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Pre-Sy	mposium	Day (Mond	lay, Sep 2)		Venue: ETH Züric Registration: MI	
8:00 - 9:00			Registration	! ML Building !		
9:00 - 12:30 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break	Workshop 1 Dataset Challenge 2019: Machine Behavior Datathon Chairs: Aniko Hannak (Complexity Science Hub Vienna & Vienna University of Economics and Business) and Simon Schweighofer (Complexity Science Hub Vienna & Medical University of Vienna)	Workshop 2 Doctoral Consortium ! starts at 10:30 ! (closed workshop, accepted applicants only) Mentors: Jürgen Pfeffer (TU Munich) and Viktoria Spaiser (University of Leeds)	Workshop 3 Challenges and Opportunities in Automated Coding of Contentious Political Events Organized by Erdem Yörük (Koç University & University of Oxford), Ali Hürriyetoğlu (Koç University), Çağrı Yoltar (Koç University), Fırat Durusan (Ankara University & Koç University), Osman Mutlu (Koç University) and Aline Villavicencio (University of Essex)	Workshop 4 Validating Models of Opinion Polarization in the Digital Era Organized by Michael Mäs (University of Groningen), Jan Lorenz (Jacobs University Bremen), Marijn Keijzer (University of Groningen), Andreas Flache (University of Groningen)	Workshop 5 A Gentle Introduction to Word Embeddings for Computational Social Sciences Organized by Maximilian Mozes (University College London) and Bennett Kleinberg (University College London)	Tutorial 1 Introduction to Multi-edge Network Inference in R Using the Ghypernet- package Organized by Giona Casiraghi (ETI Zürich) and Laurence Brandenberger (ETI- Zürich)
12:30 - 14:00		Indiv	l idual Lunch Break (lunch voucher prov	rided)	
14:00 - 17:30 15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break	(Workshop 1 cont.) Dataset Challenge 2019: Machine Behavior Datathon	(Workshop 2 cont.) Doctoral Consortium ! ends at 18:00 !	(Workshop 3 cont.) Challenges and Opportunities in Automated Coding of Contentious Political Events	Tutorial 2 Higher-Order Network Analytics for Time-Stamped Data on Social Interactions Organized by Ingo Scholtes (University of Wup- pertal & University of Zurich)	Tutorial 3 Polarization on Social Media Organized by Kiran Garimella (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Gianmarco De Francisci Morales (ISI Foundation), Michael Mathioudakis (University of Helsinki) and Aristides Gionis (Aalto University)	Tutorial 4 Designing and Conducting Online Experimental Studie in Social Networks Organized by Mohsen Mosleh (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
20:00		SCIENCE S	LAM Ven	ve: bQm Cultur	e Café & Bar	



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Sympo	osium Day 1 (Tuesday, Sep 3) Venue: ML Building
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Opening
9:15 - 10:45	Keynote: Alice E. Marwick Disinformation in Context: Understanding Qualitative Approaches to Social Media Manipulation Discussant: Lena Frischlich
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee & Posters
11:15 - 12:15	Session 1: Misinformation and Censorship Chair: David García Uphill from Here: Sentiment Patterns in Videos from Left- and Right-wing YouTube News Channels · Felix Soldner, Justin Chun-Ting Ho, Mykola Makhortykh, Isabelle van der Vegt, Maximilian Mozes and Bennett Kleinberg Trolls, Bots and Everyone Else: Online Disinformation Campaigns and 2019 Presidential Elections in Ukraine · Mykola Makhortykh and Aleksandra Urman Online Behavior and Cognitive Reflection: A Field Study on Twitter · Mohsen Mosleh, Gordon Pennycook and David Rand Socio-Economic Factors in News Consumption Using Mobile Phone Data · Leo Ferres, Salvatore Vilella, Daniela Paolotti and Giancarlo Ruffo How Climate Change Skeptics Spread Their Ideas: A Multi-method Approach to Assess the Effect of Online Communication on Media Coverage · Silke Adam, Thomas Häussler, Ueli Reber and Hannah Schmid-Petri Disinformation and Hyperpartisanship on Twitter During the 2018 Presidential Election in Brazil · Raquel Recuero, Felipe Soares and Anatoliy Gruzd
12:15 - 12:45	Poster Spotlight Talks Chair: Laurence Brandenberger A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing: Excess Confidence Explains Negative Attitudes Towards Science · Frederico Francisco, Simone Lackner and Joana Gonçalves-Sá Neural Learning of Misinformation Cascades from Propagation Dynamics · Francesco Paolo Ducci, Stefan Feuerriegel and Mathias Kraus "Bot Don't Support Them!" Twitter Bots and Popular Protest in Russia, 2015–2018 · Denis Stukal, Sergey Sanovich, Joshua A. Tucker and Richard Bonneau Modelling Collective Decision-making in Policy Networks · Maxime Stauffer, Igor Krawczuk and Nora Ammann A Sinister Way of Trolling: Disguising the Real Identity · Melih Kırlıdoğ Modeling the Subnational Risk of Acute Malnutrition in Conflict-Affected Settings · Mirko Reul, Ravi Bhavnani and Karsten Donnay Locating Radical and Moderate Messages in a Fragmented Media Landscape: The Case of Jobbik in Hungary · Endre Borbáth and Theresa Gessl Who Shares Fake News on Online Social Networks? An Agent-based Model to Study the Spread of Misinformation in Social Media · Poornima Belavadi, Laura Burbach, Patrick Halbach, Martina Ziefle and André Calero Valdez A Bayesian Spreading Model for Online Rumors · Christof Naumzik and Stefan Feuerriegel Computer-assisted Discourse Analysis of the Political Economy of Coal Transitions · Finn Müller-Hansen, Max Callaghan, Yuan Ting Lee, Anna Leipprand, Christian Flachsland and Jan Minx Online Influence, Offline Violence: Linguistic Responses to the 'Unite the Right' Rally · Isabelle van der Vegt, Maximilian Mozes, Paul Gill and Bennett Kleinberg Online and Offline Polarisation of Opinions in the Context of the European Migrant Crisis · Sander Salvet Social Feedback Theory of Opinion Expression and Polarisation · Sven Banisch, Felix Gaisbauer and Eckehard Olbrich











