

Call for Abstracts



Conference:
**Virtual Worlds,
Real Challenges**

How to govern the online public sphere?



Conference dates:

09 July 2026: on-campus Tilburg University (Netherlands)

10 July 2026: online, Zoom/Teams

Key information:

We are pleased to announce an open call for abstracts and panels for the conference:

Virtual Worlds, Real Challenges: How to govern the online public sphere?

We welcome abstracts from scholars, practitioners and activists belonging to all disciplines who are working on topics relating to the governance of virtual and digital spheres.

Suggested topics:

- Public discourse in the Virtual & Digital Platforms
- User-centred approach to Virtual & Digital Platforms
- Economics, Business & Virtual & Digital Platforms
- Privacy in Virtual & Digital Platforms
- Other regulatory and governance related aspects of Virtual & Digital Platforms



Location:

The conference will take place on the following days:

9th July (In-person at Tilburg Campus- fully offline)

10th July (Online)

Attendance is **free of charge but registration is required (details on registration to follow).**

Please note that we are unable to reimburse costs incurred by speakers and participants in attending the conference.

Type of applications:

- PhD candidates and early-stage researchers are welcome to apply for the poster presentation,
- We welcome individual abstracts,
- We welcome fully formed panels

Your application must contain the following:

- A 250 word abstract with title and 5 keywords
- Academic affiliation, discipline

Your application must be directed at one or both of the conference days as indicated below.

On-campus day 09 July: Posters, individual abstracts & fully formed panels

Please send your application or questions to:

A.M.Mooij@tilburguniversity.edu with “DIGI-APPS Abstract” in the email subject line. Application deadline: **10th April 2026**.

Please note that the 1st day of the conference takes place offline at Tilburg University Campus on 9th of July. The conference is free of charge, but we do not reimburse costs incurred in attending the conference.

Online day 10 July: Individual abstracts & fully formed panels

Please send your application or questions to:

L.G.S.Mendis@tilburguniversity.edu with “DIGI-APPS Abstract” in the email subject line. Application deadline: **10th April 2026**.

Please note that the online day takes place via MS Teams or Zoom.