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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	September 15, 2020
FROM	Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost <i>pro tem</i> , and Chair, SCUP	PAGES	1 of 1
RE:	Establishment of the Digital Democracies Institute (SCUP 20-35)		

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At its September 9, 2020 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the establishment of the Digital Democracies Institute within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.

Motion:

That Senate approve the establishment of the Digital Democracies Institute as a research institute for a 5-year term.

C: W. Chun, D O'Neil

Memorandum

From: Angela Brooks-Wilson, Associate Vice-President, Research *pro tem* **Date:** Aug. 28/20
Re: Digital Democracies Institute
To: Jon Driver, Chair, Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP)

Attached is a proposal from Dr. Wendy Hui Kyong Chun, Canada 150 Chair in New Media and Professor of Communication, for the establishment of the Digital Democracies Institute.

The Digital Democracies Institute will build on the existing research and funding of the SFU Digital Democracies Group. The topic of the proposed institute is aligned with the Strategic Research Plan.

I recommend approval as a research Institute according to Policy 40.01. Once approved by SCUP the proposal should be sent to Senate for approval and the Board of Governors for information.

Motion:

That SCUP approves the Digital Democracies Institute as an Institute for a 5-year term

Sincerely,



Angela Brooks-Wilson, PhD
Associate Vice-President Research *pro tem*
Office of the VP Research and International
Simon Fraser University

Attachments

cc: Wendy H.K. Chun, Canada 150 Chair in New Media, School of Communication
Dugan O'Neil, Vice-President, Research and International *pro tem*



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To the Members of Senate Committee on University Priorities

Digital Democracies Group Application to become the Digital Democracies Institute

We are writing to propose a new institute at SFU, the Digital Democracies Institute. This draws from the work of the Digital Democracies Group, launched by Canada 150 Research Chair in New Media, Dr. Wendy Chun, in January 2019.

The Digital Democracies Institute at Simon Fraser University (SFU) will integrate research in the humanities, social sciences, network and data sciences to address questions of equality, justice and democratic dialogue. The long-term goal is to combat the proliferation of online polarization, abusive language, and discriminatory algorithms by producing alternative data literacies and paradigms for connection: from critical, historical and technical analyses of misinformation, to the creation of responsible AI systems to help transform hostile social media exchanges into productive dialogues, to the development of new prototypes of connection based on critical ethnic studies and indigenous epistemologies.

The Institute will include the following SFU researchers, across four faculties (FCAT, Arts and Sciences, Applied Sciences and the Beedie School of Business): Daniel Ahadi, Ahmed Al-Rawi, Enda Brophy, Aleena Chia, Caroline Coljin, Karrmen Crey, Milena Droumeva, Zoe Druick, Andrew Feenberg, Sarah Ganter, Sun-Ha Hong, Adel Iskandar, Dara Kelly, Frederik Lesage, Svitlana Matviyenko, Cait McKinney, Nilima Nigam, Mark Pickup, Fred Popowich, Stuart R. Poyntz, Katherine Reilly, Maite Taboada, Yuezhi Zhao.

It will also include 21 External Researchers from Canada, USA, UK and Europe: Clemens Apprich (Leuphana University of Groningen), Timon Beyes (Leuphana University of Lüneburg), Kalina Bontcheva (Sheffield University), Liliana Bournegru (Kings College, London), Giulio Dalla Riva (University of Canterbury), Greg Elmer (Ryerson University), Bonnie Honig (Brown University), Ioana Jucan (Emerson College), Amy Kapczynski (Yale Law School), Kara Keeling (University of Chicago), Laura Kurgan (Columbia University), Ganaele Langlois (York University), Alexandra Juhasz (City University of New York), Tara McPherson (University of Southern California), Lisa Nakamura (University of Michigan), Zizi Papachrisi (University of

Illinois at Chicago); Richard Rogers (University of Amsterdam), Bo Ruberg (University of California, Irvine), Heidi Tworek (University of British Columbia), Tommaso Venturini (CNRS, France), Esther Weltevrede (University of Amsterdam).

In addition, we will have 19 external Partners from the academic, not-for-profit, and private sectors. Our academic partners are: Ahmanson Lab, University of Southern California, USA; AI NOW Institute, New York University, USA; Center for Spatial Research, Columbia University, USA; Centre for Digital Cultures, Leuphana University of Leuneburg, DE; Department of Digital Humanities, King's College London, UK; Digital Methods Initiative, University of Amsterdam, NE; Digital Studies Institute, University of Michigan, USA; General Architecture for Text Engineering (GATE), Sheffield University, UK; McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology, University of Toronto, CA; Infoscience Research Lab, Ryerson University, CA; Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, UBC, CA; Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford University, UK; Reuters Institute for Journalism, Oxford University, UK; and The Science and Justice Research Center, UCSC, USA. Our not-for-profit partners are Goodly Labs, USA; Public Data Lab, Europe; and The Social Science Research Council, USA; and our private partners are Client Computing Group, Intel Corporation, USA, and Meson Press, DE.

The inaugural Director will be Dr. Wendy Chun (School of Communication). Subsequently, the Director shall be selected by a vote of the Steering Committee from a pool of SFU faculty candidates nominated by Affiliated Researchers. The inaugural Director shall serve a term of five years.

The Digital Democracies Institute's strength lies in its uniquely cross-disciplinary and cross-sector approach. It will serve as a global innovation hub and platform for collaborative research on the effects of social media on democratic practice. Becoming an institute will be key to cementing the Group's existing global partnerships, to foster further cross-disciplinary work and positioning SFU to apply for future governmental and private funding.

