



# Digital Society Initiative – June 2024



Dear interested readers, dear researchers

Spotlights, steep passes and player substitutions? Yes, even we talk about football.

But don't worry, we're sticking to our core competence: digital transformation topics. We bring you up to date, we say welcome, we say goodbye, we congratulate and we invite.

Now it's time to kick off: We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

The Digital Society Initiative Team

## News

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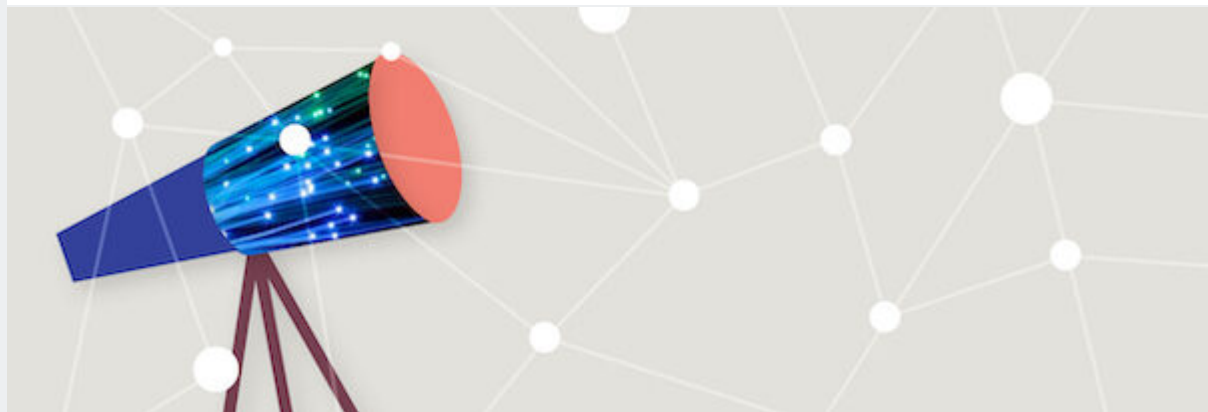
### **DSI Strategy Lab**

Every year, the **DSI Strategy Lab** deals with a focus on **digital transformation** and develops conceptual analyses and strategic scenarios for **future developments in digital transformation**.

Two such labs have already been successfully completed. At the moment, different project teams are working on the following three projects:

- **3rd DSI Strategy Lab:** The third DSI Strategy Lab «**AI in education, research and innovation – what do we lose, what do we gain?**» takes the public discussions about artificial intelligence (AI) as an opportunity to reflect in depth on the opportunities and risks of AI in a context that is significant for universities. A position paper will be published in summer 2024 and further communication measures are being planned.
- **4th DSI Strategy Lab:** The fourth DSI Strategy Lab will focus on the topic of «**Disinformation**». Together with the three DSI Communities Communication, Cybersecurity and Democracy, the project team is planning to publish a consultation response for the new bill on the regulation of communication platforms and to organize a series of events in the «Disinformation Month» in October and November 2024. In fall, the topic will also be discussed in detail in a workshop with media professionals.
- **5th DSI Strategy Lab:** 2025 is the «International Year Of Quantum Science And Technology». The DSI is taking this as an opportunity to focus on «**Quantum Computing**» in the fifth DSI Strategy Lab. The first communication activities are planned for the beginning of 2025.

[Learn more about the DSI Strategy Labs](#)



## DSI FACULTY

### More research power

We look forward to additional research resources for the DSI Faculty.

Our squad of eleven **DSI Postdocs** is now complete. New members are [Chiara de Luca](#), [Muriel Leuenberger](#), [Liliana Barrios](#) and [Reto Gubelmann](#).

We are also delighted to welcome new members to the **DSI Professors** team: [Giorgia Ramponi](#), [Melika Payvand](#) and [Nadine Zurkinden](#) are joining us.

Nice to have you here and continued success.

[Learn more about the people behind the DSI](#)

## FINAL WHISTLE

# NRP 77 «Digital Transformation»

For over three years, researchers from the Digital Society Initiative (DSI) and the University of Lausanne have been examining the **ethical and legal aspects of cybersecurity**.

In the project «Creating an ethical and legal governance framework for trustworthy cybersecurity in Switzerland», the scientists developed findings and recommendations on non-technical aspects of cybersecurity as part of the **National Research Program 77 «Digital Transformation»**.

The results of the project have been presented at various closing events in recent weeks.

[More about the project completion](#)



## NEW MICROSITES

# DSI Communities Education & Sustainability

The DSI Communities Education and Sustainability are in the spotlight: since last week, the two communities are presented on their own microsites.

- The [DSI Community Education](#) is dedicated to advancing research on learning and teaching within digital environments.
- The [DSI Community Sustainability](#) focuses on the interplay between sustainability and digitalization.

Find out more about the goals, projects and members of the communities and visit their new online presences.

## NEW EVENT SERIES

# Apéro Digital

The [BRIDGE Lab](#) has launched a new series of events in recent weeks. The **Apéro**

**Digital** has the vision of promoting collaboration around **digitalization and innovation** in the Greater Zurich Area.

