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Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the

RIGHT **NOT** TO USE THE INTERNET

PROGRAMME

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MONDAY · 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

11:30 - 12:00 Welcome Coffee for Project Meeting Participants
12:00 - 13:30 Project Meeting

13:30 Welcome Lunch and Registration of Participants
14:30 Opening of the Conference
Welcome Remarks

I

Theoretical Foundations of the Right Not to Use the Internet
14:45–16:15 | Chair: Eva Lievens

14:45-15:00 **Władysław Józwicki** (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)
Non-use of the Internet as Human Rights Enabler? The Curious Cases of the Right to Privacy and the Right to Health and Beyond

15:00-15:15 **Marijn Martens** (Ghent University)
Digital Disconnection as a Plight or Right? A Manifesto to Re-imagine Digital Disconnection as a Reasonable Accommodation

15:15-15:30 **Jonathan Keller** (Paris 8)
The Right Not to Use the Internet to Play Videogames

15:30-15:45 **Suay Ergin** (University of Ghent)
Many Justifications, One Right? The Normative Foundations of the Right Not to Use the Internet

15:45-16:15 Discussion
16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

II

Children, Education and Family Autonomy in the Digital Environment
16:45–18:15 | Chair: Jonathan Keller

16:45-17:00 **Eva Lievens / Valerie Verdoodt** (Ghent University)
An Exploration of the Child's Right Not to Use the Internet: Disentangling from the Digital Web

17:00-17:15 **Elżbieta Kuźelewska** (University of Białystok)
Children's Rights and the Right Not to Use the Internet: Lessons from Australia

17:15-17:30 **Michał Ożóg** (University of Białystok)
Is it a Child's Right or Obligation to Stay Offline? On the Limits of Parents' Right to Raise Their Child Digitally in an Era of Artificial Intelligence

17:30-17:45 **Artur Olechno** (University of Białystok)
Parents' Right to Educate Their Children in Accordance with Their Digital Beliefs in Homeschooling

17:45-18:15 Discussion
19:00 Conference Dinner
Le Lanterne Restaurant | via della Pilotta 21A

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III

Public Services, Governance and Digital Citizenship

9:00–10:45 | Chair: Valerie Verdoodt

9:00-9:15	Gloria Scuffia (University of Macerata) <i>Digital Public Administration and Access to Services: The Right of Family Caregivers to Disconnect</i>
9:15-9:30	Salvatore Antonello Parente (University of Bari Aldo Moro) <i>The Digitalization of Tax Administration and the Right Not to Use the Internet: Emerging Challenges in the Relationship between Citizens and Public Authorities</i>
9:30-9:45	David Ramiro Troitino (Tallinn Technology University) <i>The EU and UNESCO in the Digital Age: Ethics, Education, Culture, and Global Digital Governance</i>
9:45-10:00	Luljeta Plakolli-Kasumi (Prishtina University in Kosovo) <i>The Right Not to Use the Internet: A Western Balkans Perspective</i>
10:00-10:15	Radosław Puchta (University of Białystok) <i>The Right Not to Use the Internet as a Possible Answer to Digital Misinformation</i>
10:15-10:45	Discussion
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break

IV

Digital Exclusion, Vulnerability and Legal Protection

11:15–12:45 | Chair: Luljeta Plakolli-Kasumi

11:15-11:30	Karolina Ferreira Fernandes (University of Białystok) <i>Offline Rights in an Online Society: Disability Perspectives on Digital Autonomy in the Council of Europe States</i>
11:30-11:45	Kamil Mamak (Jagiellonian University) <i>The Meaning of the Limitation of the Use of the Internet for Criminal Punishment from the Perspective of the Extended Mind Thesis</i>
11:45-12:00	Dariusz Kuźelewski (University of Białystok) <i>The Right Not to Be Online: Risk Assessment, Data Protection and Digital Exclusion</i>
12:00-12:15	Arianna Maceratini (University of Macerata) <i>Silence as a Space of Freedom: Towards a Right to Digital Self-Determination and the Right Not to Use the Internet</i>
12:15-12:45	Discussion
12:45-13:45	Coffee Break

13:45-14:45

FINAL ROUNDTABLE and Closing of the Conference

The Future of the Right Not to Use the Internet: Human Rights, Public Policy and Digital Society

Moderated discussion with all speakers:
① Conceptual foundations of the right not to use the Internet
② Offline alternatives in digital-by-default societies
③ Children, vulnerable groups and digital autonomy
④ Future research agenda and publication plans