

# IMAGES IN SOCIAL MEDIA RESEARCH

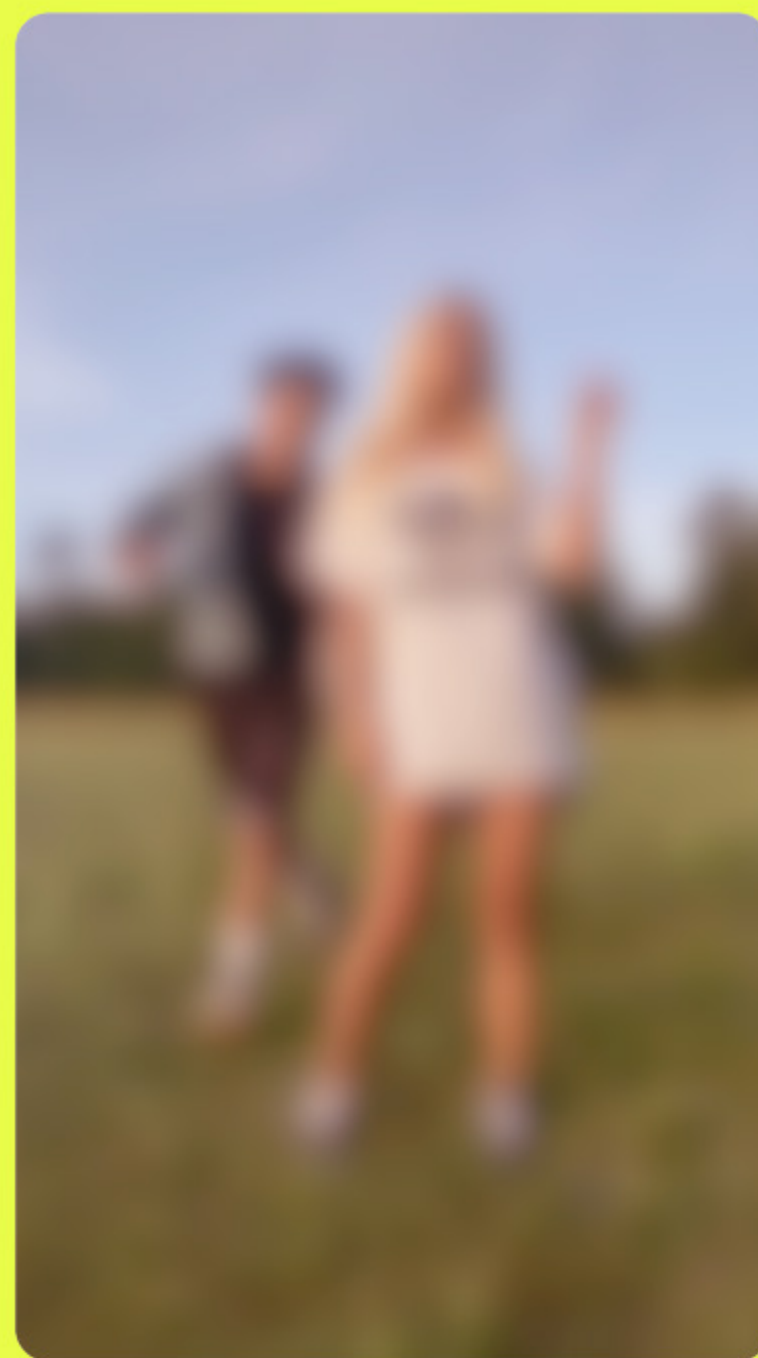
