

ACM WebSci'26 Conference Schedule

Technische Universität Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany, May 26-29, 2026

ACM WebSci'26 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE										
Time	May 26 (Tue)				May 27 (Wed)		May 28 (Thu)	May 29 (Fri)	Time	
08:00	Check-In/Registration				Check-In/Registration	Check-In/Registration	Check-In/Registration	Check-In/Registration	08:00	
08:30					8:45 Opening				08:30	
09:00	Workshop: DHOW: Diffusion of Harmful Content on Online Web	Workshop: ABIS 2026: The Effects of the Adaptive Web on Society	Forum: MESHARE: Method Sharing Retreat		Keynote 1	Keynote 2	Keynote 3	09:00		
09:30								09:30		
10:00					Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	10:00		
10:30								10:30		
11:00					Session 1	Session 4	Session 7	11:00		
11:30								11:30		
12:00	Lunch Break				Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	12:00		
12:30								12:30		
13:00	Forum: WebPol: Getting Involved in Technology Policy for Web Researchers	Workshop: SDW: First Int. WS on Science- Related Discourse on the Web	Forum: MESHARE: Method Sharing Retreat	Workshop: TSWW'26: Towards a Safer Web for Women	PhD Symposium	Session 2	Session 5	Session 8	13:00	
13:30									13:30	
14:00						Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Closing and Awards	14:00	
14:30									15:00	
15:00						Session 3	Session 6		15:30	
15:30									16:00	
16:00						WST Panel	Test-of-Time Winner Talk	Brave Conversations @ WebSci'26	16:00	
16:30									16:30	
17:00	Late Check-In/Registration								17:00	
17:30					Poster Session				17:30	
18:00	Reception Part 1 and Talk @ Naturhistorisches Museum								18:00	
18:30									18:30	
19:00	Reception Part 2 @ Haus der Wissenschaft					Conference Dinner		19:00		
19:30								19:30		
20:00								20:00		
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21:00								21:00		
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General Information

- All paper sessions, the WST Panel, and Test-of-Time Winner talk take place in the conference's main hall, the Aula (3rd floor)
- The poster session takes place in Ideenraum+Weitblick (5th floor)
- Coffee breaks everyday 10-10:30 and 14:30-15:00 in Weitblick (5th floor)
- Lunch breaks everyday 12-13:00 in the food court (Mensa)

Tuesday, May 26

9:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00

Workshops and Forums

DHOW: Diffusion of Harmful Content on Online Web (room: PK11.2)

Organizers: Thomas Mandl, Haiming Liu, Gautam Kishore Shahi, Amit Kumar Jaiswal, Luis-Daniel Ibáñez, and Durgesh Nandini

[ends at 12:00]

MESHARe: Method Sharing Retreat (room: PK11.4)

Organizers: Muhammad Taimoor, Ran Yu, Felix Victor Münch, Fakhri Momeni, Stephan Linzbach, Arnim Bleier, and Johannes Kiesel

WebPol: Getting Involved in Technology Policy for Web Researchers (room: Weitblick)
Organizers: Michel Beaudouin-Lafon, Virginia Dignum, Eelco Herder, Jeanna Matthews, Tom Romanoff, and James Hendler
[starts at 13:00]

SDW: First International Workshop on Science-Related Discourse on the Web (room: PK11.1)
Organizers: Katarina Boland, Dimitar Dimitrov, Michelle Riedlinger, Philipp Meier, Sebastian Schellhammer, and Stefan Dietze
[starts at 13:00]

ABIS 2026: The Effects of the Adaptive Web on Society (room: PK11.1)
Organizers: Laura Stojko, Eelco Herder, Jannis Stecker-Bischoff, Julia Seitz, Thomas Neumayr, Enes Yigitbas, and Mirjam Augstein
[ends at 12:00]

TSWW'26: Towards a Safer Web for Women – Second International Workshop on Protecting Women Online (room: PK11.5)
Organizers: Miriam Fernandez, Christine de Kock, Alba Morales, Arianna Muti, and Ángel Pavón Pérez
[starts at 13:00]

