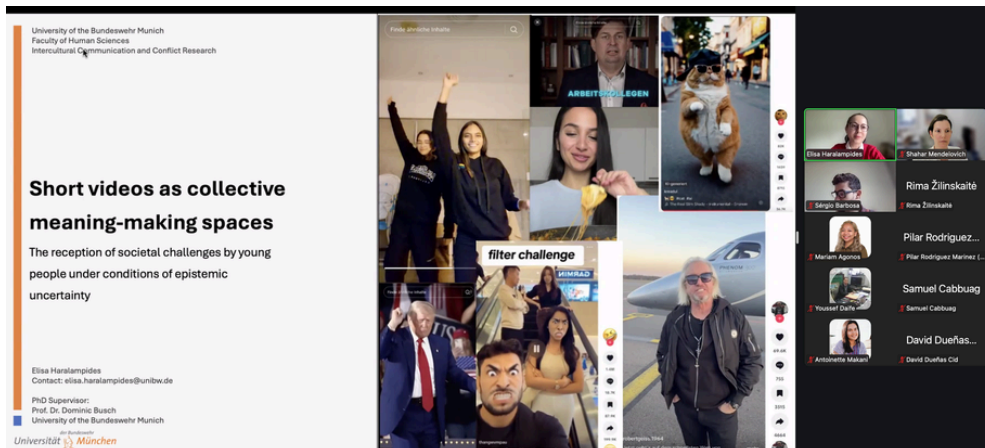
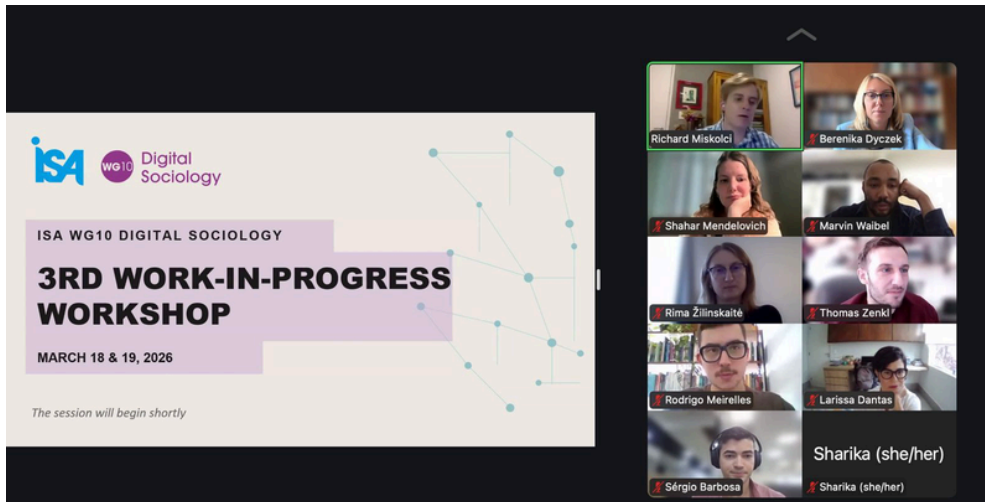


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The newsletter of the WG10 Digital Sociology



The Early Career Researchers (ECR) Group within WG10 Digital Sociology continues to grow as a space for PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and early career scholars working across the broad field of digital sociology.

The group is committed to fostering international dialogue, peer support, and professional development among emerging researchers in the field.

The group has two key initiatives taking shape in 2026: the 3rd Work-in-Progress Workshop and, for the first time, a Brown Bag Session Series.