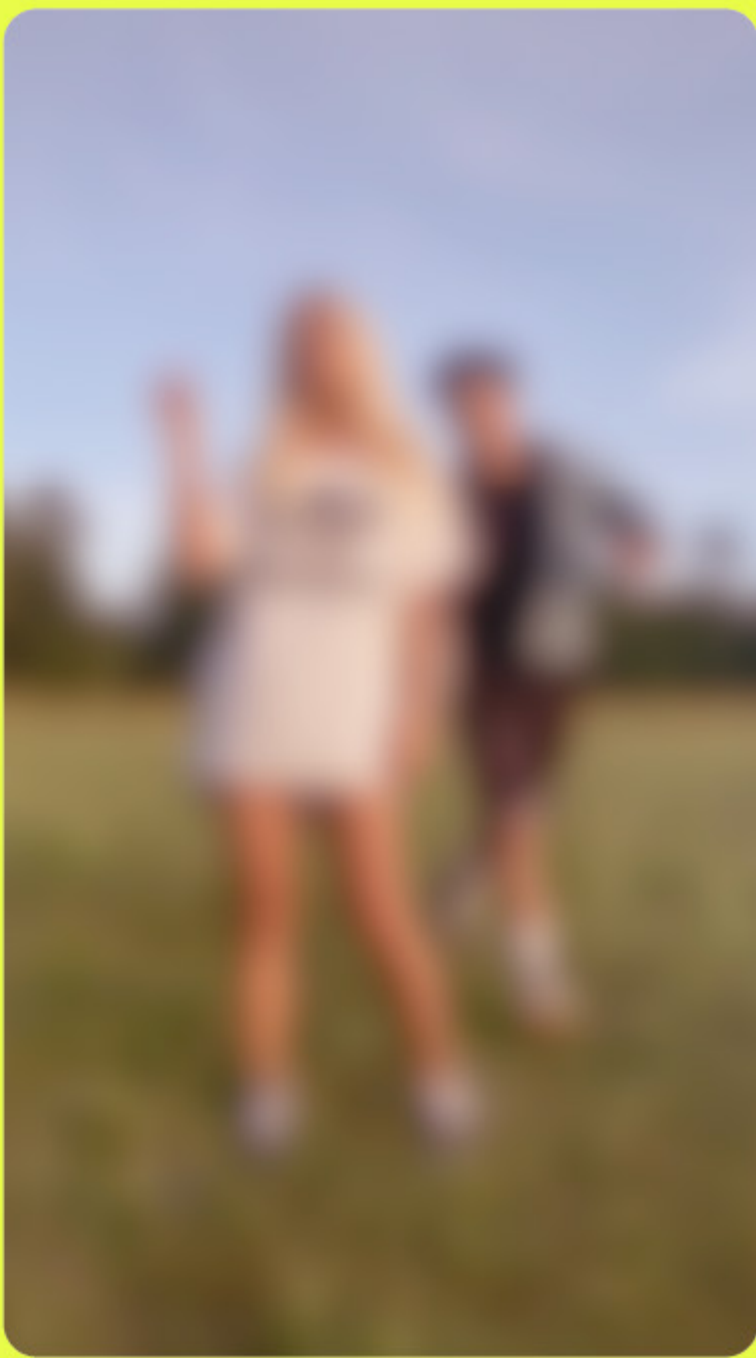
Digital Tools &