The Digital Democracies Group has already secured funding from the Canada 150 Research Chairs, UK-Canada AI Initiative, SSHRC, JELF, Heritage Canada and SSRC programs, totaling \$3.669M. Through these grants, the Group has launched three research streams:

- 1) *Beyond Verification: Authenticity and the Spread of Mis/disinformation;*
- 2) *From Hate to Agonism: Fostering Democratic Exchange Online;*
- 3) *Desegregating Network Neighborhoods*

It has also started a project to become a global hub for digital and machine learning methods for social media analysis. To foster cross-disciplinary research creation, it has also hosted reading and working groups (Indigenous Epistemologies, Gaming and Toxicity, Dallas Smyth and Political Economy revisited) led by affiliated faculty and students.

Building from the Digital Democracies Group's existing extensive global and interdisciplinary research network, the Digital Democracies Institute will form a comprehensive framework for understanding and countering online toxicity and inequality. Becoming an Institute will be key to:

- launching new research streams driven by the research of our SFU affiliates, such as Indigenous Epistemologies and Knowledge Production, Cyberwar and the Struggle for the Post-American Internet;
- creating new opportunities to support faculty research in this area, such as faculty fellowships;
- applying to new national and international grant competitions to support these new research teams;
- creating new partnerships with not-for-profit and corporate entities;

- buttressing SFU's position as a global leader in this field by solidifying and expanding our global collaborations and via new training programs, such as an international 2 week summer program for HQPs.

The Steering Committee of the Institute will be composed of the Director, the Associate Director, plus three Affiliated Researchers from at least two different Faculties. The latter three members will be identified through a consensus between all the SFU Affiliated Researchers who were proposed by themselves or others for Steering Committee membership. The Digital Democracies Institute shall be governed in accordance with University policies including R 40.01, Centres and Institutes. If this document and University policy differ on any issue, University policy shall prevail. The Director of the Research Institute reports to the Vice-President, Research and International (VPRI) in matters related to the Institute.

The goals and objectives of the Digital Democracies Institute do not overlap with other SFU Research Centres or Research Institutes. The Digital Democracies Institute will stand alongside the existing Institutes at SFU, and grow with them by learning from their experience and offering our own. We adhere to the Strategic Initiatives of SFU, and look forward to adding to them and committing our research to the global contributions made.

Please find our full application attached.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wendy Hui Kyong Chun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" being the most prominent.

Director, Digital Democracies Group
Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Canada 150 Research Chair in New Media

Digital Democracies Institute Application

Name of Institute: Digital Democracies Institute

Proposed Director: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun, Canada 150 Chair in New Media and Professor of Communication

Description of proposed Institute:

The Digital Democracies Institute at Simon Fraser University (SFU) integrates research in the humanities, social sciences, network and data sciences to address questions of equality, justice and democratic dialogue. The long-term goal is to combat the proliferation of online polarization, abusive language, and discriminatory algorithms by producing alternative data literacies and paradigms for connection: from critical, historical and technical analyses of misinformation, to the creation of responsible AI systems to help transform hostile social media exchanges into productive dialogues, to the development of new prototypes of connection based on critical ethnic studies and indigenous epistemologies.

The Institute will benefit Canadians by developing new strategies and software prototypes to displace fake news, disrupt current systems of polarization, and combat abusive language online. For example, the proposed research will leverage emerging technologies to understand why and how misinformation spreads and develop methods to counter its spread. The Institute will also generate policy recommendations and solutions to foster more inclusive communities, create new opportunities for historically marginalized communities, and lessen the anxiety, stress, and other health-related factors that polarized communities and toxic communication networks produce.

Context:

When the Internet first emerged as a mass medium in the mid-1990s, it was touted as the technological solution to the world's most pressing political problems: from racism to capitalist exploitation; from citizen apathy to media monopolies. Two decades later, the picture could not be more different. Today, the Internet is blamed for the: 1) rise of cyberbullying, extremist groups, hate speech, and global disinformation networks that undermine the results of local elections; 2) fragmentation of the national public sphere into a series of echo chambers that foster conspiracy theories and general mistrust of public institutions; 3) world-wide surveillance systems that compromise user privacy and rights and that regularly experiment on them via personalized social media platforms; and 4) establishment of mega-corporations, such as Amazon, that have decimated small businesses. It has fueled machine learning algorithms, which have been shown to amplify inequalities in hiring policies, policing, and education. The question now debated is not "how can the Internet save democracy?" but "can democracy survive the Internet?" What has happened, and what can be done, particularly since the features that grounded the hopes of the early Internet as inherently democratic (anonymity, free participation, esoteric communities, and disembodied communications) are now being blamed for undermining society and security.

In order to understand and address these issues, the Institute will research sources of, and solutions to, polarization. It will focus on challenging the spread of misinformation,

desegregating network neighborhoods, and countering radicalization and abusive language, with the over-arching goal of combatting online polarization and radicalization. As the rest of this document outlines, it will do so by building on the existing research and funding of the Digital Democracies Group, launched in January 2019, with funding from Dr. Wendy Hui Kyong Chun's Canada 150 Chair in New Media.

The relationship between networked technologies and democracy is of both national and international concern. The Institute's overall purposes are: to assess the current relationship between digital media technologies and democratic action; to generate future paths for research and intervention; and to train uniquely interdisciplinary researchers to continue this work in the future.

Institute's membership and organization structure:

The Institute will include SFU's faculty as Members. Currently, the following SFU researchers, across four faculties (FCAT, Arts and Sciences, Applied Sciences and the Beedie School of Business) have confirmed their interest in joining the Institute: Daniel Ahadi, Ahmed Al-Rawi, Enda Brophy, Aleena Chia, Caroline Coljin, Karrmen Crey, Milena Droumeva, Zoe Druick, Andrew Feenberg, Sarah Ganter, Sun-Ha Hong, Adel Iskandar, Dara Kelly, Frederik Lesage, Svitlana Matviyenko, Cait McKinney, Nilima Nigam, Mark Pickup, Fred Popowich, Stuart R. Poyntz, Katherine Reilly, Maite Taboada, and Yuezhi Zhao.