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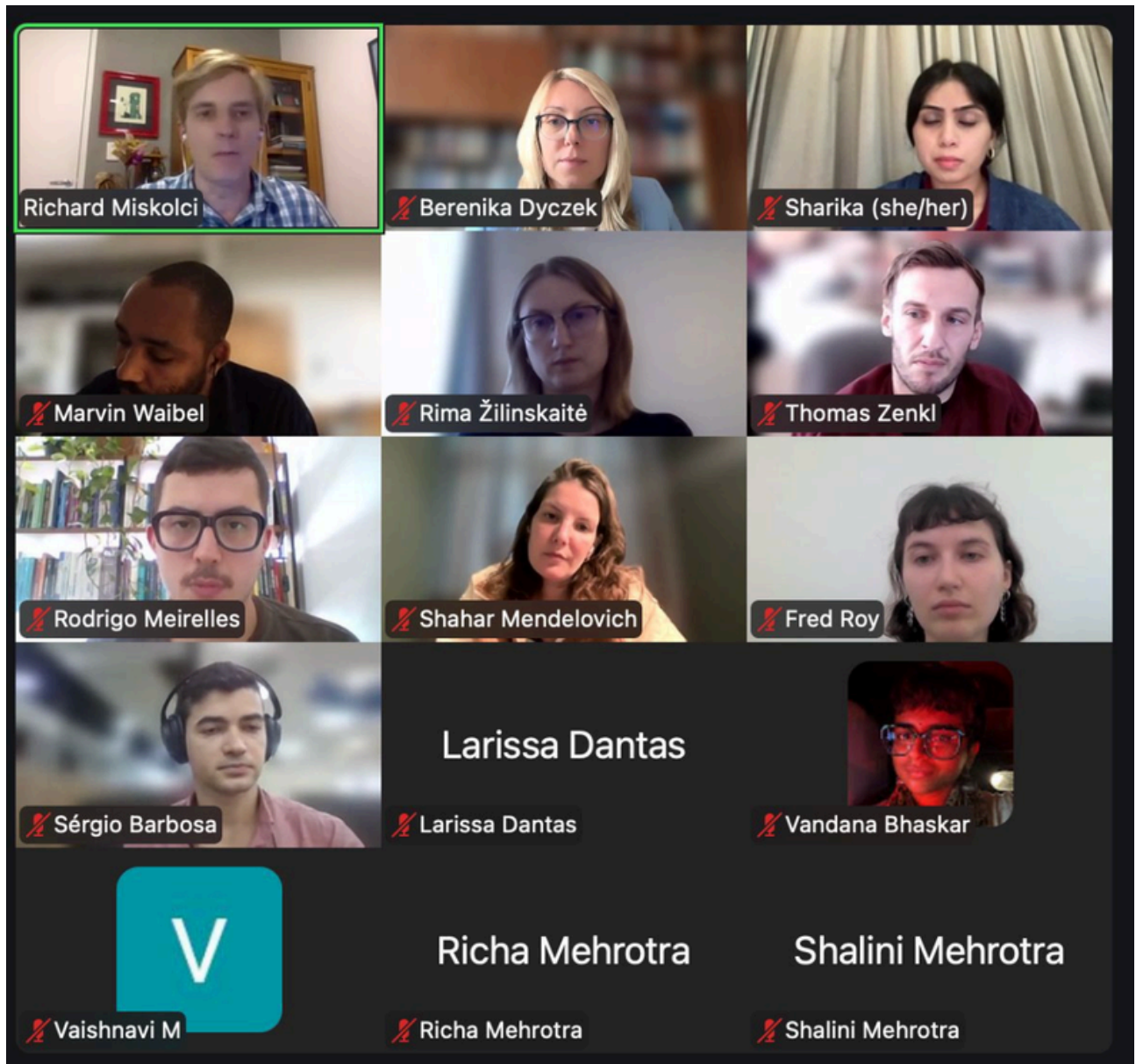
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EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS GROUP ACTIVITY

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Opening session of the “Work and Progress” conference by Richard Miskolci (President of ISA WG10).

The meeting gathered members of the Early Career Network.

Also visible are the coordinators of the network: Shahar Mendelovich and Thomas Zenkl, who contributed to the organization and moderation of the event.