Methodological Challenges

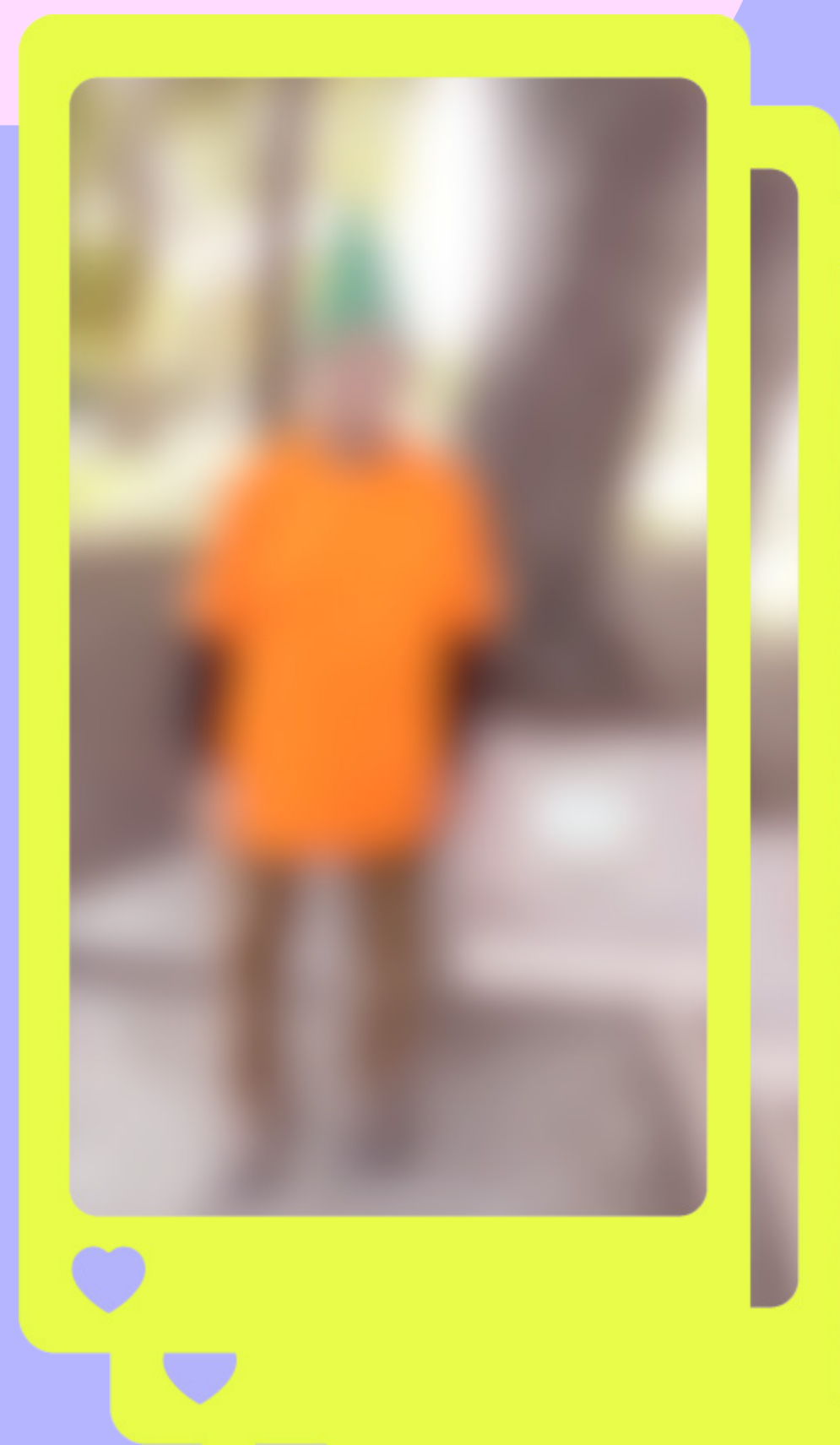
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9.00 – 16.30 CET