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Director

The inaugural Director will be Professor Wendy Chun (School of Communication). Subsequently, the Director shall be selected by a vote of the Steering Committee from a pool of SFU faculty candidates nominated by Affiliated Researchers. The inaugural Director shall serve a term of five years. The Director will require three teaching releases per year. (For Chun's term, these releases have already been secured).

Associate Director

The Associate Director will be nominated by the Director for approval or rejection by the Steering Committee. The inaugural Associate Director will be Dr. Svitlana Matviyenko (School of Communication) and shall serve a term of five years. The Associate Director will require a modest research fund, which s/he could use to hire a research assistant or to fund one course release.

The subsequent Directors and Associate Directors shall serve terms of three years.

The five members of the Steering Committee will be composed of the Director, the Associate Director, plus three Affiliated Researchers from at least two different Faculties. The latter three members will be identified through a consensus between all the SFU Affiliated Researchers who were proposed by themselves or others for Steering Committee membership. Steering

Committee members must commit to at least one year of service and may serve for up to three years.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will meet at twice per year. Decisions will be made through discussion aimed at creating a consensus, or where a consensus is not forthcoming, by the majority of the Steering Committee members in attendance at the meeting. In the event of an even vote the Director's vote shall be decisive.

The Steering Committee will:

- advise on which funding opportunities to pursue;
- oversee the use and distribution of any resources secured through funding competitions entered after the creation of the Institute or otherwise granted to the Institute;
- select the Director and approve or reject the Associate Director, following the terms of the inaugural office holders;
- accept the affiliation of new researchers;
- ratify an annual plan for a schedule of public events and any updates to the schedule;
- agree on which partnerships to formally join;
- approve an outline of the public messages to be associated with the Institute and the communications plan;
- supply members to represent the Institute at functions and events and for media availability.

Rationale for establishing the Institute:

The Digital Democracies Institute will serve as a global innovation hub and platform for collaborative research on the effects of social media on democratic practice. Becoming an institute will be key to cementing the Group's existing global partnerships, to foster further cross-disciplinary work and positioning SFU to apply for future governmental and private funding.

The Institute's strength lies in its uniquely cross-disciplinary and cross-sector approach. A range of disciplines provides rich perspectives on democracy's ideals and practices in the Internet age; however, despite the best efforts of specialists in various disciplines and sectors, the problems of misinformation, radicalization, echo chambers, and abusive language persist. A lack of communication across disciplinary and sectoral boundaries means that insights into these problems may be replicated and not shared; solutions that may depend on insights from another discipline may not be considered. In addition, the lack of a common vocabulary inhibits the development of shared theoretical frameworks and solutions.

Building from the Digital Democracies Group's existing extensive global and interdisciplinary research network, the Digital Democracies Institute will form a comprehensive framework for understanding and countering online toxicity and inequality. Becoming an Institute will be key to:

- launching new research streams driven by the research of our SFU affiliates, such as Indigenous Epistemologies and Knowledge Production, Cyberwar and the Struggle for the Post-American Internet;

- creating new opportunities to support faculty research in this area, such as faculty fellowships;
- applying to new national and international grant competitions to support these new research teams;
- creating new partnerships with not-for-profit and corporate entities;
- buttressing SFU's position as a global leader in this field by solidifying and expanding our global collaborations and via new training programs, such as an international 2 week summer program for HQPs.

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It has also started a project to become a global hub for digital and machine learning methods for social media analysis. To foster cross-disciplinary research creation, it has also hosted reading and working groups (Indigenous Epistemologies, Gaming and Toxicity, Dallas Smythe and Political Economy revisited) led by affiliated faculty and students.

The Institute will further the Group's knowledge mobilization by hosting international conferences, summer school programs, and workshops (for more details, see 5-year goals and KPI section). The DDG's inaugural, sold out, 3-day Digital Democracies Conference in May 2019, held at the SFU Harbour Centre Campus and supported by SSHRC, SSRC, and the VPR, brought together world-leading academics from Canada, the US and Europe to foster collaboration and idea generation, with the theme of 'Artificial Publics, Just Infrastructures, Ethical Learning.' Such events are key not only to disseminating research, but also to generating new research themes and collaborations, and to buttressing SFU's position as a world leader in this field.

The Institute will include 23 SFU Members from FCAT, Arts and Social Sciences, Applied Sciences, and Sciences as listed above; 21 research affiliates (Canada, USA, UK and Europe); and 19 additional affiliates from the academic, not-for-profit, and private sectors as listed below.

Projects Groups that conform with the objectives of the Institute will be proposed to the Steering Committee by any member of the University. If approved by the Steering Committee, projects are eligible to receive funding and assistance from the Institute. These projects, all big in scope and requiring international expertise, will depend on intellectual and technological resources that could be provided by the extended research networks and collaborations facilitated by the Institute that would be harder to establish by individual faculty members. To support new and existing projects, the Institute will work with Advancement to fund faculty fellowships. These fellowships would release faculty from teaching for one semester in order to pursue related research.

The goals and objectives of the Digital Democracies Institute do not overlap with other SFU Research Centres or Research Institutes. By working with the many centres of excellence at SFU, the Institute will facilitate extensive multi-faculty collaborative research, enhanced by research relationships with other universities and other stakeholders in order to develop the coalitions across disciplines, schools, industry and the public necessary for producing innovative approaches to digital democracy.

As an Institute we look forward to making significant contributions to the Strategic Initiatives of SFU. In terms of Innovation, this principle is at the forefront of our work, striving to keep ahead of trends and using new and emerging technologies to support our work. The Big Data Initiative also correlates with our research into Mis/Disinformation and how data can, and should, be used for good. Through prioritizing the work of our post-doc and graduate student researchers, our Knowledge Mobilization is a reality we are committed to progressing, and maintaining our position as the vanguard of research into digital democracy. Finally, our commitment to making collaboration a key element of all of our work, and maintaining a local focus with global reach results in always producing Community-Engaged Research.

