DSA and Platform Regulation Conference Day 1 – Monday 16 February 2026

8.30 - 9.15	Registration			
9.15 - 9.30	Opening remarks Joris van Hoboken (Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam)			
9.30 - 10.30	Plenary Panel - Risks, Rights, and Platform Accountability Speakers: Asha Allen (CDT Europe), Robert Spano (Gibson Dunn), Peter Chapman (Knight-Georgetown Institute), Rachel Griffin (Compliant and Accountable Systems Group, University of Duisburg-Essen) Moderator: Martin Husovec (London School of Economics)			
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break			
11.00 - 12.15	Breakout Session 1			

Access to Data for Vetted Researchers	The DSA's Global Reach PA5.24	Rights, Risks, and the Rule of Law P A3.06-07	Multistakeholder Governance [↑] E0.14	Deceptive Design P E0.15
Understanding researchers' needs in Article 40(4) DSA data access: what did the Delegated Act respond to and what remains unaddressed? — Mathis Rodriguez, University of Lausanne — Luka Bekavac (Presenting), University of St. Gallen — Alice Palmieri, University of Lausanne — Aurelia Tamò-Larrieux, University of Lausanne Where the rubber hits the road: what's holding back DSA researcher data access efforts and what can be done to boost platform accountability and transparency? — Mark Scott (Presenting), Atlantic Council — Anna Marchese, Columbia University	DSA meets World: How the "comprehensive digital censorship law" actually impacts global regulation on digital services — Matthias Kettemann, Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society The Global Reach of the Digital Services Act: Lessons from Turkey's Implementation of Transparency Report Rules — Muhammed Fatih Taşçı, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University Aligning with and Departing from the DSA: Canada's Online Harms Experiment — Emily Laidlaw (Presenting), University of Calgary — Taylor Owen, McGill University	The Blurring of the Public-Private Dichotomy in Risk-Based EU Digital Regulation: Challenges for the Rule of Law — Charlotte Ducuing (Presenting), KU Leuven — Andrea Palumbo, KU Leuven Rights vs risks: the DSA as a mandatory human rights due diligence instrument — Stefania Di Stefano, Cnam Reasonable, Effective, Proportionate: insights on risk mitigation and respect for freedom of expression from five years of Oversight Board cases — Andrew Smith (Presenting), Oversight Board	Building public accountability and transparency in digital platform governance: the functions of regulatory intermediaries under the EU Digital Services Act — Philipp Darius, Hertie School Unlocking the Transparency Potential of the DSA: Key Takeaways from the event 'Hack the DSA' — Suzanne Vergnolle (Presenting), Cnam — Stefania Di Stefano, Cnam Who speaks and who is heard? Civil society participation and participatory justice in DSA systemic risk	Dark Patterns and the EU Digital Services Act: Mapping Autonomy Violations and Design Factors — Johanna Gunawan (Presenting) Maastricht University — Sanju Ahuja, Inria Centre at Université — Nataliia Bielova, Inria Centre at Université Côte d'Azur — Cristiana Santos, Utrecht University Addictive design as a systemic risk under the Digital Services Act: an analysis of VLOPSEs' risk assessments — Cecilia Isola, University of Genoa

— Daniela Stockmann, Hertie School — Thomas Asher, Columbia University

Platform Datasets:
Challenges, Insights, and
Examples for Researchers
under Article 40 of the Digital
Services Act

— Jeff Allen (Presenting),
Integrity Institute

— Matt Motyl,
Integrity Institute

— Spencer Gurley,
Integrity Institute

— Sofia Bonilla,
Integrity Institute

Considering the Rival Nature of Data in Data Access Requests

— Ayelet Gordon-Tapiero (Presenting),
Hebrew University
— Muhammad Saad,
Georgetown University
— Katrina Ligett,
Hebrew University

Kobbi Nissim,

The rise of systemic risk obligations in Brazilian platform regulation: a tale of influence, divergence and complementarity

Nicolo Zingales(Presenting), FGVMarina Lucena, FGV

— Dumitru Sliusarenco, Oversight Board

Governing Platforms through Risk: A Critical Reading of the First DSA Systemic Risk Reports

— Magdalena Jóźwiak, University of Amsterdam management

— Mateus Correia de Carvalho, European University Institute

Shared Responsibility, Unequal Power: Mapping the limitations of multistakeholderism in EU's digital governance

Charis Papaevangelou (Presenting),
University of Amsterdam
Sabrina Kutscher,
Tilburg University,
Natali Helberger,
University of Amsterdam,
José van Dijck,
University of Utrecht
Thomas Poell,
University of Amsterdam

