

DOCTORAL WEBINAR PROGRAM

Challenges of Digital and Technological Transformations: Childhood and Youth in a Complex Digital World

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Dates

Registration open until February/2026

Presentation

This doctoral webinar series is structured as an annual event and showcases the ground-breaking work conducted by CIVIS faculty connected to Digital and Technological Transformations (DTT). One Friday per month we will have an online session, with speakers of different CIVIS Universities, in relation to Challenges of Digital and Technological Transformations. The series closes with a round-table discussion with all participating speakers. The focus of each annual series changes, allowing doctoral researchers and postgraduate students to participate in each edition of the webinar.

The 2025-26 takes a critical look at how recent and complex DTT shape and reshape the lives of European children, youth, their families and communities. While younger generations have been decidedly socialized into a digitally mediated world, emerging technologies, new social challenges and legal frameworks pose unexplored challenges, opportunities and questions for and about children and youth in a contemporary context. This webinar series will present a series of case studies, ongoing projects and socio-educational infrastructures that shed light on debates and questions formulated over the very past few years.

Calendar / Program February 2026 - June 2026

90-minute sessions - (Fridays / Usually 9:00am GMT / 10:00am CET / 11:00am CET)

Speakers for the 2025-26 Webinar Series

Bridgette Wessels, University of Glasgow.

Elena Pérez-Hernández, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

Dimitris Gouscos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Gottfried Schweiger, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg.

Dates

20 February 2026

Bridgette Wessels - *Growing up with digital technologies in families with low incomes: childhood and family experiences in Scotland.*

20 March 2026

Dimitris Gouscos - *Children participation(s) in digital transformations.*

24 April 2026

Elena Pérez-Hernández - *Digital literacy for social equity among adolescents.*

22 May 2026

Gottfried Schweiger - *Adolescence and the ethics of trustworthy AI.*

18 June 2026

Closing Roundtable

Methodology / Requirements

The webinar is open to all doctoral/postgraduate students from any university associated with CIVIS. Maximum number of participants: 150 students. The course is organized as an online webinar series. Participating students must have the technological means to connect to the course through a videoconference platform. An additional pre-registration to each session to receive the video conference link will be necessary. A reading packet will be distributed among registered participants. In order to receive a certificate of attendance, registrants must attend at least 4 of the 5 scheduled sessions. The total workload and certification of this series is 1 ECTS

Registration

Complete the registration form in the link below. Registration is open until February 7th 2026

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