

Late Autumn School

› Trust and Distrust in a Digitized World

27. – 28.11.2015



The interdisciplinary DFG Research Training Group „Trust and Communication in a Digitized World“ at University of Münster is organizing

from 27th – 28th November 2015

a Late Autumn School on „Trust and Distrust in a Digitized World“.

The Late Autumn School is designed for the 18 PhD students of the Research Training Group and 17 graduate and advanced undergraduate students from other German universities. Especially invited are PhD and talented master students from the following research areas: communication science, psychology, economics, information systems and sport & exercise sciences.

Three international researchers will host the Late Autumn School: [Prof. Dr. Miriam Metzger](#) (UC Santa Barbara, University of California, USA), [Prof. Dr. Adam Joinson](#) (University of the West of England UWE, Bristol, United Kingdom) and [Prof. Dr. Mark Saunders](#) (University of Surrey, United Kingdom) will appear as speakers.

Detailed information about keynotes and workshops as well as the schedule and the fee can be found on our [Homepage](#).

We are looking forward to receiving many applications from PhD and master students from different disciplines and are looking forward to seeing you soon in Münster!

With kind regards



Prof. Dr. Bernd Blöbaum
(Speaker of the Research Training Group)

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Call for Papers

Applications are accepted from PhD and master students in communication science, psychology, economics, information systems and sport & exercise sciences as well as similar research fields. The PhD thesis should deal with trust and/or communication.

Applications must include a research proposal of the dissertation project (500 to 1.000 words) and a short scientific CV. As there are two workshop-slots but three different workshops, each applicant is asked to specify his or her two preferred options. We will try to consider each wish.

Furthermore, interested master students are asked to include a short recommendation letter by their supervisor.

Deadline for Call for Papers: 30th September 2015

Applications in English and informal enquiries should be addressed to Dr. Stephan Völlmicke (Mail: stephan.voellmicke@uni-muenster.de), coordinator of the Research Training Group.

The applications will be evaluated on peer review and response will be given until 10th October 2015.

The Late Autumn School in a Nutshell (temporary schedule)

The Late Autumn School is designed for the 18 PhD students from the research training group and 17 graduate and advanced undergraduate students from other universities.

Thursday (26.11.2015)	Friday (27.11.2015)	Saturday (28.11.2015)
		Keynote „Trust and distrust in digital communities” (Prof. Dr. Adam Joinson) 10:00 <i>F4 Fürstenberghaus</i> - 11:00 <i>Domplatz 20-22</i>
		11:00 Break - 11:30
	Keynote „Trust and Technology” (Prof. Dr. Miriam Metzger) 11:00 <i>KTh I</i> - 12:00 <i>Johannisstr. 8-10</i>	Keynote „Trust and distrust: polar opposites, or independent but co-existing” (Prof. Dr. Mark Saunders) 11:30 <i>F4 Fürstenberghaus</i> - 12:30 <i>Domplatz 20-22</i>
	12:00 Lunch - 14:00	12:30 Lunch - 14:00
	14:00 Workshops 1-3 - 17:30	14:00 Workshops 1-3 - 17:30
19:00 ‘Get Together’	17:30 Discussion with PhD students - 19:00	17:30 Discussion with PhD students - 19:00

Location: **WWU Weiterbildung gGmbH, Königsstraße 47, 48143 Münster**

Workshop 1: **Building trust through online environments such as websites (Miriam Metzger)**

Workshop 2: **How trust and privacy attitudes influence online communication and disclosure behavior (Adam Joinson)**

Workshop 3: **Research methods on trust with a possible focus on advanced qualitative methods (Mark Saunders)**

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The research training group “Trust and Communication in a Digitized World” examines how trust can be developed and maintained under the conditions of new forms of communication. Digitized means of communication change the structure and sustainability of trust because firstly, familiar face-to-face communication is replaced by digitized interactions, secondly, virtual social and office networks emerge and finally, because new forms of relationships between the public, organizations and individuals develop. The postgraduate program analyses the consequences of these processes for the establishment of trust relationships by the example of four prototypical areas: **media**, **economy**, **science** and **sports**. Besides generating empirical results, the aim of the postgraduate program is to offer new methodological insights and to provide a theoretical foundation for the disparate field of trust research.

The graduate program is supported by university teachers and post-doctoral students at the “Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität” (WWU) in Münster in the subjects of



- **communication science**
[Prof. Dr. Blöbaum](#), [Prof. Dr. Röttger](#), [Prof. Dr. Quandt](#),
[Dr. Vogelgesang](#)
- **psychology**
[Prof. Dr. Jucks](#), [Prof. Dr. Hertel](#), [Prof. Dr. Bromme](#),
[Dr. Pieschl](#)
- **economics**
[Prof. Dr. Schewe](#)
- **information systems**
[Prof. Dr. Becker](#)
- **sport and exercise sciences**
[Prof. Dr. Strauß](#)

Short profile of the research training group

- supported by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG)
- funding period: 1st April 2012 - 30th September 2016 (4,5 years)
- projects funds: approx. EUR 3 million
- number of applicants: 11
- number of PhD students: 18

Short profile of WWU Münster

- Germany's fourth-largest university
- over 250 courses of study, 15 departments, 7 faculties
- 39,000 students
- 6,500 staff (551 professors, 100 research assistants, 1,900 further staff)
- WWU is one of the five most important institutions in Germany for training junior academics
- 800 doctoral degrees awarded annually
- over 550 partnership agreements with universities and academic institutes worldwide

Short profile of the city of Münster

- 291,000 inhabitants
- 19 million visitors per year
- most liveable city in the world (LivCom Award)
- the University motto – “knowledge and life” – describes exactly the close interplay between the University and the city of Münster
- most cycle-friendly city in Germany (252 km of dedicated cycle tracks)



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