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On-line Page Scraping Reveals Evidence of Moderation in 4chan/pol/ Anonymous Discussion Three Alessandro Provetti	eads · Iacopo Pozzana, Ylli Prifti and
Echo Chambers and Polarisation on Facebook During the German Federal Election Campaign 20	17 · Wolf Schünemann and Stefan Steiger
Modeling Propaganda Battle: Decision-Making, Homophily, and Echo Chambers · Olga Proncheva	a and Alexander Petrov
Climate Change Debate on Reddit · Kathie Treen	

Theoretical Differences Between Extreme and Polarized Opinions · André Martins 12:15 - 12:45 (cont.) Contentious Diffusion: Studying Polarization Dynamics Through Signed Network Extraction on Social Media · Petter Törnberg, Anna Keuchenius and Livia van Vliet

A Study of Confirmation Bias and Polarization in Information Behavior · Simone Kopeinik, Paul Seitlinger and Elisabeth Lex

Pitfalls in Analyzing Polarization · Tugrulcan Elmas and Karl Aberer

Strategic Complexity and Political Reflection in a Foreign Language - Evidence from Reddit · Soenke Ehret Cross-Cutting Political Awareness Through Diverse News Recommendations · Bibek Paudel and Abraham Bernstein

12:45 - 14:00	Lunch & Posters
	Session 2: Discourse Polarization and Echo Chambers Chair: Frank Schweitzer
	The Re-presentation of Contentious Politics: Variations in Coverage of #UniteTheRight on Twitter · Karsten Donnay, Jungseock Joo, Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld and Thomas Zeitzoff
	Discourse vs. Voting: An Analysis of Polarization over 40 Years of the Portuguese Parliament · Paulo Almeida, Lília Perfeito, Manuel Marques-Pita and Joana Gonçalves-Sá
	Autocratic Propaganda in Global Perspective · Erin Baggott and Brett Carter

14:00 - 15:20 Migration Policy Framing and Party Polarization - Evidence from Legislative Speeches in Canada and the US · Sanja Hajdinjak, Marcella Morris and Tyler Amos

Polarisation of Online Media Consumption? Examining Whether Leavers and Remainers Read the Same News in the Brexit Referendum

Campaign · Clemens Jarnach "Hashjacking" the Debate: Polarisation Strategies of Germany's Political Far-right on Twitter · Philipp Darius and Fabian Stephany

Rhetorics of Radicalism · Daniel Karell and Michael Freedman

	Political Coalitions and Divisions: Studying Polarisation with the Twitter Politician Database · Livia van Vilet, Petter Tornberg and Justus Ultermark
15:20 - 15:50	Coffee & Posters
15:50 - 17:20	Keynote: Philip Leifeld Polarization and the Evolution of Coalitions in Public Policy Debates Discussant: Axel Bruns
17:20 - 18:00	#eurocss Special Guests' Short Talks Jürgen Pfeffer So What? Towards Measuring Real-world Impact of Online Manipulation Viktoria Spaiser Polarized Ukraine 2014: Opinion and Territorial Split Demonstrated with the Bounded Confidence XY Model, Parametrized by Twitter Data

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Simon Schweighofer A Weighted Balance Model of Opinion Hyperpolarization