13:00-16:00

PhD Symposium (room: PK11.2)

- Alexander Loth: The Indistinguishability Threshold: Measuring Cognitive Vulnerabilities to AI-Generated Disinformation
- Matt Javanshir: Applying Actor-Network Theory to the UK's Public Policy of Generative Artificial Intelligence and the Creative Industries
- Melyssa Ortiz Quintairos Jorge: AI Governance and Public Engagement: Rethinking the Instrumentalisation of Public Trust to Drive Innovation

18:00-19:00 Reception Part 1 @ Naturhistorisches Museum (Natural History Museum)

Welcome and a short talk in the Braunschweig's Natural History Museum, next to the conference venue Haus der Wissenschaft (follow the dinosaurs)

19:00-21:00 Reception Part 2 @ Haus der Wissenschaft

Informal Get-Together either in the lobby of the Haus der Wissenschaft (ground floor close to the reception desk) or in front of the building – depending on the weather. We serve German beer and snacks.

Wednesday, May 27

8:45-9:00 Opening and Welcome

9:00-10:00 Keynote 1 (Chair: Jennifer Golbeck)

James Hendler, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

10:30-12:00 Session 1: Discourse and Community Engagement

(Chair: Miriam Fernandez)

- Gabriela Ozegovic, Thorsten Rupprechter, and Denis Helic: Reddit's Appetite: Predicting User Engagement with Nutritional Content
- Rian Wagner Costa, Lívia Dâmaso, Carlos Henrique Ferreira, Carolina Xavier, and Vinícius Vieira: When Discourse Meets Behavior: Cross-Platform and Multilingual Fandom Dynamics during High-Impact Events
- Geovana Silva de Oliveira, Ana Paula Couto Silva, Fabricio Murai, and Carlos H. G. Ferreira: Who Shapes Brazil's Vaccine Debate? Semi-Supervised Modeling of Stance and Polarization in YouTube's Media Ecosystem
- Kauan Costa, Helen Lima, Carlos H. G. Ferreira, and Filipe Ribeiro: The Anatomy of Political Advertising: Spending, Efficiency, and Targeting Strategies on Meta Platforms During the Brazilian Elections
- Alex Leitch, Celia Chen, and Jennifer Golbeck: A Digital Architecture of Belonging: Tracking Physical Community Formation Through Email Communications
- [short] Saul S. da Rocha, Carlos H. V. Silva, Mateus J. da Silva, José T. Neto, Carlos H. G. Ferreira, and Glauber D. Gonçalves: Socio-Technical Constraints and Cross-Platform Model Generalization: Text Classification in Brazilian Public Security

13:00-14:30 Session 2: LLMs and Multimodal Content

(Chair: Haiming Liu)

- Md Taukir Azam Chowdhury, Vagelis Hristidis, Kevin Esterling, Jannat Ara Meem, and Zabir Al Nazi: Comparing the Subjective Opinions and Justifications of LLMs and Web Search Engines
- Nikiforos Fasfalis, Pantelis Kyriakidis, Despoina Chatzakou, Theodora Tsikrika, Stefanos Vrochidis, and Ioannis Kompatsiaris: Interactive Clustering through Deep Metric Learning: A Study on Loss Function
- Sedat Dogan, Nina Dethlefs, and Debarati Chakraborty: Early Multimodal Prediction of Cross-Lingual Meme Virality on Reddit: A Time-Window Analysis
- Xiao Luo, Xiang Fang, Yuechen Wu, Preethika Chidara, and Rob Elliott: Assessing the Reliability of a Large Multimodal Model for Scoring and Reasoning Commercial Videos
- [short] Sandy Liu, Ella Haig, and Eni Mustafaraj: Interpreting Short Social Media Videos with Multimodal LLMs: A Validation Experiment
- [short] Gangani Ariyaratne, Isuru Ariyaratne, Greatness Emmanuel-King, Kate Lawal, and Alexander Nwala: Identifying the Geographic Foci of US Local News

15:00-16:30 Session 3: User Dynamics and Pattern-Detection

(Chair: Johannes Kiesel)

