



Conference & Workshops

29 September 2025, GESIS in Cologne

PROGRAM DAY 1

11.30 – 12.00	Arrival & Lunch
12.00 – 12.30	Welcome Speeches <i>Uta Grund (Head of the Department for Social Sciences and Humanities at the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space)</i> <i>Ralf Heinen (Mayor of the City of Cologne)</i> <i>Christof Wolf (President of GESIS)</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Keynotes: The Future of Democracy Research <i>Simon Munzert (Hertie School)</i> <i>Sarah de Lange (University of Amsterdam)</i>
14.00 – 14.30	Coffee Break
14.30 – 15.30	Talk & Discussion: The Current State of MEDem <i>Hajo Boomgaarden & Sylvia Kritzinger (University of Vienna)</i>
15.30 – 16.00	MEDem Services: Tool Demonstrations (1) <i>ATLAS - Lorenzo De Sio (LUISS)</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00	MEDem Services: Tool Demonstrations (2) <i>AmCat - Wouter van Atteveldt & Sophia Gil Clavel (VU Amsterdam)</i> <i>PartyFacts - Paul Bederke & Lea Kaften (GESIS)</i>
19.00	Dinner



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PROGRAM DAY 2

09.00 – 10.45	MEDem Networks: Short Presentations <i>MEDem Network Representatives</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 11.45	Computational Pathways in Democracy Research <i>Sebastian Stier (GESIS)</i>
11.45 – 13.00	Understanding External Stakeholder Needs: From Data to Impact <i>Ricardo Lafuente (J++)</i> <i>Michele Vannucchi (Openpolis)</i>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	MEDem Community Workshop: Service Centers & Data Networks
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.00	Talk & Discussion: MEDem Training and Capacity Building <i>Damian Guzek (University of Silesia)</i>
17.00	Closing Remarks <i>Alexia Katsanidou & Christof Wolf (GESIS)</i>