LOOKING BACK: THE 3RD WIP WORKSHOP IN DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

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On March 18 and 19, the Digital Sociology Working Group held its 3rd Work-In-Progress Workshop. This format enables early-career researchers to present their ideas and discuss them with established scholars and peers. For the first time, the event was organized entirely by the group's early-career network.

The workshop was opened by Richard Miskolci (Federal University of São Paulo – UNIFESP), President of WG10 Digital Sociology. The event was coordinated by the Early Career Network coordinators Shahar Mendelovich (Bar-Ilan University, Israel) and Thomas Zenkl (University of Graz, Austria), whose efforts were instrumental in bringing together participants from across the globe.

The response was overwhelming: an online call led to almost 40 paper submissions, many of them of impressive quality, making the selection process genuinely difficult. In the end, seven sociologists from four continents came together online for two days of focused discussion and peer review.

The breadth of topics reflected the vitality of the field. Presentations ranged from digital archives and the datafication of prisons to telemedicine, surveillance of activists, AI companions, and digital methods, offering a snapshot of the questions driving current and future generations of digital sociology research.

As in previous events, what made the workshop special was its format: dedicated time for close engagement, constructive feedback, and detailed conversation that conference schedules rarely allow. Participants engaged generously with each other's work, and left the two days not only with refined ideas but also with new connections across institutions and continents. They were joined by an interested audience, with up to 25 people attending some of the presentations.

We are proud that the WIP format continues to thrive and grateful to everyone who submitted, reviewed, and participated.

Organizing Committee:

Sérgio Barbosa, University of Graz

Samuel Cabbuag, University of the Philippines Diliman / Hong Kong Baptist University

Shahar Mendelovich, Bar-Ilan University

Rima Žilinskaitė, Vilnius University

Thomas Zenkl, University of Graz.

FROM WORKSHOP TO BROWN BAG SERIES

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The idea for the Brown Bag Session Series emerged directly from the success of the WIP Workshop. The volume of high-quality submissions we received far exceeded the number of slots available in the workshop program. Rather than simply declining these excellent proposals, we decided to create an additional format, one that would allow more researchers to present their work within the ECR community.

The Brown Bag Series was conceived as a lighter, more informal complement to the workshop. short online sessions where two to three early-career researchers present work-in-progress (15–20 minutes each), followed by an open discussion. The name reflects the casual spirit of the format; think of it as a lunchtime seminar among colleagues, where the emphasis is on conversation and constructive exchange.

The first Brown Bag Session, held on April 15, provided a strong start to the series. Mariam Jayne Agonos (Monash University) presented research on Filipino international students in Melbourne and the role of digital communication in migration trajectories, while Elisa Haralampides (University of the Bundeswehr Munich) discussed how young people make sense of societal challenges through algorithmically curated short-form video platforms. The presentations sparked a lively discussion and demonstrated the value of creating supportive spaces for early-career researchers to share and refine their work.

[Kicking Off: The First Brown Bag Session (April 15, 2026)] Looking Ahead
The Brown Bag Series continues with two more sessions, on June 3 and July 22, 2026, covering topics including platform governance, content moderation, online harm, digital sexuality, digital divides, and transnational political mobilization. All sessions are held online via Zoom (12:00–13:00 UTC) and open to anyone interested.

The Brown Bag Series is intended as an ongoing initiative. We are already planning additional sessions for the coming academic year and will be issuing a new call for presentations in the months ahead. Early career researchers working on any topic related to digital sociology are encouraged to consider presenting.

Join Us

We warmly invite all early-career researchers with an interest in digital sociology to join the ECR group. Whether you'd like to present your work, attend sessions as a participant, or simply stay informed about upcoming activities, we'd love to have you as part of our growing community.