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9:00 - 9:05	Welcome and Announcements
9:05 - 10:35	Keynote: Andreas Flache From Consensus to Polarization and Back. Creating a Dialogue Between Abstract Computational Models and Empirical Data Discussant: Carter Butts
10:35 - 11:05	Coffee & Posters
	Session 3: Online and Offline Group Formation Chair: Frank Schweitzer
	Social Media Strategies of Right-Wing Movements – The Radicalization of Pegida · Carsten Schwemmer Consequences of Polarization in Open Peer-production · Juergen Lerner and Alessandro Lomi
	Integration and Diversity: Experiments on the Interplay Between Preferences and Group Formation · Anxo Sanchez, Sanjeev Goyal, Penélope Hernández, Guillem Martínez, Frederic Moisan and Manuel Muñoz-Herrera
11:05 - 12:15	Local Governments and Native Attitudes Toward Immigration · Elizabeth Dekeyser
	The Joint Dynamics of Social Networks and Political Opinions: A Bipartite Network Approach to the Empirical Study of Polarization · Kieran Mepham, Christoph Stadtfeld and András Vörös
	Brexit 2018 in Hashtags: Events, Tribes and User Engagement · Hywel T. P. Williams and Iain S. Weaver
	Clashing Norms – The Role of Network Structure in Normative Group Conflict · Julian Kohne, Natalie Gallagher, Melis Kirgil, Lars Padmos, Rocco Paolillo and Fariba Karimi
	Poster Spotlight Talks II Chair: Laurence Brandenberger
	Trolling in the Deep: Mapping White Supremacy Groups across the Internet from Surface to Dark Web · Kathleen Moore, Lisa Colelli, Emma Leonard and Ariel Kennedy
	Deliberative Platform Design: The Case of Decidim Barcelona · Pablo Aragón, Andreas Kaltenbrunner, Antonio Calleja-López, Andrés Pereira de Lucena, Arnau Monterde, Xabier Barandarian and Vicenç Gómez
	Modeling Artist Preferences of Users with Different Music Consumption Patterns for Fair Music Recommendations · Dominik Kowald, Elisabe Lex and Markus Schedl
	Transnationalisation Patterns in Media Consumption of Populist Radical Right Parties' Twitter Followers in Germany, Switzerland and Austria Aleksandra Urman
	We Know What You Will Do Next Summer - A Deep Learning Approach to Predict Internet Voting Use with Electoral Register Data · Uwe Serdült and Mate Kovacs
12:15 - 12:45	Empirical Detection of Tipping Points Using Complexity Science · Neal Tsur, Lev Muchnik and Dan Miodownik
	Exploiting Weak Ties in Trust-based Recommender Systems Using Regular Equivalence · Tomislav Duricic, Emanuel Lacic, Dominik Kowald and Elisabeth Lex
	Examining Performance Capital and Gender-based Homophily among Musicians on YouTube · Anatoliy Gruzd and Jaigris Hodson
	Modeling Radicalization Dynamics in Activity-driven Networks · Fabian Baumann, Philipp Lorenz-Spreen, Michele Starnini and Igor M. Sokol
	Predicting Offline Political Support with Online Social Behavior · Giona Casiraghi, Simon Schweighofer, Laurence Brandenberger and Frank Schweitzer
	The Influence of Activists on Political Polarization · Lucas Böttcher, Pedro Montealegre, Eric Goles and Hans Gersbach
	Polarisation and Politicisation in Social Exposure to Climate Change Information · Tristan J. B. Cann, Iain S. Weaver and Hywel T. P. William
	Twitter Networks of Voter (De)mobilization in the 2018 Municipal Elections in Jerusalem: A Mixed-Methods Analysis · Neta Kligler-Vilenchik, Maya de Vries, Daniel Maier and Daniela Stoltenberg











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12:45 - 14:00	Lunch & Posters	
14:00 - 15:30	Session 4: Political Polarization and Populism Chair: David García On the Measurement of Party Polarization · Yunkyu Sohn and James Fowler Right-Wing Populism and Media in Direct Democratic Campaigns · Clau Dermont, Theresa Gessler, Fabrizio Gilardi and Stefan Müller No Country for Asylum Seekers? How Short-term Exposure to Refugees Influences Attitudes and Voting Behavior in Hungary · Theresa Gessler, Gergo Toth and Johannes Wachs The Rise of Populist Challengers and the Reconfiguration of the European Political Space as a Challenge for Mathematical Models of Opinion Dynamics · Eckehard Olbrich and Sven Banisch Analyzing Political Polarization and Legislative Effectiveness Through Partitioning Networks of U.S. Congress Legislators · Samin Aref and Zachary Nea Combined Agent Based Model and Experimental Approach to Polarization and Radicalization of Public Opinion · Pawel Sobkowicz and Magdalena Wojcieszak Voter Information and Learning in the US 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a Panel Survey Combined with Direct Observation of Social Media Activity · Jonathan Nagler, Greg Eady, Jan Zilinsky and Josh Tucker Psychology and Morality of Political Extremists: Evidence from Twitter Language Analysis of Alt-Right and Antifa · Meysam Alizadeh, Ingmar Weber, Claudio Cioffi-Revilla, Santo Fortunato and Michael Macy Shifting Attitudes Toward Wealth Redistribution by the Government: An Experiment of Depolarization · Stefano Balietti, Lise Getoor and Duncan Watt	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee & Posters	
16:00 - 17:30	Keynote: Helen Margetts Measuring Hate: Fears and Hopes Discussant: Simon Hug	
17:30 - 18:00	Closing & Awards SAGE Best Presentation Award · EPJ Data Science Best Poster Award Euro CSS Symposium Dataset Challenge Award · Euro CSS Symposium Science Slam Award EPJ Data Science	

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