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Interdisciplinary Paper Development Workshop on

Digital Responsibility & Time

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Motivation:

The accelerating pace of digitalization is profoundly reshaping our world, compressing temporal horizons and reconfiguring the rhythms of daily life. This acceleration blurs the boundaries between our professional, personal, and leisure domains, creating both unprecedented affordances for productivity and connection, and fundamental questions about the long-term consequences for society and individual well-being.

More generally, an emerging emphasis on *Digital Responsibility* highlights critical challenges, and research opportunities, regarding the sustainability of digital practices, temporal autonomy, equitable and ethical design of our socio-technical futures. These challenges are amplified by the rapid integration of generative AI, algorithmic decision-making, and new transformative forms of work. As a result, it becomes necessary for researchers, practitioners and policymakers to think of ways to solve new dilemmas around bias, transparency, fairness, digital overload, and the responsible use of time.

Navigating this digitally accelerated terrain demands rigorous scholarly inquiry. To that end, the University of Galway is organizing an interdisciplinary paper development workshop to foster research that critically examines these multifaceted challenges. Our aim in organizing this paper development workshop around the theme of digital responsibility - and particularly research related to time - is to respond to the growing interest in this area and to encourage scholarly engagement with its emerging challenges and opportunities.

We welcome submissions from disciplines including but not restricted to information systems, business, economics, engineering, computer science, philosophy, psychology, education and beyond.

We welcome work that advances theoretical, methodological, analytical, design-oriented, or practical insights into these evolving challenges and opportunities, and that explore their implications across diverse contexts and domains.

Workshop Format:

The workshop will provide a collegial and supportive environment for researchers to develop their research ideas and paper drafts with input from experienced faculty in dedicated roundtable discussions.





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In addition to the roundtable sessions, the workshop will feature keynote presentations from distinguished scholars on topics such as how to publish in top journals, future research trends and academic career development.

The format emphasizes interactive discussion, constructive feedback, and mentorship, supporting postdoctoral researchers in advancing their work and building a vibrant community around the theme of digital responsibility and time.

Confirmed keynote speakers and mentors (more to be confirmed soon)

Prof. Michelle Carter (University of Manchester)
Prof. Jason Thatcher (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Submission Details and Timeline:

To cater to researchers at different project stages, we invite two types of submission:

- Early-Stage Research Ideas:
 - A one-page proposal that articulates the research gap and central research question(s). Proposals will be strengthened by including an outline of the intended methodology, a discussion of the potential contributions to theory and practice, and a summary of any preliminary findings or insights, if available.
- More Developed Research Papers:
 - Submit either a concise draft paper (3–5 pages) or a draft conference or journal paper.

Additionally, please clearly show how the research study aligns with the theme of digital responsibility and time. Submissions that are outside of the theme of the workshop will not be accepted. All submissions must also include two concrete questions that you would like to receive feedback on during the workshop and roundtable discussions.

Submissions will be evaluated based on their alignment with the workshop theme and their potential for further development. Please note that the workshop does not require copyright transfer and no proceedings will be published. Spaces are limited.

Please submit your work in [DOCX or PDF format via our Google Form](#).

For any questions, please contact the organising team Azka Umair (azka.umair@universityofgalway.ie) or Adam Przybylek (adam.przybylek@universityofgalway.ie).

Deadline for Submissions: We will have a rolling submission date from 15th August to September 26th 2025. We hope to be able to review and confirm acceptance within 1 week of submission, as we are aware some may have to plan travel and accommodation. Submissions received after September 26th will not be accepted.

Workshop Fee: There is no fee for this event.

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