Affiliates:

The Institute will build on and augment already existing relationships with external institutions and researchers. The following are confirmed affiliate institutions:

Academic:

Ahmanson Lab, University of Southern California, USA
AI NOW Institute, New York University, USA,
Center for Spatial Research, Columbia University, USA
Centre for Digital Cultures, Leuphana University of Leuneburg, DE
Department of Digital Humanities, King's College London, UK
Digital Methods Initiative, University of Amsterdam, NE
Digital Studies Institute, University of Michigan, USA
General Architecture for Text Engineering (GATE), Sheffield University, UK
McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology, University of Toronto, CA
Infoscape Research Lab, Ryerson University, CA
Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, UBC, CA
Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford University, UK
Reuters Institute for Journalism, Oxford University, UK
Science and Justice Research Center, UCSC, USA

Not for Profit:

Goodly Labs, USA
Public Data Lab, Europe
Social Science Research Council, USA

Private:

Client Computing Group, Intel Corporation, USA
Meson Press, DE

Our Research Affiliates are: Clemens Apprich (University of Groningen), Timon Beyes (Leuphana University of Lüneburg), Kalina Bontcheva (Sheffield University), Liliana Bournegru (Kings College, London), Giulio Dalla Riva (University of Canterbury), Greg Elmer (Ryerson University), Bonnie Honig (Brown University), Ioana Jucan (Emerson College), Amy Kapczynski (Yale Law School), Kara Keeling (University of Chicago), Laura Kurgan (Columbia University), Ganaele Langlois (York University), Alexandra Juhasz (City University of New York), Tara McPherson (University of Southern California), Lisa Nakamura (University of Michigan), Zizi Papachrisi (University of Illinois at Chicago); Richard Rogers (University of Amsterdam), Bo Ruberg (University of California, Irvine), Heidi Tworek (University of British Columbia), Tommaso Venturini (CNRS, France), Esther Weltevrede (University of Amsterdam)

Based on the new research streams and projects, we would expand on this network initially by reaching out to the following organizations:

The Mellon Foundation, Scholarly Communications Group

Queen's Law, Queens University

Political Economy Project, Yale University, USA

imagineNATIVE Film Festival, Toronto

Aboriginal Territories in Cyberspace, Concordia University

Heyang Rural Research Institute, China

Visual Culture Research Center, Ukraine

Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Ukraine

most of whom have already expressed interest in collaborating with us.

The goal is to include most of these organizations in a SSHRC Partnership Grant, to be submitted within the first five years of the Institute.

Institute 5-year goals and Key Performance Indicators

The Goals and Key Performance Indicators are:

1. Research Output and Knowledge Mobilization

The Goal is to produce at least two new streams of research, based on the interests of the SFU Members. To do so, the Institute will host several working groups in the new cross-disciplinarily and establishing areas such as, “Indigenous Epistemology, and Knowledge Production;” and “Critical Algorithm Studies.” Open to graduate students and faculty from and outside SFU as well as non-academic experts and members of community, these groups will foster collaborative research by learning, sharing and producing knowledge.

International speakers will be invited to speak both privately with the working groups and publicly in open events at the Harbor Center (max audience 150).

Members of the Digital Democracies Institute will co-author clusters of research papers in international, high impact media, communication, information, political science/theory, and data science journals. Research results will be disseminated in annual special issues in journals such as The Journal of Visual Culture, New Media & Society, Information Communication & Society, Big Data & Society, PNAS, First Monday, and Media, Culture

& Society. The PIs of the Research streams will also produce co-authored books that encapsulate the work of each stream every five years.

The Institute will become a hub for data collaboration on social media research, by hosting and maintaining an advanced research computing infrastructure that can accommodate the shared needs of our affiliates and collaborators, and provide a stable and reliable environment for digital social sciences research. In particular, the Institute will support the development of new research software and the modification of existing software and integration with existing software. That is, support on different programming languages, libraries, 3rd party software, and in-house software that are already used by collaborators. Deliverables include shared databases and software licenses, collaboratively designed AI, social media tracking software, and collaboratively produced data sets for study.

2. Financial Sustainability

The Digital Democracy's Group has already raised over \$1.3M in research funds to support Institute projects in the first five years (Fiscal Years 2020-2025), from the following sources:

C150 Research Chairs:	\$545,000 (PI Chun)
UK-Canada AI Initiative:	\$503,483 (PI Chun; co-I Al-Rawi)
SSHRC Insight Grant:	\$225,223 (PI Chun; co-I Langlois)
Heritage, Digital Citizen Initiative:	\$50,000 (co-I Chun; co-I Al-Rawi)

It has also secured a JELF of \$725,000 to create the Network for Social Media Research and collaborative research workspaces at SFU. The VPR has also committed seed funding for seed funding for the summer school and the conference. We are also currently awaiting competition results from the Volkswagen Foundation and the German Ministry of Science for grants on which the Digital Democracies Group is listed as an international partner.

To support new research streams and projects, we will submit Tri-Council grants and the Mellon Foundation (The Mellon Foundation is invitation-only, and we have been invited to submit a prospectus to support our work). We will also leverage our international connections to apply for grants in the EU, US and UK.

3. International Research Engagement

The Institute will host at least two international conferences/workshops to mobilize the knowledge produced by the research streams, and to facilitate intensive meetings with our global partners. These events will include at least one day that will be open and free to the public, to disseminate the research to a wider audience. The presentations will be recorded and added to our website and YouTube Channel so the content can be accessed by a much wider population than could attend in person.