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ISA WG10 DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY · SPRING-SUMMER 2026

WG10 EC Brown Bag Series

Online sessions · Open to all · 12:00–13:00 UTC

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APR

12:00–13:00 UTC [Join via Zoom](#)

Mariam Jayne Agonos · Monash University
Digital pathways for aspirations: Filipino international students' use of communicative environments in their migration journeys

Elisa Haralampides · University of the Bundeswehr Munich
How young people make sense of societal challenges in algorithmically curated short-video environments under conditions of epistemic uncertainty

3
JUN

12:00–13:00 UTC [Join via Zoom](#)

Lior Weinstein · Hebrew University, DSC Research Lab
Contesting the post state–platform relations and content moderation during emergencies

Jacinto Gutiérrez Lorca · Complutense University of Madrid
Online misogynistic morbo communities: Male homoeroticism, digital humiliation and GenAI facilitated abuse

Igal Baum · Hebrew University
Visual sex and self-representation in social media: Towards a new semiotic methodological framework for understanding digisexual practices

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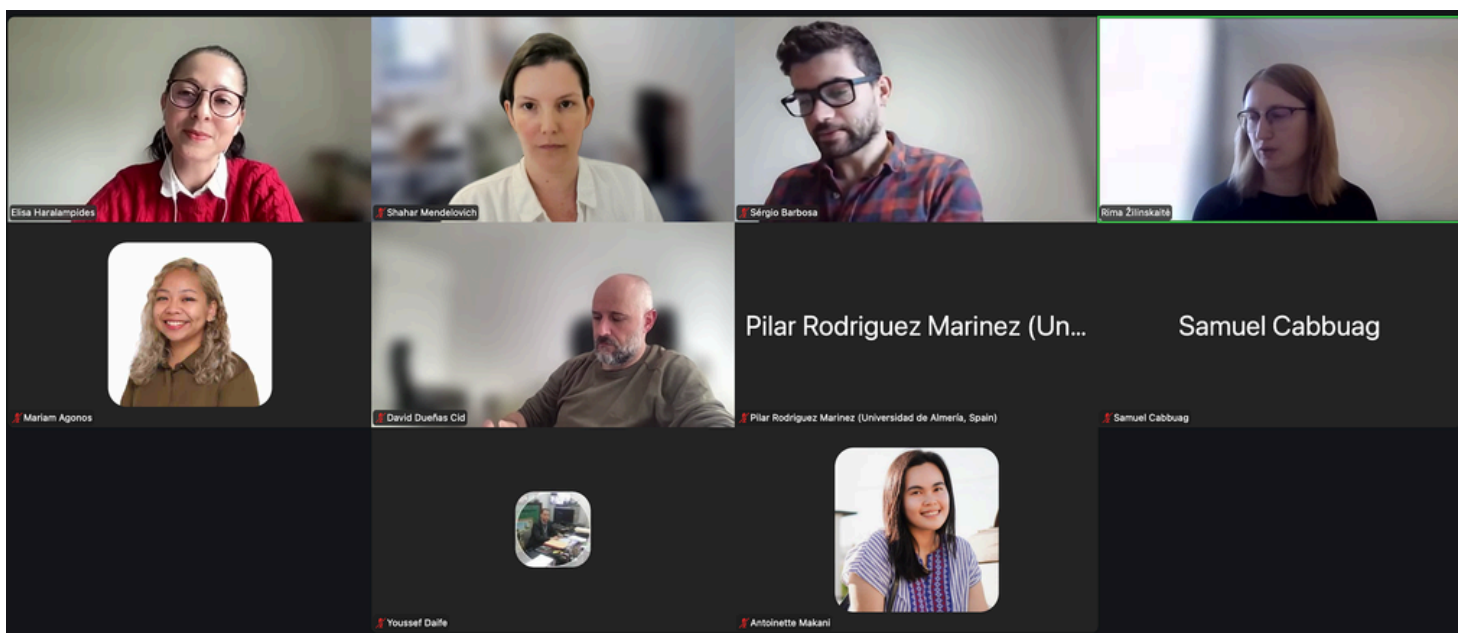
Juliana Bez Kroeger · Sapienza University of Rome
Unequal atmospheres: Digital divides in the affective mediation of fashion heritage on Instagram

