



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM: 'DIGITAL FRONTIERS: FORCED MIGRATION IN A CHANGING TECHNOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE'

### DAY 1

<b>08:30–09:00</b>	<b>Arrival</b>
<b>09:00–09:15</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Prof. Dr. Pierre Thielbörger, Ruhr University Bochum
<b>09:15–10:00</b>	<b>Keynote Speech</b> Prof. Dr. Violeta Moreno- Lax, Queen Mary University of London
<b>10:00–10:15</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15–12:45</b>	<b>Panel 1:</b> Digital Platforms and Diaspora Humanitarianism
<b>12:45–13:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:45–1630</b>	<b>Panel 2:</b> Digital Vulnerabilities of Forced Migrants

### DAY 2

<b>09:15–09.30</b>	<b>Arrival</b>
<b>09:30–12:00</b>	<b>Panel 3:</b> Algorithmic Governance in Asylum Processes
<b>12:00–13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:00–15:30</b>	<b>Panel 4:</b> Border Externalization and New Technologies
<b>15:30–15:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>15:45–16:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Prof. Dr. Margit Fauser, Ruhr University Bochum



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## Panel 1

### Digital Platforms and Diaspora Humanitarianism

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**Dr. Abdirahman Edle, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)**

*Diaspora Humanitarianism in the Digital Age: Somali Kinship and Mosque Networks Online*

**David Johan Lefor, Ruhr University Bochum**

*Digital Lifelines: Youth Agency and Grassroots Humanitarianism on the Thai-Myanmar Border*

**Emmanuel Monyei, Ruhr University Bochum**

*Transnational Digital Solidarity and the Reimagining of Sovereignty in Climate-Induced Displacement*

**Abdirahman A. Muhumad, Ruhr University Bochum**

*Social Media as a Digital Lifeline? Diaspora Networks, Collective Remittances, and the Role of the State*

## Panel 2

### Digital Vulnerabilities of Forced Migrants: Surveillance and Data Privacy

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**Dr. Evan-Easton Calabria, Tufts University**

*Digital Self-Reliance? Exploring 'success' for refugees in the digital economy*

**Dr. Mariana Gkliati, Tilburg University**

*In Search for Secure and Fair Data Processing in EU Digital Border Management*

**Dr. Charles Martin-Shields, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)**

*Reorganizing urban displacement: How digital technologies create new spaces for contestation between the state and urban refugees*

**Dr. Edwin Mutyeniyoka, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute**

*Digital Platforms as Non-Citizens' Tools for Negotiating and Navigating Civic Space in a Post-Colonial African State: Lessons from Kenya*





## Panel 3

### Algorithmic Governance in Asylum Processes

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**Joan Lopez-Solano, Tilburg University: Institute for Law, Technology, and Society**

*Beyond Algorithmic Risks: Rethinking How AI Reinforces Structural Exclusion in European Migration Systems*

**Assoc. Prof. Niamh Kinchin, University of Wollongong**

*'Legal Dystopia': Emerging Technologies and Refugee Law*

**Elisabeth Späth, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz**

*Towards good algorithmic governance – the role of legitimacy and refugee agency in the context of asylum assessment processes*

**Dr. Niovi Vavoula, University of Luxembourg**

*You Shall Not Pass! Asylum Seeking in the Age of Algorithms*

## Panel 4

### Border Externalization and New Technologies

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**Dr. Emre Eren Korkmaz, Oxford University**

*How Surveillance Technologies Are Used Against Migrants – and Why This Is a Problem*

**Dr. Rose Jaji, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)**

*Externalization, Spatial Binaries and the Governance of Mobility*

**Dr. Spyridoula Katsoni, Ruhr University Bochum**

*From Sharing Geolocation Data to Sharing Responsibility: Private Entities' International Responsibility for Complicity in Refoulements*

**Aylin Koymali, Ruhr University Bochum**

*Digitalized externalization: a way to circumvent the Non-Refoulement-Principle?*