Dark Patterns on Online
Platforms: The Interplay
Between the Digital
Services Act (Art. 25) and
the Unfair Commercial
Practices Directive

— Benjamin Raue, Trier University

Dark Patterns' Double
Darkness and How Its
Undertheorization
Hampers Regulation and
Enforcement

— Marijn Sax, University of Amsterdam

Georgetown University

From Access to Data
Management: Research
Infrastructure as the Missing
Link in Platform Data Access
under the DSA

— Olivier Rouquette

(Presenting),

GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the

Social Sciences

— Yannik Peters,

GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the

Social Sciences

— Katrin Weller,

GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the

Social Sciences

— Sebastian Stier,

GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the

Social Sciences

12.15 - 13.00	Lunch				
13.00 - 13.45	Keynote: Prabhat Agarwal (DG Connect, European Commission)				
13.45 - 14.15	Coffee Break				
14.15 - 15.30		Breakout Session 2			
	Out-of-Court Dispute Settlement ♀ A3.15	User Rights and Reporting Mechanisms	Systemic Risks: Boundaries and Blind Spots P A3.06-07	Enforcement and Platform Governance © E0.14	Social Media Advertising and Consumers P E0.15

Fundamental Rights in Out of **Court Dispute Settlement** under Article 21 DSA

— Hannah Ruschemeier (Presenting), University of Osnabrueck João Pedro Quintais, University of Amsterdam

Diversities and discrepancies: Procedural Fairness in DSA Out-of-Court Dispute Settlement — Andrej Krištofík

(Presenting), MUNI - Ondřej Woznica, MUNI

- Matěj Myška, MUNI

The implementation of article 21 DSA on Out-of-Court Dispute Settlement: first reflections, challenges, and possible solutions

— Yuliya Radanova (Presenting), ADR Center Leonardo D'Urso, ADR Center

Making the DSA work effective enforcement of user

Between Click and **Consequence: An Evaluation** of Platform Reporting **Procedures for German Online Europe** Users on X, TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook under Article 16 of the Digital Services Act

— Lena-Maria Böswald (Presenting), Interface Corinna Dolezalek, Das NETTZ — Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz Ursula Kristin Schmid. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

User Rights Under Pressure: Shortcomings and violations of Art. 16, 20 and 21 DSA

— Franziska Benning (Presenting), HateAid — Josephine Ballon, HateAid

Out-of-court dispute settlement (ODS) bodies under the Digital Services Act: Systemic Risk mitigation, A new frontier for legal mobilisation?

Reimagining Article 36: Chronic Digital Repression and Palestinian Voices in

— Tom Divon, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Blind spots of the DSA? **Operationalizing gendered** disinformation as a systemic risk

— Martha Stolze (Presenting), Weizenbaum Institute

— Rachel Griffin, Sciences Po

— LK Seiling. Weizenbaum Institute

— Philipp Darius, Hertie School

On the boundaries of riskbound research

— LK Seiling, Weizenbaum Institute

Climate disinformation and the DSA's systemic risk framework

— David Kaye, University of California, Irvine

design choices and content neutrality in the Digital

Governance by Emulation: The Oversight Board, the Digital Services Act, and the Struggle for Platform Governance

— Moritz Schramm, New York University

Enforcing Platform Regulation: Conflicts and Pathways in the EU

— Giovanni De Gregorio (Presenting), Universidade Catolica Portuguesa — Anna Vicinanza. Università di Bologna

Indirect Harmonisation through Criminal Compliance under the **Digital Services Act: Systemic Risks, Private** Actors, and the Redefinition of Illegal Content

— Beatrice Panattoni, University of Luxembourg

Empowering the Enforcers in — Matúš Mesarčík, the Digital Age

— Rūta Liepina, University of Bologna

The regulation of social media commerce under the **DSA: A consumer protection** perspective

— Laura Aade, University of Luxembourg

A promise of transparency: Governance of commercial content disclosure through the Digital Services Act

— Taylor Annabell (Presenting), Utrecht University — Catalina Goanta, **Utrecht University**

Bridging the Gap Between Legal Intent and Algorithmic Reality: Empirical Evidence of Profiling-Based Commercial **Communications to Minors** on Social Media Platforms