4. Social Impact

Each research stream within the Institute will have a community outreach component. The Abusive Language project, for example, will work with local organizations, such as the Vancouver Public Library and Surrey School System to create educational programming. The proposed Indigenous Knowledge research stream will help SFU and Canadian

Universities more generally foster Indigenous scholarship. The Institute will mobilize knowledge via public-facing publications and open source software tools.

5. Media and Public Relations:

The Institute will have a YouTube channel, in which it will post recordings of its public events and interviews with external visitors. It will also post regular updates on the project website, the Institute's Medium channel and Twitter feed for public and academic outreach, with a potential broader educational dissemination through SFU relationships with the Canadian National Film Board. To achieve maximum impact, all tools developed by the Institute, such as the Responsible AI system currently under development to facilitate democratic counter speech, will be open source and made available to the public.

6. Students, trainees & research personnel:

All the research streams will train PhD, MA and undergraduate students through its grant funding. The DDG has already trained 7 SFU undergraduates; 4 SFU MA students; 2 visiting graduate students (MA + PhD); 1 PhD student and 2 postdoctoral researchers. It will add 5 undergrads; 1 MA student; 3 PhD students and 2 postdoctoral researchers Fall 2020.

The Institute will, with its partners (most likely one of our U.S. partners and/or University of Toronto), initiate a 2 week intensive summer school to train HQPs (graduate students; postdoctoral researchers; junior faculty) in interdisciplinary qualitative and quantitative methods. This annual program will start at SFU, then travel to its partner institutions (host institutions would be able to reserve a certain # of slots for their students). Faculty for the school will be drawn from: data sciences, media studies, digital humanities and sociology, and network science. It will give HQPs a unique opportunity to work across disciplines.

7. Policy:

To reach policymakers, we will build on current, ongoing contact with policymakers by Institute faculty (Tworek's work on the Transatlantic Working Group on Content Moderation Online and Freedom of Expression, amongst other multi-national groups; Chun's meetings with policymakers in Ottawa and her work with the SSRC Media & Democracy network). We will use SFU's numerous mechanisms, already in place, for meeting diverse external audiences, such as SFU's Public Square and SFU's Centre for Dialogue Studies to reach policy audiences in BC.

8. Industry Engagement:

We will explore new partnerships with corporate entities, along the lines of our existing agreement with Intel (who has agreed to hire our students as interns), and through MITACs grants for HQPs, as well as research collaborations with companies.

We will also pursue funding opportunities with Foundations, such as SSRC and Mellon, to fund fellowships and programming. (We are already in conversation with the Mellon Foundation, and have received support from SSRC for the inaugural conference and an upcoming international workshop on mis-information).

Current Resources and Future Sustainability:

From our current grants and funds committed from SFU to support the Canada 150 Chair, we are able to cover the equivalent of a full-time project coordinator, course releases for the Director and research support for the Associate Director, for the next 5 years. From our external grants, infrastructure funds, and in-kind support from the VPR, we should be able to provide full time technical support for the lab. These are all crucial to the success of the Institute.

As stated in the previous section, after the initial 5-year period, the Institute will request support for these roles from SFU within the context of a large grant, such as a SSHRC Partnership Grant proposal (to be submitted within the next 5 years). We will also work closely with private Foundations, such as Mellon, and SFU Advancement to build a basis for this grant.

Does the proposed Institute intend to attract external funding?

Yes, as mentioned above, we will pursue funding opportunities with Foundations, such as SSRC and Mellon, to fund fellowships and programming. (We are already in conversation with the Mellon Foundation, and have received support from SSRC for the inaugural conference and an upcoming international workshop on mis-information). We will also apply for a SSHRC Partnership Grant within the first 5 years of becoming an Institute.

We also believe that the Institute and its research themes will be of interest to SFU alums and supporters. We will thus work with Advancement to explore opportunities for private investment to faculty fellowships and support our requests for support. These faculty fellowships would release a faculty member from teaching one semester in order to concentrate on related research. We would also work with Advancement to ensure that interested donors and alums are informed about our public-facing events.

Procedures for Ratifying New Members:

Any SFU faculty member may request to be affiliated with the Institute. Their request will be evaluated by the Steering Committee on the basis of the relevance of their research interests and whether their areas of particular interest or strength are already well-covered by existing affiliated researchers. An updated list of affiliated researchers will be maintained on the website.

Confirm review of Policy R40.01: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/research/r40-01.html>

We confirm that we have reviewed Policy R40.01.



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Appendix A - Affiliated Institutions

The support from affiliated partners has been confirmed in grant applications, or directly by email.

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Family name, Given name

Chun, Wendy

Partner Organizations

- A partner organization may be, for example, a Canadian or foreign: postsecondary institution, government department (federal, provincial, territorial, municipal), for-profit or not-for-profit organization, or foundation.

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Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative: building competence through responsible AI

Project Participants

Version: June 2019

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- natural sciences and engineering (including computational and/or mathematical sciences)

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United Kingdom

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PI	Professor Kalina Bontcheva	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	k.bontcheva@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	7.5	Professor of Text Analysis

<i>Co-I</i>	Dr Nikolaos Aletras	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	n.aletras@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	3.39	Lecturer in Natural Language Processing
<i>Researcher</i>	Dr Mehmet Bakir	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	m.e.bakir@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	16.88	Research Associate
<i>Researcher</i>	Dr Genevieve Gorrell	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	g.gorrell@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	30	Research Associate

Canada

Role	Full name	Organisation	Laboratory or Unit	Email address	Domain (see list above)	Average time spent on project in hours per week	Position (eg Lecturer, Full Professor, Emeritus, etc.)
<i>PI</i>	Professor Wendy Hui Kyong Chun	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	wendy_chun@sfu.ca	Social Sciences and Humanities	10.91	Canada 150 Research Chair/Professor
<i>Co-I</i>	Professor Ahmed Al-Rawi	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	aalrawi@sfu.ca	Social Sciences and Humanities	3.64	Assistant Professor of Social Media, News and Public Communication
<i>Researcher</i>	Zeera Waseem	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	To be appointed	Social Sciences and Humanities	35	Post Doctoral Fellow

