

European Conference on Digital Footprint

Speakers - Biography

Introduction to the topic of digital footprint



Master of ceremony



Mia Pirie Forbes is an international mediator, facilitator and coach, Mia has had careers in law and science. In addition to her corporate clients and former career as a solicitor in a top City of London law firm; Mia has worked with governments, religious organisations and Members of Parliament. She has advised the US Department of Energy on using facilitated negotiation to develop controversial legislation. Mia is trilingual. Educated in the UK, France and Belgium, she holds both a Masters of Law and Science. She has spoken at Chatham House on Conflict Resolution and hosted

the European Commission's Business Awards for the Environment. Recognised by We Are the City as an Inspirational Woman, Mia works with leaders on some of the most challenging issues of our time.

Keynote



Violeta Damjanovic-Behrendt holds a Ph.D. in Information Technologies (2008), an M.Sc. in Electronic Business (2005), and a B.Sc. in Informatics (1998), from the University of Belgrade in Serbia. Her research journey started in March 2002, after joining the Good Old AI network of researchers, working in the fields of applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) and software engineering. In November 2006, Violeta joined Salzburg Research as a Senior Researcher in the Knowledge and Media Technologies (KMT) group, actively working in the area of knowledge-based content management systems, semantic

web technologies, process and ontology engineering. Since 2013, Violeta has been with the Internet of Things (IoT) group of Salzburg Research. Her research interests are in cybersecurity and knowledge extraction methods for digital collaborative platforms.

Presentations - DIGIT/Dlearn



Gianluca Coppola is an entrepreneur, partner and general manager at Eurocrea Merchant, chartered accountant and chartered auditor specialized in education and training policies, funds and actions at European level by 20 years now. He is also founder and president of the "European Digital Learning Network" Dlearn www.dlearn.eu an EU network made of

organizations from all over Europe aiming at fostering the opportunities brought by the digital means in the educational processes. Moreover, Gianluca is external evaluator for the European Commission, several agencies of it as well as for several Erasmus+ National Agencies's. He is researcher expert in entrepreneurial education and personal skills development. He is a former member of the Board at EBN (European Business Incubator Network) the international network of more than 150 quality-certified EU | BICs (business and innovation centres) and actually member and/or senior consultant of many EU's organizations.



Brikena Xhomaqi is the Director of the Lifelong Learning Platform since 2016 and member of the Civil Society Europe Steering Committee and Advisory Board member of Association Hub Belgium. She is the former Head of Office of the European Students' Union (ESU) and Director of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), in charge of overall

management and responsible for EU funded project in particular focusing on the dissemination, impact and sustainability. She graduated in Innovative Project Management at the Polytechnic University of Nice Sophia Antipolis and holds a professional Master Degree in Corporate Strategy and International Development and bachelor in Political Sciences. She has been the research team member and manager of multiple EU funded projects for LLP, ESN, ESU and EUA related to learning mobility, higher education financing among others. She has an experience of more than 10 years in education and non-profit sector at local, national and international level from a volunteer to a management perspective.

Policy talk



Paul F. NEMITZ is the Principal Advisor in the Directorate General for Justice and Consumers. He was appointed by the European Commission in 2017, following a 6 year appointment as Director for Fundamental Rights and Citizen's Rights in the same Directorate General. As Director, Nemitz led the reform of Data Protection legislation in the EU, the negotiation of the EU

– US Privacy Shield and the negotiations with major US Internet Companies of the EU Code of Conduct against incitement to violence and hate speech on the Internet. He is a visiting Professor of Law at the College of Europe in Bruges; Member of the Board of the Verein Gegen Vergessen – Für Demokratie e.V., Berlin; Trustee of the Leo Baeck Institute, New York; Member of the Board of the Association for Accountability and Internet Democracy, AAID, Paris; Member of the Scientific Council of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Brussels. He is also a member of the Tönissteiner Kreis e.V., Berlin, the Commission for Media and Internet policy of the SPD, Berlin; the German Association for European Law and the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration, Heidelberg.

DG Connect (tbc)

Andy Demeulenaere, General Coordinator, Mediawijs (BE)

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Elizabeth Waters, CEO of An Cosán Virtual Community College (IE)

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Workshop 1: Digital citizenship



Angel Sola is head of Communication and Social Media Strategy at Cibervoluntarios Foundation, a non-profit promoting the social use of technology to foster citizen's rights, opportunities and participation. Coordinating the communication area of H2020 European projects and managing branding and creative concept of projects from the point of view of social action, NGOs and Digital Social Innovation. Working actively in the creation of several projects at National and European level always focusing on how technology can

change people's lives for good through Digital Skills Training. Angel Sola give talks at international conferences as Social Innovation expert and participate actively as communication coordinator in several European projects related to citizen participation, Next Generation Internet, the impact of technology in our society, inclusion, volunteering and citizenship participation. He has participated as speaker in events such as 4YFN at the Mobile World Congress (MWC).

Workshop 2: Ethical implications of data management



Brendan Tierney is a lecturer with Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) and focuses on Data Management and Machine Learning. He is very active in end-user communities being director of the Data Management Ireland (DAMA Ireland) and with various Oracle User Groups around the world. He is on the board of several user groups including Oracle User Group Ireland, UKOUG, Analytics and Data Summit Europe and USA. He is a regular presenter at user group events around

the world. Brendan has published four books with McGraw-Hill and MIT Press on Machine Learning and Data Science. Some of these have been translated into multiple languages. These books include Essentials of Data Science with MIT Press and Predictive Analytics Using Oracle Data Miner, Oracle R Enterprise: Harnessing the Power of R in Oracle Database, and Real World SQL and PL/SQL: Advice from the Experts, with McGraw-Hill. Brendan is a regular blogger on Machine Learning, Data Science, Data Management and Ethics. You can also find him on Twitter at @brendantierney



Damian Gordon is a lecturer in Computer Science at the Technological University of Dublin for over twenty years. As a researcher he has authored over 50 research papers, 40 of which are focused on my work as an educational researcher (looking at accessibility, universal design, ethics and eLearning). He is also the co-editor of a book on developing an industrially-orientated

approach to computer science education in China. He has been Educational Advisor on a number of large international research projects, and has worked with a wide range of disability organisations (including the Central Remedial Clinic, Arthritis Ireland, Arthritis Research UK, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, the Ageing Well Network, the Irish Wheelchair Association, St. John of Gods, Pieta House, and Enable Ireland). He led the design and development of a fully accessible third-level module on Universal Design that is nationally available. He sits on the board of the Irish National Disability Authority where he advises the Irish government on education and ethics in technology.

Workshop 3: How can Digital Game-Based Learning co-creation (DGBLcc) enhance the Responsible Online Identity (ROI)



Ilias Batzogiannis was born and raised in Katerini, Greece. He had his degree in Physics (University of Crete, Physics Department) and it was then that he realized that teaching was something that fascinated him. In order to learn more about it, he had a master in “New technologies and research in didactic of Physics” (University of Ioannina, Physics Department). He returned in Katerini and started teaching in “Platon School of Katerini” (private school). Some years later, he started a Phd in 2014 (Aristotele University of Thessaloniki) in finding new tools for teaching STEAM. Since then, he had been using Lego

Mindstorms EV3 and Kodu Game Lab in order to see if student’s attitude towards STEM change by using these two tools. He have been also working on co creating an “escape room”, with 15 years’ old children, by using STEM riddles and participated in many Erasmus+ projects.

Workshop 4: Teaching pupils about intellectual property rights

Gerhard Seiler is the head of the Strategy & Corporate Innovation, [21st Century Competence Center](#)

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