— Sara Solarova (Presenting), Kempelen Institute of Intelligent Technologies

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disput — Nike — Har Univer The Re enhan provid — Tho (Prese Appea — Sop	•	Maastricht University	Services Act — Rafael Bezerra Nunes, European University Institute		Online behavioural advertising, consumer empowerment and fair competition: Are the DSA transparency obligations the right answer? — Martin Senftleben (Presenting), University of Amsterdam — Elena Izyumenko, University of Amsterdam
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15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break and Poster Setup (for poster presenters)
16.00 - 16.45	Academic Keynote: Paddy Leerssen (Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam)
16:45 – 18:00	Plenary Panel – Platform Power, Markets, and Democracy Speakers: Martijn Snoep (ACM), Anna Gerbrandy (Utrecht University), Thomas Höppner (Geradin Partners), Mark Dempsey (Article 19) Moderator: Natali Helberger (Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam)
18.00 - 20.00	Reception, Walking Dinner, and Poster Session in De Brug
	Poster Session: The DSA's Risk-Based Approach

The Delineation of
Disinformation as a Risk
Object in Systemic Risk
Assessment Reports of Very
Large Online Platforms

— Isabel Kusche, University of Bamberg

Platform badges for civic communication: An interdisciplinary discussion of a risk mitigation measure pursuant to Art. 35 DSA

Jan Rau (Presenting),
Leibniz-Institute for Media
Research
Jan-Ole Harfst,
Leibniz-Institute for Media
Research
Tobias Mast,
Leibniz-Institute for Media

Research

What scientific research programme does DSA Article 40 enable?

— Przemyslaw Grabowicz
(Presenting), University
College Dublin, Dublin,
Ireland
— Alistair Knott, Victoria
University of Wellington
— Dino Pedreschi,
University of Pisa
— Susan Leavy,
University College Dublin
— David Eyers,
University of Otago
— Andrew Trotman
University of Otago, Dunedin,
New Zealand

DSA Audits: What are they good for? Evaluating the first audit cycle under Article 37 of the Digital Services Act

— John Albert, University of Amsterdam

Imagining better platforms: the role of simulations in platform governance from theoretical and regulators' perspective

— Max van Drunen
(Presenting),
University of Amsterdam
— Natali Helberger,
University of Amsterdam

DSA reporting requirements as an early warning system: do we actually get more accountability?

— Ann-Kathrin Watolla (Presenting), Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society — Jella Ohnesorge, Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

Assessing Systemic Risks under the DSA: A Methodological Framework Applied to Asymmetric Amplification in the Context of Elections

— Anna Katzy-Reinshagen
(Presenting), Institute for
Strategic Dialogue
— Jan Beyer, Institute for
Strategic Dialogue

— Beatriz Saab, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

Measuring the State of Online Disinformation in Europe: First Structural Indicators under the DSA Framework

— Emmanuel Vincent (Presenting), Science Feedback / Sciences Po — Daiana Crisan, Science Feedback

The Polarization Footprint, a methodology to measure societal divides on social media

Luke Thorburn
(Presenting), King's College
London, Build Up
Helena Puig Larrauri,
Build Up
Caleb Gichuhi,
Build Up
Allan Cheboi,
Build Up
Guy Banim,
Build Up

Managing risks is a risky business - the political economy of risk based regulation in the EU

— Balazs Bodo, University of Amsterdam

Day 2 – Tuesday 17 February 2026

		Day 2 – Tuesday	1 / February 2026		
09.00 - 09.15	Walk in	Nalk in			
09.15 - 10.30		Breakout Session 3			
	The DSA and the DMA ♀ A3.15	DSA Categories and Designations P A3.01	Systemic Risks and Protection of Minors Page A5.24	National Implementation and Enforcement P A2.12	
	Big Tech Tactics under the DSA and DMA: From Contestation to Compliance — Inge Graef (Presenting), Tilburg University — Pratiksha Ashok, Tilburg University — Friso Bostoen, Tilburg University Squaring the circle with the DSA's antitrust aspects — Katarzyna Klafkowska	In or out? AMAR (active monthly average recipients), VLOP/VLOSE designation, and the risk of regulatory capture under the DSA — Marie-José Garot, IE University What is an online platform? Categorising WhatsApp's and Telegram's group chat and channel functionalities under	Supporting minors in addressing illegal content within restricted-access platforms: a DSA and data protection law perspective — Daniele Sborlini, Università di Bologna Mind the Gap: Age Assurance and its Enforcement under EU Law		