- Raphael Hoheisel, Tom Meurs, Jai Wientjes, Marianne Junger, Abhishta Abhishta, and Masarah Paquet-Clouston: Assessing Crime Disclosure Patterns in a Large-Scale Cybercrime Forum

- Alessio Tosolini and Jason Jeffrey Jones: From Tumblr to Twitter: Evidence of NSFW Community Migration via Bio Keyword Prediction
- Janine Schröder, Daniel Matter, and Juergen Pfeffer: Spread the Word! Dynamics of Collaboration in Translocal Social Movement Groups on Telegram
- Samuel Guimarães, Filipe Ribeiro, Oana Goga, and Fabricio Benevenuto: Which Types of Brazilian Telegram Groups are More Susceptible to being Politicized?
- Davide Bassi, Martin Pereira-Farina, and Renata Vieira: Navigating the Disagreement Space: A Case Study on Persistent YouTube Users' Interactions in Immigration-Related Discussions

16:30-17:30 Web Science Trust Panel

(Chair/Moderator: Matthew Weber)

Steffen Staab, University of Stuttgart

Jürgen Pfeffer, Technical University of Munich

Manfred Hauswirth, TU Berlin

Dame Wendy Hall, University of Southampton

Closing Commentator: Noshir Contractor, Northwestern University

17:30-19:00 Poster Session

Thursday, May 28

9:00-10:00 Keynote 2 (Chair: Stefan Dietze)

Steffen Staab, University of Stuttgart

10:30-12:00 Session 4: Toxicity, Health, and User Interactions on Platforms

(Chair: Wolf-Tilo Balke)

- Soorya Ram Shimgekar, Ruining Zhao, Agam Goyal, Violeta Rodriguez, Paul Bloom, Navin Kumar, Hari Sundaram, and Koustuv Saha: Detecting Early and Implicit Suicidal Ideation via Longitudinal and Information Environment Signals on Social Media
- Tianwei Xu and Yohei Seki: Transformer-based Risk Screening of Gaming Addiction from Reddit Posts and Posting Burstiness
- Sehrish Qummar, Alireza Mohammadinodooshan, and Niklas Carlsson: Uneven Toxicity Dynamics: A Multi-Dimensional Analysis of Toxicity and Engagement in Instagram News
- Soroush Karimi, Marcos Oliveira, and Diogo Pacheco: The Hidden Rise of Toxicity: How Retweets Obscure Increasing Hostility in Brazilian Politics
- [TWEB] Raphael Menges, Steffen Staab, Christoph Schaefer, Tina Walber, and Chandan Kumar: What Did My Users Experience? Discovering Visual Stimuli on Graphical User Interfaces of the Web
- [short] Luka Bekavac and Simon Mayer: Broken Links and Fading Stories: How Dominant Online Platforms Subvert the Hypermedia Foundation of the Web

13:00-14:30 Session 5: Framing, Fairness, and Privacy
(Chair: Eelco Herder)

- Arpan Dam, Sougata Roy, and Bivas Mitra: FairGCL: Embedding Fairness for Influence Maximization with Graph Contrastive Learning
- Nandini Arimanda, Achyuth Mukund, Sakthi Balan Muthiah, and Rajesh Sharma: Invisible Influences: Investigating Implicit Intersectional Biases through Persona Engineering in Large Language Models
- Marisa Vasconcelos, Giovana Machado, Igor Costa, and Jussara Almeida: Framing AI on YouTube: A Comparative Analysis of Discourse in Brazil and the United States
- Upasana Dutta and Yasmine Hourri: Framing the Fringe: Dynamics of Ingroup and Outgroup Narratives in Fringe Telegram Channels
- Fangping Lan, Abdullah Aljebreen, and Eduard Dragut: Why They Link: An Intent Taxonomy for Including Hyperlinks in Social Posts
- [short] Akitaka Yamashita and Keishi Tajima: Home Location Leakage via Weather-Related Social Media Posts

15:00-16:30 Session 6: Influence and Personalization in LLMs
(Chair: Luis-Daniel Ibáñez)