Online-Workshop

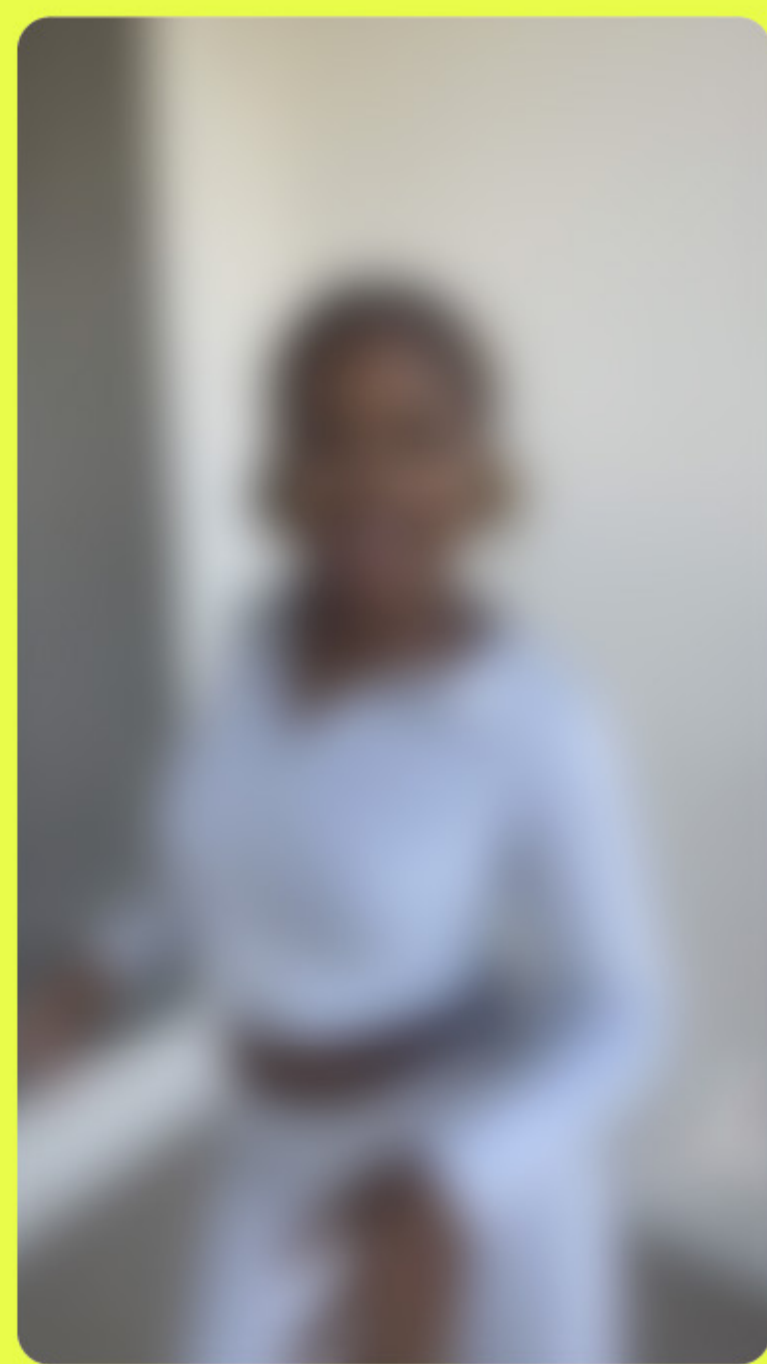


From memes on Twitter and Reddit to Instagram posts and TikTok videos: Images are taking on increasingly important roles in social media communication. While social media research can draw on established tools in the field of text analysis, researching visual content still presents particular methodological challenges. How can images be systematically searched and scraped from the web? What qualitative and quantitative possibilities are there for structuring, visualising, and evaluating big image corpora and their metadata? How can a sustainable and critical approach to sensitive images look like?



This one-day workshop aims to bring together image researchers from different disciplines. On a very hands-on level, we want to explore digital tools that might offer pragmatic solutions for researching images on the web.

Furthermore, the academic (re)use of images from social media raises particular ethical and legal issues. Digital media researchers, legal scholars and art historians will provide insight into their method designs and open up critical perspectives on how to deal with visual content online.



**9.00 »WELCOME & INTRODUCTION«**

Verena Straub &  
Christoph Eggersglüß

**9.15 – 11.15 »TOOLS«**

Bernhard Rieder, Stijn Peeters,  
Jason Chao, Jens-Martin Loebel

lunch break

**12.30 – 14:30 »METHODS«**

Sabine Niederer, Richard Rogers &  
Janna Joceli Omena, Elena Pilipets,  
Lev Manovich

coffee break

**15.00 – 16.30 »ETHICAL & LEGAL ISSUES«**

Grischka Petri, Tanja-Bianca  
Schmidt, Evelyn Runge



9.15 – 11.15 »TOOLS«

**BERNHARD RIEDER:** Analysing YouTube through data extraction – Introducing the YouTube data tools

**STIJN PEETERS:** Quali-quantitative internet research with 4CAT

**JASON CHAO:** Enriching image data with AI using Memespector-GUI

**JENS-MARTIN LOEBEL:** Exploring Yenda and HyperImage – A scientific approach to networked digital image annotation and hypermedia publication



