

Workshop Registration and Welcome

9:00 am - 9:30 am | Registration, Morning Refreshments & Networking | Charles Carter Foyer

9:30 am - 9:45 am | Opening Remarks & Introduction by the Co-Chairs | Charles Cater A15

Session 1: Digital Security and Privacy

9:45 am - 10:30 am | Track 1A: Redefining Security: Democracy, Privacy, and Cyber Resistance| Charles Cater A15

Our opening session will explore the complex interplay between cybersecurity, political activism, and privacy. Join us for a critical discussion on securing democracy, protecting privacy, and the responsibility of those who safeguard our digital futures.

1. Hactivism and Trump – Georgia’s Voting Machines and America’s Worst Election Security Breach

Simon Ardizzone (Emmy Nominated Documentary Film Maker)

2. Security and Privacy for Whom?

Dr. Partha Das Chowdhury (University of Bristol) *in collaboration with* Andres Dominguez Hernandez (Turing Institute), Kopo Marvin Ramokapane (University of Bristol), Awais Rashid (University of Bristol), and Karen Renaud (University of Strathclyde)

3. Responsible Cybersecurity – Layers, Significance and Research Agenda

Professor Niki Panteli (Lancaster University), Boineelo R. Nthubu (Lancaster University), and Professor Konstantinos Mersinas (Royal Holloway University of London)

10:30 am - 11:15 am | Track 1B: Digital Influence: Design, Media, and Consumer Impact | Charles Cater A15

Through the lens of digital design, media, and advertising, this session uncovers how they shape consumer lifestyles and societal values. We’ll delve into the psychological impact of app interfaces, the role of video games in framing narratives of conflict, and the consequences of digital advertising on individual well-being.

4. UX Design as a Hooking Tool in Baby-Tracker Apps

Haya Sheffer (Reading School of Art and Cardiff University)

5. Videogames, Pop Culture, & Norm and Myth Construction in Discourse on the Future of War

Erin McNally (Lancaster University)

6. Studying the Effects of Digital Advertising on Consumer Wellbeing

Dr. Petra Audy Martinek (Bournemouth University), Professor Janice Denegri-Knott (Bournemouth University), and Dr. Rebecca Jenkins (Bournemouth University)

11:15 am - 11:30 am | Mid-Morning Break and Networking | Charles Carter Foyer

Session 2: Consumption, Labour, and Capitalism

11:30 am - 12:15 pm | Track 2A: The Digital Underworld: Dependency, Exploitation, and Market Control | Charles Cater A18

This session will critically examine the role of online platforms in fostering dependency and enabling new forms of exploitation within digital capitalism. We'll deep-dive into how these platforms shape our behaviours, influence economies, and blur the lines between convenience and control.

7. Digital Dreamscapes & The Spectralisation of Reality

Dr. Sophie James (Lancaster University) and Professor James Cronin (Lancaster University)

8. Invisible Labor, Data Commodification, and New Forms of Exploitation: Rethinking Digital Capitalism through Marx and Bourdieu

Mengjun Tao (Lancaster University)

9. Digital Dependency and the Perpetuation of Technocultural Market Violence

Dr. Quynh Hoang (University of Leicester)

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm | Track 2B: Reconfiguring Capitalism: AI, Power, and Consumer Identity | Location: Charles Cater A18

As AI and digital platforms continue to evolve, they are dramatically reshaping the landscape of power and wealth within political economies. This session will explore how these technological shifts are redefining consumer identities, reinforcing new monopolies, and challenging traditional economic structures in transformative ways.

10. The Twilight of the Consumer in Cybernetic Culture

Professor James Fitchett (University of Leicester)

11. Cultural Capitalism and Cyber (In)Security: It's the Economy, Stupid!

Professor Joe Burton (Lancaster University)

12. AI and the Political Economy: Reshaping Power, Wealth Distribution, and the Rise of New Monopolies

Yasin Tokat (University of Szeged)

Rooftop Rendezvous: Networking and Lunch at The Skylounge

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Lunch and Networking | InfoLab21 Skylounge and Roof Terrace

Join us for a delicious buffet lunch on the stunning rooftop terrace of the InfoLab21 building. Take in the views while enjoying a variety of tasty dishes and seize this opportunity to connect with fellow attendees.

Session 3: Keynote Presentation and Panel Discussion

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm | Track 3A: Keynote Speaker | Charles Carter A15

We are delighted to welcome **Professor Simon Winlow**, one of Britain's foremost critical criminologists and a distinguished interdisciplinary scholar as our keynote speaker. Professor Winlow has published extensively on political economy, criminal markets, cultural dynamics, and social, political, and ideological aspects of consumer culture. Simon's latest book, *'The Politics of Nostalgia: Class, Rootlessness and Decline'* explores our common desire to take refuge in the past and what it means for our political future.