Vasniowska (Presenting), t	the DSA	— Jessica Galissaire,	A Framework for the Risk
Adam Mickiewicz University -	— Sarah Eskens, Vrije	Interface	Assessment of Non-VLOPSE
— Miłosz Malaga, Adam	Universiteit Amsterdam		Intermediary Services under
Mickiewicz University		From Safeguarding to	the DSA
	The DSA and its far-reaching	Softening? How the	— Petra Macková
U Big Tech Laws: An	implications for adtech and	Commission's Minors'	(Presenting),
merging Public Utilities	online advertising	Guidelines Retreat from the	Council for Media Service,
Regulation	— Frederik Zuiderveen	DSA's Promise of Stronger	Slovakia
– Alexandre de Streel,	Borgesius (Presenting),	Data Protection	— Andrea Horváthová,
Jniversity of Namur	Radboud University	— Julian Morgan,	Council for Media Services,
Systemic risks to media	— Pieter Wolters,	Humboldt University Berlin	Slovakia,
-	Radboud University		— Miloš Kanjak,
and DMA meet again		Systemic in Name Only?	Council for Media Services,
— Sally Broughton Micova, UEA	Pixels and Paragraphs: Is the	Assessing Reported Systemic	Slovakia
	DSA Fit for Effectively	Risks to Minors under the DSA	—Jakub Rybár,
	Governing Gaming Platforms?	— Alice Palmieri (Presenting),	Council for Media Services,
	— Kinga Sorban, Ludovika	University of Lausanne	Slovakia
	University of Public Service	— Tobias Mahler,	— Katarína Drevená,
		University of Oslo	Council for Media Services,
1	Intermediaries or non-	— Aurelia Tamò-Larrieux,	Slovakia
į	intermediaries? Legal	University of Lausanne	— Romana Kontírová,
,	uncertainty in the		Council for Media Services,
9	categorisation of music		Slovakia
	streaming services and the		
,	application of transparency		Regulatory cooperation
	rules under the DSA		between DSA and GDPR
	— Aline Iramina,		supervisory authorities: a
	University of Glasgow		good administration and
			judicial remedy appraisal
			— Nissim Picard,

Ireland's Online Safety Code for Video-Sharing Platforms: A (Country-of) Origin Story — Stephen King, A&L Goodbody LLP

10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break				
11.00 - 12.15			Breakout Session 4		
	Private Enforcement P A3.15	Disinformation and Decentralized Governance	Researcher Access to Public Data PA5.24	Auditability and Observability P A2.12	User Agency and Accessibility P A2.13

Contractual? The Difficult but Necessary Qualification of Disputes Arising from the DSA Regarding its Private Enforcement — Rosa Pla Almendros, University of Valencia Private enforcement of the Digital Services Act (DSA) — Anna Van Duin (Presenting), University of Amsterdam; — Paddy Leerssen, University of Amsterdam — Joris Van Hoboken University of Amsterdam Bits of Freedom (Netherlands) Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF) (Germany)	University of Amsterdam — Gabriela Trogrlić, University of Amsterdam — Joris van Hoboken, University of Amsterdam — David Abella, Eurecat - Centre Tecnològic de Catalunya — David Laniado, Eurecat - Centre Tecnològic de Catalunya Community-based content moderation and compliance challenges: Wikipedia's banned sources policy as a response to disinformation	Al Forensics, — Miazia Schueler, Al Forensics, — Natalia Stanusch, Al Forensics — Raziye Buse Çetin, Al Forensics Beneficial Content Scraping and the GDPR — Daphne Keller, Stanford	Designing for Accountability: Legal Design and Auditability of Platform Obligations under the Digital Services Act — Marie-Therese Sekwenz, TU Delft Towards Observability in Content Moderation: A Legal-Technical Proposal under the DSA — Alexandros Alevizopoulos, King's College London Auditing Risks of Platforms in Use: A User Side Observability Agenda for the DSA — Claire Stravato Emes, Sciences Po Transparency by Inquiry: Using Middleware to Strengthen the DSA Framework — Niva Elkin-Koren (Presenting), Tel Aviv University — Shlomi Hod, Weizenbaum Institute	Algorithmic Rabbit Holes on Social Media — Dorota Głowacka (Presenting), Panoptykon Foundation — Piotr Sapieżyński, Northeastern University — Luka Bekavac, University of St. Gallen, — Max Bielecki, SWPS University, — Konrad Maj, SWPS University Auditing Recommender
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	(Presenting), Sofia University (GATE) — Iglika Ivanova, Sofia University (GATE), Sofia, Bulgaria	— Yonatan Lourie, Tel Aviv University	Shadowbans on Trial: Vandendriessche v. Meta and the Future of User Rights Enforcement — Babette De Naeyer, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