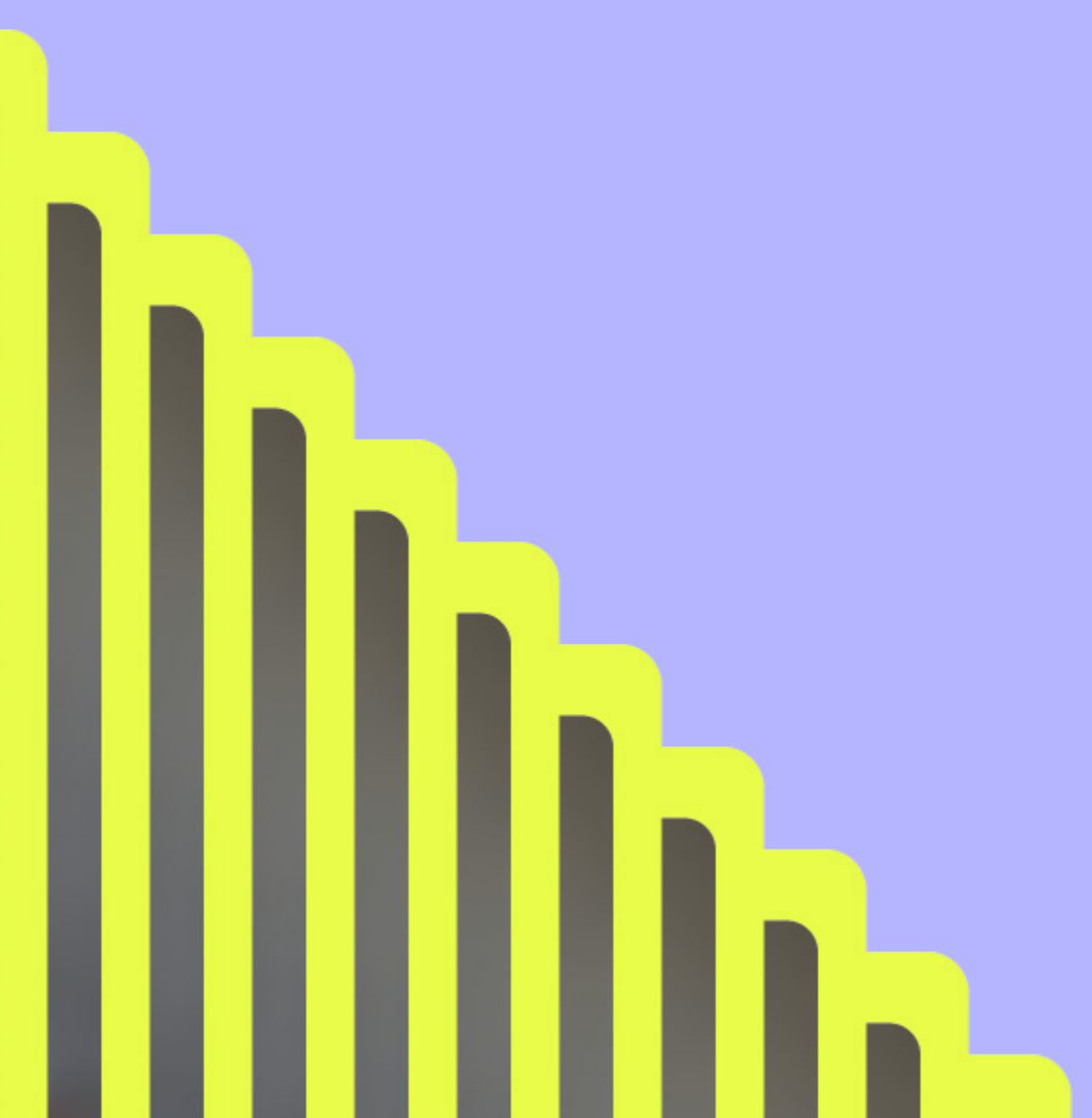
12.30 – 14:30 »METHODS«

**SABINE NIEDERER:** Visual methodologies for networked images

**JANNA JOCELI OMENA & RICHARD ROGERS:** Analysing image collections with the computer vision network approach

**ELENA PILIPETS:** Deep TikTok – Three methods for tracing video memes

**LEV MANOVICH:** Protests, cities, selfies – How we visualise millions of social media images

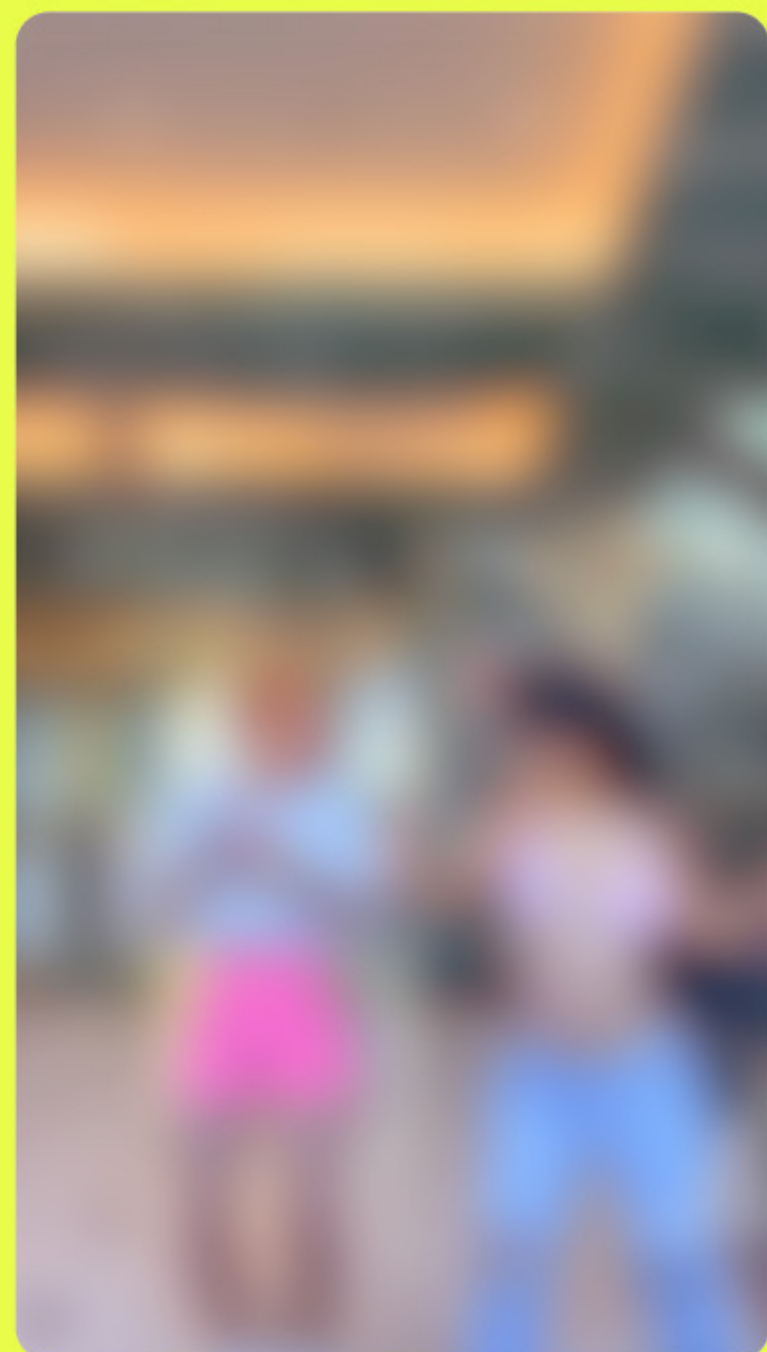


15.00 – 16.30 »ETHICAL & LEGAL ISSUES«

**GRISCHKA PETRI:** Private, social, public?  
Images on social media and some of their  
legal conditions

**TANJA-BIANCA SCHMIDT:** How can  
violence be appropriately addressed?  
Some thoughts on images and their ethical  
dilemma

**EVELYN RUNGE:** Wandering images  
across platforms. Tracking alterations –  
An exploration



Please register for the ZOOM-Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3W9eZrq> ↗

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