Digital Participation among Ethnic Minorities:
Policy, Access and Engagement

Conference at TU Dortmund University, Germany

Jointly hosted by

the Media of Diaspora Research Group (MDRG),

Faculty 15 of TU Dortmund University,

the Institute for Journalism (IfJ) at TU Dortmund University, and

the Erich Brost Institute for International Journalism (EBI), an affiliate of TU Dortmund University

Venue: Erich Brost House (Erich Brost Institute), Otto-Hahn-Str. 2, 44227 Dortmund

8 September

9:00-9:30 Registration, Coffee

9:30-11:20 Session 1. Chair: Daniel Müller (Dortmund)

9:30-10:00 Introduction and welcoming addresses by the co-hosts

Tobias Eberwein for EBI

Horst Pöttker for Faculty 15 and IfJ

Ola Ogunyemi for MDRG

10:00-11:20 Keynote address and discussion

Ralph M. Negrine (Sheffield):

Discovering roots and constructing identities via social media

11:20-12:10 Session 2, Section A. Women in the online environment.

Chair: Daniel Müller (Dortmund)

11:20-12:10 Carmen Diop (Paris):

Commitment and visibility of French-speaking African women of diaspora on the web. A case study

12:10-13:40 Lunch Break

13:40-16:10 Session 3, Section B. Digitial Media for and by ethnic minority groups.
  Chair: Ola Ogunyemi (Lincoln)

13:40-14:30 Ekaterina Loy (Adelaide):
  The role of new media in the lives of immigrant youth in Australia

14:30-15:20 Stephanie Geise, Afifa El Bayed, Michael Grimm (Erfurt):
  Effects of visual framing in social networking sites: how different visual ethnic stereotypes influence the interpretation of a user-generated text on immigration

15:20-16:10 Nele Heise, Sabrina Schmidt (Erfurt):
  Muslim weblogs – Islam within the German-speaking internet

16:10-16:40 Coffee Break

16:40-18:00 Session 4. Discussion on current and future MDRG projects (publications, weblog, next conference, joint funding attempts etc.).
  Chair: Ola Ogunyemi (Lincoln)/Daniel Müller (Dortmund)

Closing for Day one

9 September

9:00-10:40 Session 5, Section C. Geo-ethnic storytelling and civic engagement.
  Chair: Ursula Götz (Dortmund)

9:00-9:50 Ola Ogunyemi (Lincoln):
  Digital storytelling and mediatisation of cultural taboos on the Africa Have Your Say website

9:50-10:40 Alessandro Tonnetti (London):
  From imaginary homelands to digital spaces: postcolonialism paving the way to minorities' participation in public space through new media

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:40 Session 6, Section D. Transnational and diaspora-linking digital media outlets.
     Chair: N.N.

11:00-11:50 Sukanya Borthakur (Birmingham):
     The Iraqi diaspora, the internet and homeland imagination: online community-building and ethno-religious communication through the internet forum 'aliraqi'

11:50-12:40 Lioba Suchenwirth (Lincoln):
     Peace journalism and diaspora media: a case study of Albedrio.org

12:40-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:40 Session 7, Section D (continued).
     Chair: N.N.

14:00-14:50 Ursula Götz (Dortmund):
     Foreign correspondents as ex-patriates: stone age messengers in the age of social media?

14:50-15:40 Daniel Müller (Dortmund):
     The positioning of Russian-language journalistic websites in Germany towards integration in Germany and ethnic loyalties

from 15:40, open-ended. Final discussion & end of conference.