

Call for Abstracts
Social and Digital Change PGR Symposium
“Living in Between: Digital Technology and Pandemic”
Friday 10 September 2021

The Social and Digital Change PGR Group warmly welcomes submissions for a one-day virtual symposium taking place on **Friday 10 September 2021**. This informal symposium offers an opportunity for PGRs and Early Career Researchers to present and discuss their research in a friendly, supportive and multidisciplinary setting.

Topic: The symposium will focus on the biggest social and digital change we’ve lived through to date: the COVID-19 pandemic. New and repurposed digital technologies have resulted in a proliferation of the internet of things (IoT), with new challenges for big data analytics, artificial intelligence, blockchain technologies and many more. Throughout the pandemic, there have been questions surrounding the inequalities perpetuated by new technologies, and resistance to them. But this social and digital change has also created many positive effects: improved sustainability, environmentally friendliness, and accessibility. We welcome research that offers different perspectives on the nature of our digitally changed world, whether for or against.

We also welcome presentations and discussions on the practicalities of PGR life during the pandemic, including methodological or wellbeing considerations.

The Social and Digital Change Group encourages multidisciplinary approaches and encourages submissions from:

Sociology, Education, Urban Studies, Media, Cultural Policy, Film and TV Studies, History, Music, Theatre, International Relations, Business and Law.

Submission details: Titles and accompanying abstracts (300 words) and other informal enquiries should be sent to **Wilko Mattia Artale** (w.artale.1@research.gla.ac.uk).

Important dates:

20 July 2021	Abstract submission deadline
10 August 2021	Accepted abstract announcement
10 September 2021	Symposium Day