
Leibniz R - PhD meeting 2023, February 9th-10th

Topics and Methods in Digital Spatial Research

The [Leibniz R](#) Network involves 7 institutes around Germany working on spatial studies from different angles. This year, the R network's PhD workshop (sponsored by the Leibniz Association Enrichment funds and the IRS) is held on **February 9th-10th, 2023** at the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) in Erkner near Berlin.

Program

Thursday, 9th February

12.00	Arrivals and registration
12.30-14.00	Light lunch
14.00-16.00	Introduction: Oliver Ibert, IRS Director Lecture from Rob Kitchin , <i>Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute and Department of Geography</i> Topic “Exploring digital space-time” Moderators: Paul Sprute, Federica Ammaturo
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break
16.30-18.00	PhD session Introduction to our PhD projects Pitch presentations from Alica Reppening (IRS), Constantin Meyer (ARL), Liselore Durousset (IRS), Federica Ammaturo (IRS)
18.00-20.00	Reception
from 20.00	Getting to know each other (at a bar in Berlin)

Friday, 10th February

09.15-11.30	Workshop with Rob Kitchin on “Building data stories: arts-based methods ”
11.30-11.45	Coffee Break
11.45-13.00	Digital research communication (with Veronika Stumpf , Wissenschaftsmanagement und -kommunikation, IRS)
13.00-14.00	Light lunch
14.00-16.00	Digital tools for spatial research (with Andreas Kuebart , IRS Postdoc)
16.00	end of the event

Organisers | Paul Sprute and Federica Ammaturo (IRS PhD Representatives)

International Lecture | Exploring digital space-time, Rob Kitchin, *Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute and Department of Geography*

Abstract

Digital technologies are having a profound effect on the temporalities and spatialities of individuals, households and organizations. For example, we now expect to be able to source instantly a vast array of information at any time and from anywhere, as well as to buy goods with the click of a button and have them delivered within hours, while time management apps and locative media have altered how everyday scheduling and mobility unfold. The presentation will examine the relationship between time and space in the digital age, examining the production of digital timescapes. It will illustrate the argument by charting the timescapes of smart cities.

Biography

Rob Kitchin is a professor at Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute and the Department of Geography. His research mostly focuses on the production of digital geographies. He is the (co)author or (co)editor of 34 academic books and (co)author of over 200 articles and book chapters. He has been an editor of *Dialogues in Human Geography*, *Progress in Human Geography* and *Social and Cultural Geography*, and was the co-Editor-in-Chief of the *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography* (1e). He was the 2013 recipient of the Royal Irish Academy's Gold Medal for the Social Sciences.

Practicalities | There will be no fees for participating in the event itself or for catering at the event. Each institute within the Leibniz R network has its own policy to promote and facilitate the participation of doctoral researchers by providing the necessary funds for travel and accommodation costs. For easy connections between Erkner and Berlin, the participants could search for accommodation around Ostkreuz/Ostbahnhof (Friedrichshain): the bar on Thursday night will be also located in this area.

Deadline | If you would like to participate, you are free to do so. You can still register for the event, by sending us an email here: phd-representatives@leibniz-irs.de

For any other information, questions or doubts, please refer to the PhD representative at your institute or to the organising team.