Researcher	Hannah Holtzclaw	Simon Fraser University	Digital Humanities Innovation Lab	hannah_holtzclaw@sfu.ca	Social Sciences and Humanities	35	Research Associate

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Name and Title	University/Institute/Organisation	Percentage of Working Time (indicative)	Source of Funding
Dr. Jamie Sherman	Intel	2%	Company internal funding
Prof. Jason Schultz	AI NOW, NYU	3%	Institute's own funding
Prof. Tara McPherson	USC, Ahmanson Lab	2%	Internal funding
Dr. Julie Posetti	Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism	5%	Existing funding of research project

Fw: Join us for a talk/conversation on Science and Justice with Jenny Reardon

Amy Harris

Thu 13/08/2020 15:08

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

From: Jenny Reardon <reardon1@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz; Colleen Stone
Subject: Re: Join us for a talk/conversation on Science and Justice with Jenny Reardon

yes, that sounds great.

cc'ing colleen here, who is our program manager. would also be great to list your group as a partner on our SJRC website.

when is the SSRC workshop?

jenny

On Jun 26, 2020, at 1:34 PM, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca> wrote:

hi Jenny,

the piece in items isn't out yet. here's my piece on the critical inquiry blog:

<https://critinq.wordpress.com/2020/05/20/net-munity-or-the-space-between-us-will-open-the-future/#comments>

yes, a place holder project sounds great. maybe on justice and information? we would love to have you as part of our upcoming SSRC workshop on authenticity / authority and mis / disinformation.

and we would love to list your center as an external partner of our group. does that sound good?

best,

whkc.

Wendy Hui Kyong CHUN

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Fw: institute question

Digital Democracies Group

Thu 13/08/2020 15:13

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

From: Sarah Sharma <sarah.sharma@utoronto.ca>

Sent: August 10, 2020 6:09:57 AM

To: Digital Democracies Group

Subject: Re: institute question

Hi Amy,

In fact you can put the McLuhan Centre down as an external partner. ICCIT would be happy to be involved too but we can include later. I am cross-appointed so I was not sure what I should put down in terms of external for Wendy! But McLuhan Centre is great.

Sarah

Sarah Sharma

Associate Professor, University of Toronto

Director of the McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology

--Institute of Communication, Culture, Information and Technology (UTM)

--Faculty of Information (St. George)

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Fw: institute question

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Thu 13/08/2020 15:15

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

From: Bunz, Mercedes <Mercedes.bunz@kcl.ac.uk>
Sent: May 28, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz; Andreas Kirchner; Marcus Burkhardt
Subject: Re: institute question

Dear Wendy,

I am delighted to officially confirm that the Department of Digital Humanities, King's College London is excited to be an external partner.

I have also spoken with my colleagues at meson press (cc-ed), and they agree with me that we are pleased to work with the Digital Democracies Institute at Simon Fraser University.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything to pursue this further. We look very much forward to our collaboration.

Warm regards,
Mercedes

Dr Mercedes Bunz
Deputy Head of the Department of Digital Humanities
Senior Lecturer in Digital Society
King's College London

Recent publications:

Bunz, M., 'The Calculation of Meaning: On the Misunderstanding of new Artificial Intelligence as Culture'. *Culture, Theory and Critique*.
Download [here](#).

Brunton, F. and M. Bunz, *Communication*. University of Minnesota Press 2019 [open access, free download [here](#)].

Bunz, M. and G. Meikle, *The Internet of Things*. Cambridge: [Polity](#). 2018.

Fw: Institute Question

Julia Scott Lenz

Wed 2020-08-05 3:12 PM

To: Digital Democracies Group <ddg_lab@sfu.ca>;

From: Nick Adams <nick@goodlylabs.org>
Sent: May 29, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz
Subject: Re: Institute Question

Absolutely!



Nicholas Adams, Ph.D.

nick@goodlylabs.org | Founder & Chief Scientist | Goodly Labs | goodlylabs.org

On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 12:32 PM Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca> wrote:

Hi Nick,

I hope all is well with you and your family is enjoying being away from SF.

The digital democracies group is in the process of applying to become an institute, and we wanted to confirm that Goodly Labs an external partner. This basically means that we are working together.

Does this sound good to you?

Here is the one paragraph description of the Institute:

The Digital Democracies Institute at Simon Fraser University (SFU) integrates research in the humanities, social sciences, network and data sciences to address questions of equality, social justice and democratic dialog. The long-term goal is to combat the proliferation of online polarization, abusive language, and discriminatory algorithms by producing alternative data literacies and paradigms for connection: from the creation of responsible AI systems to help transform hostile social media exchanges into productive dialogues, to critical analyses of fake news and its historical evolution. The relationship between networked technologies and democracy is of both national and international concern. The Institute's overall goal is to assess the current relationship between digital media technologies and democratic action and to generate future paths for research and intervention.

best,

Wendy Hui Kyong CHUN

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Fw: institute question

Julia Scott Lenz

Wed 2020-08-05 3:13 PM

To: Digital Democracies Group <ddg_lab@sfu.ca>;

From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Sent: May 28, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Rogers, Richard
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz
Subject: Re: institute question

thank you!

best,

whkc.

Wendy Hui Kyong CHUN

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From: Rogers, Richard <R.A.Rogers@uva.nl>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:51:19 AM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Subject: Re: institute question

Dear Wendy
Yes, hereby confirmed!
Best, Richard

Prof. Richard Rogers
Media Studies
University of Amsterdam
<http://www.digitalmethods.net/>
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Just out:

R. Rogers (2019), Doing Digital Methods, Los Angeles: Sage.

On 27 May 2020, at 23:04, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Richard,

I hope all is well with you and your family during these troubling times.