Various events are organized for this purpose, including public lectures, roundtables, expert or citizen panels, discussion rounds and networking events. The aim is always to deepen understanding of the **social changes triggered by digitalization**.

Do you have a topic in mind that would suit an Apéro Digital? Give the project team a steep pass – ideas for possible collaborations are welcome.

[Learn more about Apéro Digital](#)



## SQUAD CHANGES

# DSI Board of Directors & Managing Office

We are adapting to the current events and are also making a player substitution. [Noah Bubenhofer](#) replaces [Thomas Friemel](#) on the **DSI Board of Directors**. We wish Noah a good start and would like to thank Thomas for his countless minutes played.

[Nina Girtanner](#) is the newest team member in the **DSI Managing Office**. She is the Study Program Coordinator of the newly launched [DSI Minor Digital Skills](#). A warm welcome to her.

## OUR DREAM TEAM

# Congratulations

We are pleased to congratulate several members of the DSI on various **successes** over the last few months:

- **Davide Scaramuzza** for the IEEE Kiyo Tomiyasu Award (in May 2024)
- **Jing Zeng** on her appointment as «Assistenzprofessorin für Computergestützte Sozial- und Kommunikationswissenschaft» (as of 01.06.2024)
- **Jörg Frey** to receive an honorary doctorate from Uppsala University (in January 2024)
- **Johannes Kabatek** on the Gutenberg Research Award (in January 2024) and on the award from the Fundación Duques de Soria (in April 2024)

- **Lauren Clack** on the «Pfizer Forschungspreis» (in January 2024)
- **Lauren Howe** on her appointment as «ausserordentliche Professorin für Management, mit dem Fokus auf der Zukunft der Arbeit» (as of 01.06.2024)
- **Melika Payvand** on her appointment as «Assistenzprofessorin für Autonome Intelligente Agenten» (as of 01.02.2024)
- **Nadine Zurkinder** on her appointment as «Assistenzprofessorin für Strafrecht und Strafprozessrecht unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Internationalen Strafrechts und des Wirtschaftsstrafrechts» (as of 01.02.2024)
- **Oliver Distler** on participation in the Novartis Global Scholars Program (in February 2024)
- **Simon Walo** for the FAN Award in the field «Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften» (in February 2024)
- **Yvan Hermstrüwer** on his appointment as «ausserordentlicher Professor für Legal Tech, Law and Economics und Öffentliches Recht» (as of 01.02.2024)

Many congratulations once again and much continued success.

#### TAKE THE CHANCE: CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

## Conference «Work and Social Justice in the Digital Age»

The ubiquitous **integration of digital technologies into the world of work** has implications for work practices, management and organization. In this dynamic environment, it is crucial to investigate the multi-layered aspects of **digital transformation**, especially with regard to its **impact on social justice**.

The [DSI Community Work](#) and the Swiss Labor Research Network LABORIS invite researchers, practitioners and civil society players to engage with the topic «**Work and Social Justice: Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Age**».

Contributions are being sought for the conference of the same name on 13.12.2024 at the University of Zurich. **The deadline for the «Call for Contributions» is September 13, 2024.**

[Further information on the call and event](#)



**DSI MANAGING OFFICE**

## **Summer break**

Summer 2024 is taking its time. We remain confident and are still planning our annual summer break. The DSI Managing Office at Rämistrasse 69 in Zurich will be closed from **July 19 to August 5**.

We wish you a little more sunshine and fewer clouds in the coming weeks.

## Events

**21.06.**

### **Intersections of Gaming and Healthcare**

In the workshop «Intersections of Gaming and Healthcare», the DSI Community Gaming explores the exciting overlaps between these seemingly very different areas.

[More information](#)

**01.07.**

### **DIZH Plenary Assembly**

Annual Plenary Assembly of the Digitalization Initiative of the Zurich Higher Education Institutions (DIZH).

[More information](#)

**05.07.**

## **Innovations in Digital Interventions**

In the second event of the «Innovations in Digital Interventions» series, Leo Anthony Celi (Harvard, MIT) will speak on the topic of «Machine Learning in Health that Matters: Building an AI-ready world». The event is organized by the DSI Community Health.

[More information](#)

**11.07.**

## **Cybersecurity Lunch Talks Series**

The DSI Community Cybersecurity invites you to the second event in the «Unlocking Insights: Interdisciplinary Cybersecurity Lunch Talks Series».

[More information](#)

**11.09.**

## **Human Factors in Cybersecurity – Ein Blick in die Forschung**

At this event, CYRENZH, a project of the DSI Community Cybersecurity, will present current findings from applied research projects on the topic of «Human Factors in Cybersecurity».

[More information](#)

# 11.09.

## Research Hackathon: Investigating the Role of AI in Higher Education

The «Research Hackathon: Investigating the Role of AI in Higher Education» aims to define research projects that investigate the applications and effects of AI in higher education. An event organized by the DSI Community Education.

[More information](#)

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