Juciane Pereira de Jesus · São Paulo University
QAnon as a conspiratorial movement: Transnational narratives and political mobilization in Brazil

To get involved, please join us at:
<https://groups.google.com/g/digital-sociology-ec/about>

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Shahar Mendelovich & Thomas Zenkl
WG10 Digital Sociology Early Career
Researchers Group



2ND MIDTERM CONFERENCE

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The ISA Working Group 10 Digital Sociology is pleased to announce its upcoming 2nd Midterm Conference, which will take place online on 17–18 June 2026.

The conference will bring together scholars from around the world to discuss the rapidly evolving relationships between society and digital technologies, with particular attention to artificial intelligence, platformization, digital labor, governance, inequalities, and methodological developments in digital sociology.



Keynote Lecture

Digital Capitalism and AI: towards a new sociological agenda

Ana Rivoir

Universidad de la República
Uruguay



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ANA RIVOIR (UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPÚBLICA – URUGUAY)

Ana Laura Rivoir is Full Professor of Sociology at the Universidad de la República (Uruguay) and one of the leading Latin American scholars studying the social implications of digital technologies.

Her research focuses on digital inequalities, information societies, technology and education, digital inclusion, and the role of emerging technologies in social development.

She earned her PhD in the Information and Knowledge Society Programme at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Spain) and has played an important role in advancing research on digital transformation in Latin America. In addition to her academic work, she served as President of the Latin American Sociological Association (ALAS) and has contributed extensively to debates on technology, public policy, and social change.

At the 2nd Midterm Conference of ISA WG10 Digital Sociology, she will deliver the keynote lecture “Digital Capitalism and Artificial Intelligence: Towards a New Sociological Agenda,” addressing how AI and digital capitalism are transforming contemporary societies and creating new challenges for sociological research.

2ND MIDTERM CONFERENCE - AGENDA

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June 17 - Session 1 - 4 PM (GET)

Chair: Pilar Rodriguez Martínez
(Universidad de Almería - Spain)

Discussant: Elisa Garcia Mingo
(Universidad Complutense de
Madrid - Spain)

June 17 - Session 1 - 4 PM (GET)

Presenters

Kiran Ikram (Pakistan)
Raphaella Dwianto (Indonesia)
Stefan Jankovic (Serbia)

June 18 - Session 2 - 1 PM (GET)

Chair: Mayurakashi Chadhuri
(Flame University - India)

Discussant: Attila Marton
(Copenhagen Business School -
Denmark)

June 18 - Session 2 - 1 PM (GET)

Presenters

Alejandro Artopoulos
(Argentina)

Fernando Balieiro & Túlio Rossi
(Brazil)

Rianka Roy et alli (USA)

June 18 - Session 3 - 3 PM (GET)

Chair:

Jelica Stefanovic-Stambuk
(University of Belgrade - Serbia)

Discussant: David Dueñas-Cid
(Kozminski University -Poland)

June 18 - Session 3 - 3 PM (GET)

Presenters

Yun-Hao Hsin (Taiwan)

Ruth M. M. Edimo (Cameroon)

Jussara Rowland (Portugal)

June 18 - Session 4 - 5 PM (GET)

Chair: Esther Brainin
(Ruppin Academic Center -
Israel)

Discussant: Richard Miskolci
(UNIFESP - Brazil)

June 18 - Session 4 - 5 PM (GET)

Presenters

Mabrouk Boutagougga (Algeria)

Toit David (South Africa)

Edmondo Grassi (Italy)

Organizers:

Richard Miskolci

Elisa Garcia Mingo



CALL FOR SESSIONS: ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY 2027

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CALL FOR SESSIONS

XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology



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4–10 July 2027



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The ISA Working Group 10 on Digital Sociology invites scholars and practitioners from around the world to submit **Session Proposals** for the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology.