- Georg Ahnert, Antonio Ferrara, and Claudia Wagner: Fairness-Aware Ranking Recovery from Pairwise Comparisons
- Arpan Dam, Hunny Chandra, and Bivas Mitra: DTInf: Dynamic Topic-Aware Influence Maximization with Incremental Embedding Updates
- Rustom M. Dubash and Sorelle A. Friedler: Self-Promotion in LLM Recommendations
- [short] Gourab K. Patro, Srimoyee Mukhopadhyay, Arsh Banerjee, Daniel Abreu, Kevin Perkins, Siddharth Kotwal, Vijay Nagaraj Sivakumaran, Aram Bidzyan, and Diganta Nayak: APLE: A Framework for Adaptable and Personalized Live Explainability for Recommender Systems
- [short] Veronika Batzdorfer and Oliver Tölkes: Directional Semantic Drift Across Grokipedia Versions: A Diffusion-Manifold Analysis
- [short] Chengqian Wang, Arjumand Younus, and Kalpana Shankar: Analysing Logs of LLM-Based Counselling-Style Conversation Agents: A Perspective from NLP

16:30-17:15 Test-of-Time Award Winner Talk
(Chair: James Hendler)

The winner will be announced in this session

19:00-22:00 Conference Dinner @ Dornse

The conference dinner will be part of a city reception and takes place in the Old Town Hall's main festive hall, the "Dornse". Address: Altstadtmarkt 7, Braunschweig

Friday, May 29

9:00-10:00 Keynote 3 (Chair: Gianluca Demartini)

Anni Rowland-Campell, Intersticia
Hannah Stewart, Intersticia
Ghada Ibrahim, Intersticia

10:30-12:00 Session 7: Behavior and Safety

(Chair: Niklas Kiehne)

- Henry Tari and Adriana Iamnitchi: Measuring Privacy vs. Fidelity in Synthetic Social Media Datasets
- Isuru Ariyaratne, Gangani Ariyaratne, Alessandro Flammini, Filippo Menczer, and Alexander Nwala: Behavior Change as a Signal for Identifying Social Media Manipulation
- Dimosthenis Antypas, Christian Arnold, Jose Camacho-Collados, Nedjma Ousidhoum, and Carla Perez-Almendros: Causal Effects of Politically Charged Words in Social Media Discussions: A Large-Scale Case Study about UK Politics on Reddit
- Tom Bidewell, Artemis Deligianni, Tuğrulcan Elmas, Clare Llewellyn, and Björn Ross: Gendered Communication Patterns of Political Elites on Truth Social
- Adyn Gallagher, Hanjing Shi, and Dominic DiFranzo: Designing for Safety in Sensitive Online Spaces: The Role of Pseudonymity and Verification Friction
- [short] Akraati Saxena, Aman Singh, Harsh Saxena, and Rasmus Helles: Tracking the Trackers: Structural Evolution of Web-Tracking on Educational Websites

13:00-14:30 Session 8: Datasets and News Analysis

(Chair: Florian Plötzky)

- Fakhri Momeni, Sarah Sajid, and Johannes Kiesel: From Guidelines to Practice: Evaluating the Reproducibility of Methods in Computational Social Science
- Jaein Shim, Maximilian Kreutner, and Markus Strohmaier: Long-Term Topic Dynamics in U.S. News Coverage
- Farhan Samir, Jappun Dhillon, Meghna Ravikumar, Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed, and Vered Schwartz: Quantifying Media Representation Dynamics Across 25 Years of News Reporting on Policing-related Deaths
- Jessica Stieglmayer, Arabella Petz, Leo Bruckmüller, Jakob Fehle, Michael Achmann-Denkler, and Christian Wolff: Exploring Large-Scale Social Media Data Using Sentiment Analysis and Topic Modeling – A Case Study of Instagram Posts in Context of the 2024 German Government Crisis
- [short] Ira Kokoshko and Robert Jäschke: Ancient GeoCities: A Dataset of Temporally Annotated Web Pages

14:30-15:00 Closing and Awards

16:00-19:30 Brave Conversations

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Free registration required – refer to the WebSci homepage for more information.