2:50 pm - 3:30 pm | Track 3B: Panel Discussion: Social Harm in Cybernetic Culture | Charles Carter A15

Join our expert panel as we dive into the pressing social harms emerging from digital culture and its intersections with consumer subjectivity, criminality, and political economy. From privacy violations to the spread of misinformation, radicalisation, and the far-reaching economic and psychological effects on consumers, this thought-provoking discussion will explore the challenges and consequences of living in an increasingly interconnected world.

13. **Workshop Panellists:** Professor Basil Germond (Lancaster University), Dr. Rachel Moss (University of Northampton), Professor James Fitchett (University of Leicester), and Professor Simon Winlow (Northumbria University). *Moderated by:* Professor James Cronin (Lancaster University)

Session 4: Digital Radicalisation and Online Behaviour

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Track 4A: Unravelling Digital Radicalisation: Beliefs, Behaviours, and Extremism | Charles Cater A15

Unpacking the powerful forces driving digital radicalisation, this session will explore how political success and failure influence online collective behaviours, the emotional triggers behind extremist ideologies, and the cutting-edge methods used to study online radicalisation in real time.

14. Political Success Versus Failure Lead to Diverging Patterns of Beliefs and Behaviours in Digital Collective Actions

Cassie Lowery (University of Bath), Dr. Matthew Edwards (University of Bristol), and Professor Laura G. E. Smith (University of Bath)

15. Medieval Chivalry, Social Media and The Emotional Drivers of Radicalisation into Extreme Right Online Cultures

Dr. Rachel Moss (University of Northampton)

16. Using Computational Methods to Explore Online Radicalisation

Dr. Lewys Brace (University of Exeter)

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm | Track 4B: Digital Platforms in Crisis?: Algorithmic Control and Regulation | Charles Cater A15

This session will explore the intricate dynamics of digital platforms in crisis, focusing on how the rapid decline of social media affects users, content creators, and the broader digital ecosystem, alongside the shortcomings of current regulatory practices in managing disruptive innovation.

17. YouTube Partner: Empowering or Addictive?

Lee Francis (Lancaster University)

18. Who governs the Metaverse?

Dr. Jekaterina Rindt (Lancaster University) and Professor Stefano Denicolai (University of Pavia)

19. Investigating the Phenomenon of Enshittification: Examining the Degradation of User Experience in Digital Platforms

Sarah-Jane Wiggins (Lancaster University) and Professor Anthony Patterson (Lancaster University)

Session 5: Charting the Future: Innovation, Recognition, and Collaboration

5:15 pm - 5:40 pm | Closing Remarks and Workshop Summary | Charles Carter A15

*This final session will capture the key takeaways from the day, setting the stage for ongoing innovation and collaboration. Join us as we conclude an inspiring day of discussions, honour recipients of the **Best Paper Award(s)**, and explore exciting opportunities for future research and partnerships.*

Evening Drinks (optional)

From 7.30 pm | Merchants 1688, Lancaster

For those staying in the local area, we warmly invite you to join us for a relaxed evening of drinks at Merchants 1688, a charming historic pub nestled in the heart of Lancaster.

Event Programme Conclusion

Please refer to the next page for key details regarding the workshop proceedings, venue information, travel arrangements, and event registration.

Workshop Proceedings

Please note that all workshop abstracts, along with a speaker directory, will be included in the official proceedings. This comprehensive volume will be assigned an ISBN number and made available both digitally and in print to all attendees on the day of the event. Following the workshop, all abstracts will be citable, ensuring that your contributions are easily accessible for future reference.

Venue & Travel Details


The event will be held at *Charles Carter, Lancaster University, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YU*. Lancaster University is well connected by train: the main train station is Lancaster Station, which is an 8-minute taxi ride to the university campus. If you're arriving by car, the university is easily accessible from the M6 motorway, with ample parking on site. *Please do let us know if you require further details.* We recommend staying at the [Lancaster University House Hotel](#), which is just a 2-minute walk from the university campus. It offers comfortable rooms and convenient access to the event venue. Alternatively, there are a variety of other affordable accommodation options in Lancaster city centre, just a short bus or taxi ride from the university.

Register for Tickets & Event Access

Please Note: All participants featured in the workshop programme will be automatically registered.

For logistical and catering purposes, attendees not listed in the program (non-speakers) **must** complete their registration by **Tuesday, 18th March 2025** to confirm their attendance. Early registration is required to secure access to the event, as unregistered individuals will not be permitted entry.

 Please register through the official workshop [Eventbrite page here](#).
If you encounter any issues with registration, please contact Sophie at s.james7@lancaster.ac.uk

 Stay in the loop as we countdown to the event! Follow us on X [@cci_lancaster](#)
We look forward to welcoming you to the event in April and are excited to connect with you in person!