The digital democracies group is in the process of applying to become an institute, and we wanted to confirm that the Digital Methods Group at UVA s is an external partner. This basically means that we are working together on computing infrastructure, etc.

Does this sound good to you?

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Appendix B - Affiliated Researchers

The support from our affiliated researchers has been confirmed in grant applications, or directly by email.

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Timon Beyes (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)
Kalina Bontcheva (Sheffield University)
Liliana Bournegru (Kings College, London)
Giulio Dalla Riva (University of Canterbury)
Greg Elmer (Ryerson University)
Bonnie Honig (Brown University)
Ioana Jucan (Emerson College)
Amy Kapczynski (Yale Law School)
Kara Keeling (University of Chicago)
Laura Kurgan (Columbia University)
Ganaele Langlois (York University)
Alexandra Juhasz (City University of New York)
Tara McPherson (University of Southern California)
Lisa Nakamura (University of Michigan)
Zizi Papachrisi (University of Illinois at Chicago)
Richard Rogers (University of Amsterdam)
Bo Ruberg (University of California, Irvine)
Heidi Tworek (University of British Columbia)
Tommaso Venturini (CNRS, France)
Esther Weltevrede (University of Amsterdam)



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Chun, Wendy

Participants

List names of your team members (co-applicants and collaborators) who will take part in the intellectual direction of the research. Do not include assistants, students or consultants.

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Role

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Role

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Role

Co-applicant ☐

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Research Grants PROPOSAL

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UKRI-Canada call on resilient economies and societies through AI 2019

Organisation where the Grant would be held

Organisation	University of Sheffield	Research Organisation Reference:	163157
Division or Department	Computer Science		

Project Title [up to 150 chars]

Responsible AI for Inclusive, Democratic Societies: A cross-disciplinary approach to detecting and countering abusive language online

Start Date and Duration

a. Proposed start date

01 February 2020

b. Duration of the grant (months)

36

Applicants

Role	Name	Organisation	Division or Department	How many hours a week will the investigator work on the project?
Principal Investigator	Professor Kalina Bontcheva	University of Sheffield	Computer Science	7.5
Co-Investigator	Dr Nikolaos Aletras	University of Sheffield	Computer Science	3.38
Co-Investigator	Professor Wendy Chun	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	10.91
Co-Investigator	Dr Ahmed Al-Rawi	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	3.64

Classification

International in nature?

Yes

Please outline the international aspects of the project and give details of the countries and/or international organisations involved.

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United Kingdom

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PI	Professor Kalina Bontcheva	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	k.bontcheva@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	7.5	Professor of Text Analysis

<i>Co-I</i>	Dr Nikolaos Aletras	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	n.aletras@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	3.39	Lecturer in Natural Language Processing
<i>Researcher</i>	Dr Mehmet Bakir	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	m.e.bakir@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	16.88	Research Associate
<i>Researcher</i>	Dr Genevieve Gorrell	University of Sheffield	Department of Computer Science	g.gorrell@sheffield.ac.uk	Natural Sciences and Engineering	30	Research Associate

Canada

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<i>PI</i>	Professor Wendy Hui Kyong Chun	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	wendy_chun@sfu.ca	Social Sciences and Humanities	10.91	Canada 150 Research Chair/Professor
<i>Co-I</i>	Professor Ahmed Al-Rawi	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	aalrawi@sfu.ca	Social Sciences and Humanities	3.64	Assistant Professor of Social Media, News and Public Communication
<i>Researcher</i>	Zeerak Waseem	Simon Fraser University	School of Communication	To be appointed	Social Sciences and Humanities	35	Post Doctoral Fellow

Researcher	Hannah Holtzclaw	Simon Fraser University	Digital Humanities Innovation Lab	hannah_holtzclaw@sfu.ca	Social Sciences and Humanities	35	Research Associate

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Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	50699
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Other Communication and Media Studies	

Family name	Given name	Initials
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9155126	Centre national de la recherche scientifique

Department/Division name
Centre Internet et Société

Role	Co-applicant ☒	Collaborator ☐	Discipline	61499
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Other Environmental Studies	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Kurgan	Laura	

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Department/Division name
Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	60200
	Academic ☐	Non-academic ☒	Anthropology	

Family name	Given name	Initials
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Department/Division name
Client Compute Group

Role	Co-applicant ☒	Collaborator ☐	Discipline	63404
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Social Organization	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Beyes	Timon	

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Department/Division name
Institute of Sociology and Cultural Organization (ISCO)

Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	55004
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Phenomenology, Existentialism	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Kozel	Susan	

Org. code	Full organization name
9133135	Malmö University

Department/Division name
School of Arts and Communication



Family name, Given name

Chun, Wendy

Participants (cont'd)

Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	62248
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Media and Communications Law	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Schultz	Jason	

Org. code	Full organization name
9931068	New York University School of Law

Department/Division name
AI Now

Role	Co-applicant ☒	Collaborator ☐	Discipline	50600
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Communications and Media Studies	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Elmer	Greg	

Org. code	Full organization name
1352011	Ryerson University

Department/Division name
Bell Globemedia Chair

Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	52600
	Academic ☐	Non-academic ☒	Literature, American	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Rhody	Jason	

Org. code	Full organization name
1	Social Science Research Council

Department/Division name
Media & Democracy / Social Data Initiative

Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	50600
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Communications and Media Studies	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Gaertner	David	R

Org. code	Full organization name
1590111	The University of British Columbia

Department/Division name
First Nations and Indigenous Studies

Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	80100
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Mathematics	

Family name	Given name	Initials
Dalla Riva	Giulio Valentino	

Org. code	Full organization name
9663103	University of Canterbury

Department/Division name
School of Mathematics and Statistics



Family name, Given name

Chun, Wendy

Participants (cont'd)