12.15 - 13.00	Lunch					
13.00 - 14.00	Plenary Panel: Platform Regulation and Al Speakers: Michael Veale (UCL), Natali Helberger (University of Amsterdam), Seda Guerses (TU Delft), TBC Moderator: João Quintais (Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam)					
14.00 - 14.30	Coffee Break					
14.30 - 15.30		Breakout Session 5				
	AI and the DSA	Geopolitics of Platform Regulation	Systemic Risks: Elections and Foreign Influence	Content Moderation	Workshop on Access to Data under 40(4)	
	Θ A3.15	Ф АЗ.01	♀ A5.24	9 A2.12	Ф A2.13	
	What the DSA and the AI Act can do about deceptive design and subliminal techniques: The case of LLM-powered advertising agents—Alice Baroni (Presenting),	The Maths and Politics of Centralised Enforcement: A Collective Learning Process? — Anna Morandini, European University Institute	Putting the DSA's systemic risk regulation to the election test. How the DSA fared as a tool to manage risks to election integrity and civic	The Struggle for Content Moderation Transparency: Comparing Voluntary and DSA-Mandated Reports — Débora Salles (Presenting), NetLab UFRJ	(Details TBC)	

University of East Anglia The Trump Effect on DSA discourse in recent European — Bruno Mattos, — Sally Broughton Micova, **Enforcement & Content** elections. NetLab UFRI - Luise Quaritsch, University of East Anglia Moderation R. Marie Santini, — Daniela Jimenez, — Berin Szóka, Hertie School NetLab UFRJ University of East Anglia **Dublin City University Assessing Platform** The DSA Transparency From Curation to Creation? The invisible risk. State Power Responses to Reports of Database: lifting the veil and Freedom of Expression Generative AI and Content Illegal and Terms of Serviceover content moderation, or **Violating Content: A** castle in the sky? A critical Moderation at the Under the DSA — Agustina Del Campo Methodological Framework Intersection of the DSA and assessment of the DSA (Presenting) and Preliminary Cross-**Transparency Database and** the Al Act — Marco Bassini (Presenting), Universidad de Buenos Aires **Platform Findings from One** its effectiveness in enabling Tilburg University Nicolás Zara. **Year of Monitoring** scrutiny over content – Giovana Lopes, Universidad de Buenos Aires — Francesca Arcostanzo moderation decisions Tilburg University — Ramiro Álvarez Ugarte, — Eline Leijten, (Presenting), Institute for Strategic Dialogue Vrije Universiteit Universidad de Buenos Aires From 'Googling' to 'Asking — Jan Beyer, ChatGPT': the Regulation and **An Infrastructural Faustian** *Institute for Strategic Dialogue* **From Practice to Principle:** Moderation of Al-Powered **Pact: The Limits of European Developing a Code of** Search The DSA in the Face of Foreign Conduct for **Platform Regulation** — Raziye Buse Çetin — Gianmarco Cristofari. Information Manipulation and (Semi-)Automated Content (Presenting), AI Forensics University of Palermo Interference (FIMI): Moderation — Natalia Stanusch. University **Criminalization, Monitoring,** — Maurice Stenzel of Amsterdam— Salvatore and Sanctioning through (Presenting), Romano, Al Forensics **Structured Technical** Humboldt Institute for — Marc Faddul, AI Forensics Internet and Society **Traceability** — Carlos Galán (Presenting), — Matthias Kettemann Regulating Deepfakes under Universidad Antonio de Nebrija Humboldt Institute for the Digital Services Act — Javier Valencia, Universidad Internet and Society — Lea Katharina Kumkar Antonio de Nebrija — Katharina Mosene,

(Presenting), Universität Trier

– Nicolaj Feltes,

Institute for Digital Law Trier (IRDT)

The DSA and the AI ecosystem: search and information retrieval revisited

— Sebastian Schwemer (Presenting), BI Norwegian Business School / University of Copenhagen — Tobias Mahler, University of Oslo War Influencers in the EU
Legal Framework: How the
Digital Services Act Applies to
Conflict-Related Content
— Sara Gallone,
Humboldt Institute
Humboldt Institute
Internet and Societ

— Sara Gallone, Università di Bologna Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

O — Philipp Mahlow,
Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society
— Daniel Pothmann,
Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society
— Sarah Spitz,
Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

The Making of Content
Moderation Norms in the
Digital Public Sphere: The
Normative Effects of
Content Moderators' Work
— Clément Le Ludec

— Clement Le Ludec (Presenting), Télécom Paris — Benjamin Loveluck, Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas

15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 - 17.15	Plenary Panel: European Platform Regulation, Moving (it) Forward Speakers: David Kaye (UC Irvine), CnaM Ireland, Wolfgang Schulz (Leibniz Institute of Media Research Hans- Bredow-Institut, HIIG), European Commission (TBC) Moderator: Joris van Hoboken (University of Amsterdam)
17.15 - 17.30	Closing remarks