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Information Booklet

MEDem Conference

2025 September 29 - 30
at GESIS in Cologne



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Welcome to the MEDem Conference 2025!

*2-day networking conference and workshop
on Monitoring Electoral Democracy*

We are happy to welcome you to the third MEDem Conference & Workshop at the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. This year's event will focus on the future of data-driven democracy research. In addition to showcasing the latest developments in our MEDem Tools & Services prototypes and discussing the next steps for MEDem, the conference will provide space for key stakeholders from media, policymaking, and data networks to share their work, connect with others in the field, and contribute ideas.

This document will provide you with all the details about the event.

Where will the Conference be held?

The MEDem Conference will take place at **GESIS in Cologne**. You can find the address and QR code with a map below.

Address:

GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
Unter Sachsenhausen 6-8
50667 Cologne





Conference & Workshops

29 September 2025, GESIS in Cologne

PROGRAM DAY 1

11.00 – 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 (Deputy 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 Community: Short Presentations <i>MEDem Network Representatives</i> <i>MEDem Infrastructure Collaborations</i>
19.00	Dinner at “Brauhaus Früh am Dom”



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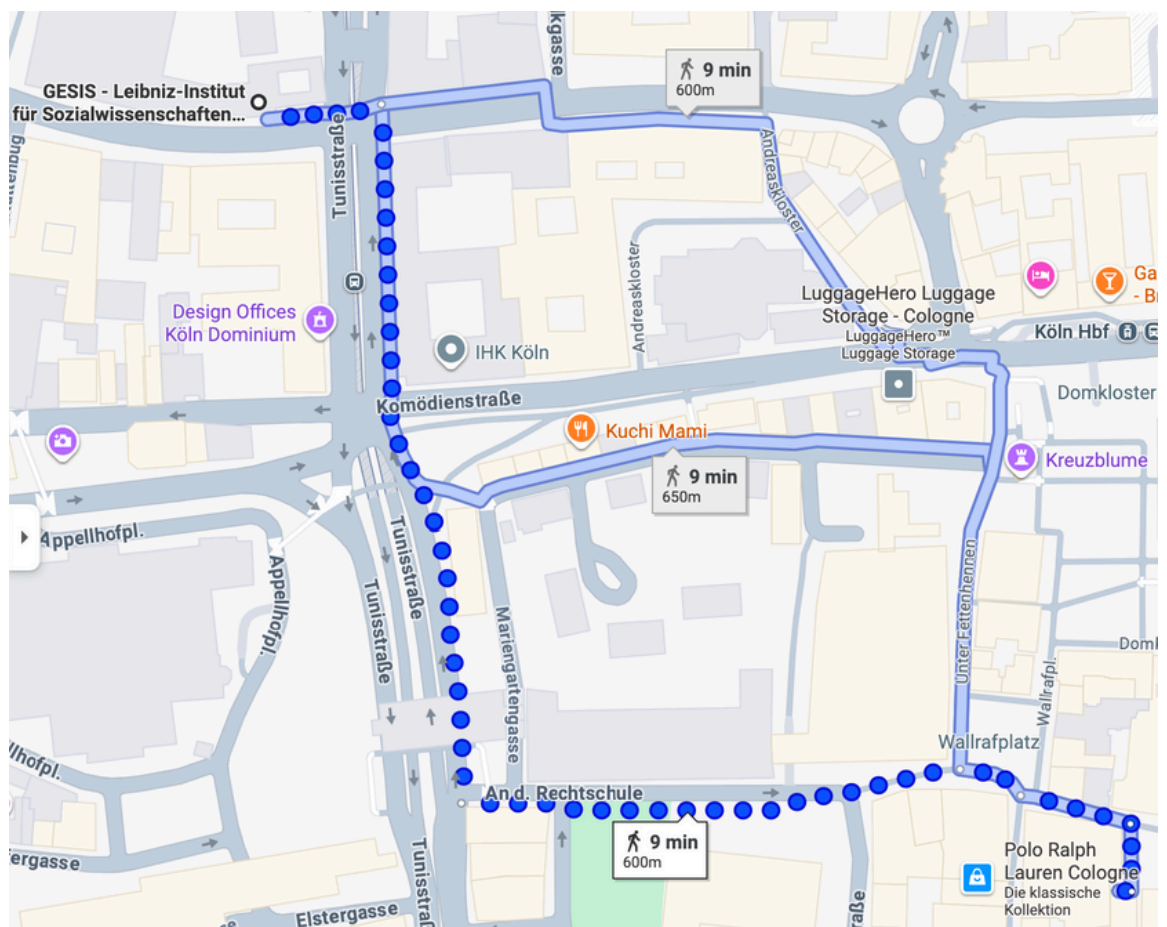
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PROGRAM DAY 2

09.00 – 10.30	MEDem Services: Tool Demonstrations (2) <i>AmCAT - Wouter van Atteveldt & Sofia Gil Clavel (VU Amsterdam)</i> <i>PartyFacts - Paul Bederke & Lea Kaftan (GESIS)</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 13.00	Understanding External Stakeholder Needs: From Data to Impact <i>Ricardo Lafuente (J++)</i> <i>Michele Vannucchi (Openpolis)</i> <i>Cara Räker (European Center for Press and Media Freedom)</i> <i>Mara Silva-Almeida & Mario Scharfbillig (JRC European Commission)</i>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30	Computational Pathways in Democracy Research <i>Sebastian Stier (GESIS)</i>
14.30 - 15.30	Talk & Discussion: MEDem Training and Capacity Building <i>Damian Guzek (University of Silesia) &</i> <i>Roksana Gloc (Jagiellonian University)</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00	Closing Remarks <i>Alexia Katsanidou & Christof Wolf (GESIS)</i>

Dinner at “Brauhaus Früh am Dom”

On **September 29 at 7 pm**, we look forward to inviting you to dinner at **Früh am Dom**, conveniently located just a 9-minute walk from the GESIS Venue.



Address:

Brauhaus Früh am Dom
Am Hof 12-18
50667 Köln



About MEDem

Monitoring Electoral Democracy (MEDem) is an evolving European research infrastructure that will enable better, more comprehensive, and highly innovative comparative research on electoral democracies by inventorying relevant concepts and scales, bringing together and linking data sources on the functioning of democracies, and building standards and instruments for data collection and analysis.



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