

WRDTP DCA Pathway Reading Group

Welcome to the home of the Digital Technology, Communication and Artificial Intelligence (DCA) reading group. The purpose of this group is to provide a space for students on the pathway to meet, share interesting readings, and have a chat in a slightly less formal space. Participation is not restricted to DCA students, so students on other WRDTP pathways are welcome, as are other PhD students. Join us.

The group first met on 10/01/2024 to discuss the article by Karpf. Following this discussion we agreed a set of guidelines on how the sessions would run. The ultimate aim is for it to be student-led, with the DCA team serving more of a facilitator role (and chipping into the discussion if we can't help it).

The current guidelines are:

- Meetings will take place approximately monthly (initially - may shift depending on interest)
- Meetings will be on a Wednesday at 11:00 (on zoom - link below) and last for up to an hour
- Students will take turns choosing a reading - ideally a volunteer will be sought at the end of each meeting for the following
- The person choosing the reading will do a short introduction (up to five minutes) of the chosen article/chapter/other before opening the floor for discussion
- The group is open to participants on other WRDTP pathways, as well as non-WRDTP students - spread the word
- Attendance is voluntary but we would encourage regular attendance if possible to ensure viability of the group

Any questions or feedback would be welcome, just drop Tom a line. The sessions are intended to be a relatively informal and flexible space, so we would welcome any suggestions on variations that could increase their usefulness or special events.

The meeting will take place on zoom -

<https://york-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/97974079567?pwd=Y1ZPUmhnZ2hBc0kybEVWbW9mOHpsZz09> [11:00 29/05]

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Readings

10/01/2024 11:30-12:30 - Tom O'Brien (WRDTP - York)

Karpf, D. (2020) 'Two Provocations for the Study of Digital Politics in Time', *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 17(2): 87-96. -
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19331681.2019.1705222>

14/02/2024 11:00-12:00 - Pablo Molina Rossolino (York)

McKee, F. (2016) 'Social Media in Gay London: Tinder as an Alternative to Hook-Up Apps',

Social Media + Society 2(3): 1-10.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/2056305116662186>

27/03/2024 11:00-12:00 - Paddy Smith (Leeds)

Tromble, R. (2021) 'Where Have All the Data Gone? A Critical Reflection on Academic Digital Research in the Post-API Age', *Social Media + Society*, 7(1): 1-8.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/2056305121988929>

29/05/2024 11:00-12:00 - Ian Widdows (Sheffield)

Miltner, K. and Gerrard, Y. (2022) "'Tom had us all doing front-end web development": A Nostalgic (Re)Imagining of Myspace', *Internet Histories*, 6(1-2): 48-67.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/24701475.2021.1985836>

We are very pleased to have Kate M Miltner joining the session to talk a little about the paper and the research underpinning it.