WG10 welcomes theoretically strong, methodologically rigorous, and globally engaged proposals exploring the rapidly evolving digital social formation, including **AI, platform societies, digital inequalities, governance, labour, identities, infrastructures, education, health, and democratic life.**

We especially encourage contributions from scholars across **Asia, Africa, Latin America**, and beyond, fostering dialogue between **North and South, East and West.**

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Theory, epistemology, and methods in digital sociology
- AI, AGI, and digital social formations
- Relationships, identity, intimacy, and digital life
- Platforms, infrastructures, metaverses, AR/VR/XR, IoT
- Digital labour, gig economy, precarity, and platform capitalism
- Culture, gaming, religion, and digital lifestyles
- Power, governance, surveillance, and algorithmic inequalities
- Disinformation, digital discrimination, and democratic backsliding
- Digital elites, public goods, and global digital governance
- Generations, ageing, youth, health, and education
- Digital poverty, exclusion, dignity, and resistance
- Sustainability, justice, and the future of digital society



More information and submission details are available in the official Call for Session Proposals:
www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/working-groups/wg10-digital-sociology



Richard Miskolci edits the series "Digital Sociology and Its Interfaces" for the BVPS (Virtual Library of Social Thought) blog, a Brazilian scientific communication portal. The series of articles aims to reflect on and present research along with theoretical and methodological reflections on how different areas of sociology have engaged with Digital Sociology to address contemporary research topics. The articles are published weekly, every Wednesday, and feature contributions from sociologists across Brazil and various fields, as well as specialists in digital studies.

The topics covered range from the dilemmas of connectivity in social and political relations to how users create framings of reality in their online interactions and debates, the role of emotions and morality in social media conflicts, the role of algorithms, state regulation of Artificial Intelligence, and more. The series will consist of 12 texts in total. Afterward, it will be compiled into a free ebook in English and Portuguese.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

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On June 15 and 16, 2026, the I Meeting of the Digital Sociology Research Committee of the Brazilian Society of Sociology (SBS) will take place, bringing together researchers interested in the relationships between society and digital technologies.


The event will be online and aims to promote debates and present research on how digitalization transforms social life, institutions, work, inequalities, and forms of collective action.

The event will feature an opening conference on the use of AI in sociological research, a panel on inequalities in the digital era, and another on how technologies are reshaping public health, security policies, and government actions. It will also include two workshops where PhD students and recent PhDs will have their research discussed by specialists.

The Digital Sociology Research Committee of the Brazilian Society of Sociology was the second to be created worldwide. Richard Miskolci founded it in 2017 and currently shares its coordination with Fernando de Figueiredo Balieiro and Jair Ramos. The event will be broadcast online via the Brazilian Society of Sociology's TV/YouTube channel, and the videos will also remain available online.

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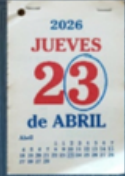
Los efectos del discurso de odio entre los y las adolescentes.

Con la participación de:

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- Antonio Jesús Segura Sánchez
- Francisco Villegas Lirola

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We are hosting a conference at CBS in June which may be relevant for our colleagues:

- 16th Organizations, Artifacts & Practices (OAP) Workshop
 - June 3-4, 2026
 - Copenhagen Business School, Frederiksberg, Denmark
 - Theme: “The living wildness of organizing: Nurturing ecologies of possibilities”
 - Further information and registration: <https://www.tilmeld.dk/oap2026>.

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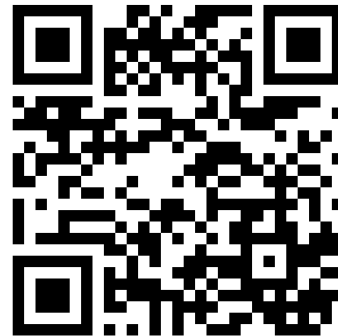
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