Role	Co-applicant ☒	Collaborator ☐	Discipline	50606
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Communication Technology, Informatics	
Family name	nakamura		Given name	lisa
			Initials	
Org. code	9938101			
Full organization name	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor			
Department/Division name	American Culture Program			
Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	63499
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Other Sociology	
Family name	Neff		Given name	Gina
			Initials	
Org. code	9121131			
Full organization name	University of Oxford			
Department/Division name	Oxford Internet Institute			
Role	Co-applicant ☒	Collaborator ☐	Discipline	50600
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Communications and Media Studies	
Family name	McPherson		Given name	Tara
			Initials	
Org. code	9983107			
Full organization name	University of Southern California			
Department/Division name	Bryan Singer Division of Cinema & Media Studies			
Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☒	Discipline	62200
	Academic ☒	Non-academic ☐	Law	
Family name	Kapczynski		Given name	Amy
			Initials	AK
Org. code	9929101			
Full organization name	Yale University			
Department/Division name	Yale Law School			
Role	Co-applicant ☐	Collaborator ☐	Discipline	
	Academic ☐	Non-academic ☐		
Family name			Given name	
			Initials	
Org. code				
Full organization name				
Department/Division name				

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Re: Confirmation of Support for Digital Democracies Institute

Bo Ruberg <bruberg@uci.edu>

Mon 17/08/2020 11:59

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy (and Wendy),

Thanks for reaching out. Yes, I would very much like to continue being affiliated with the group.

All the best,
Bo

On Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 5:36 PM Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr Ruberg

Thank you so much for being an affiliate of the Digital Democracies Group. Your research is central to our current and future work.

We are about to submit our application to become an Institute within SFU. To support our application, we would be grateful if you could confirm your interest in being an affiliate with us as soon as possible.

For your information, the one paragraph description of our work is as follows, and you can get in touch with me or Amy if you have any questions:

The Digital Democracies Institute at Simon Fraser University (SFU) integrates research in the humanities, social sciences, network and data sciences to address questions of equality, social justice and democratic dialog. The long-term goal is to combat the proliferation of online “echo chambers,” abusive language, and discriminatory algorithms by creating alternative data literacies and paradigms for connection: from applications and methods to transforming hostile social media exchanges into productive dialogues, to critical analyses of fake news and its historical evolution. The relationship between networked technologies and democracy is of both national and international concern. The Institute’s overall goal is to assess the current relationship between digital media technologies and democratic action and to generate future paths for research and intervention.

Best,

Wendy and Amy

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Bonnie "Bo" Ruberg, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Film & Media Studies

University of California, Irvine

bruberg@uci.edu // ourglasslake.com // [@myownvelouria](https://www.instagram.com/myownvelouria)

pronouns: they/them

Fw: Digital democracies group

Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Sat 08/08/2020 10:20

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

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From: Bonnie Honig <bonnie_honig@brown.edu>

Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2019 7:07 AM

To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Subject: Re: Digital democracies group

Wendy, I am saying yes.

Thanks, I look forward to learning from the group and to seeing you in your new context

Best

BH

Bonnie Honig
Nancy Duke Lewis Professor,
Modern Culture and Media (MCM)
and
Political Science
Brown University
Providence, RI
bonnie_honig@brown.edu

On May 4, 2019, at 10:02 AM, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca> wrote:

Hi Bonnie,

I hope all is well with you!

I'm emailing because I would love for you to be affiliated with the Digital Democracies Group at SFU. You're the smartest political theorist writing on democracy and we'd love to learn from you.

Being affiliated wouldn't entail much. At some point, we would want to involve you in some of the projects re. rethinking the relationship between network structures and democracy, as well as agonism and counter-speech. I think flying you over and to meet with the group once things are in full motion would be great.

Does this sound good to you? Please say yes!

Best,

Whkc.

Fw: affiliated faculty

Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Sat 08/08/2020 10:21

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

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From: Kara Keeling <kkeeling@uchicago.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Subject: Re: affiliated faculty

Hi Wendy-
Sounds good.
Sign me up!
What do you need from me?

Best,
Kara

On May 13, 2019, 2:03 PM -0700, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>, wrote:

hi kara,

co-writing our piece :-).

best,

whkc.

From: Kara Keeling <kkeeling@uchicago.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 1:50:58 PM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Subject: Re: affiliated faculty

Hi Wendy,

Of course I am interested in becoming a faculty affiliate of the digital democracies group. Before I commit to this, however, would you send me information about what would be required / requested of me as an affiliate?

Best,
Kara

Kara Keeling, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Cinema and Media Studies
The University of Chicago
1010 E. 59th Street, Classics 304
Chicago, IL 60637

On May 13, 2019, 8:40 AM -0700, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>, wrote:

hi kara,

i hope all is well!

i'm emailing because i'd love for you to be a faculty affiliate of the digital democracies group. your work on exposure and publicity is so important and it would be great for us to be able to learn from you. AND we're writing a piece together, so it all makes sense.

please say yes!

best,

whkc.

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Fw: institute question

Julia Scott Lenz

Wed 2020-08-05 3:14 PM

To: Digital Democracies Group <ddg_lab@sfu.ca>;

From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Sent: May 27, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Bounegru, Liliana
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz; Gray, Jonathan
Subject: Re: institute question

Hi Liliana,

Thanks for your message! This email is all we need.

best,

whkc.

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From: Bounegru, Liliana <liliana.bounegru@kcl.ac.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:45:13 AM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz; Gray, Jonathan
Subject: Re: institute question

Hi Wendy,

That's wonderful news! We would love to continue collaborating with you and everyone at Digital Democracies around research, teaching and public engagement. Let us know if there is anything we can do to support the application more formally.

We recently started a PDL Slack channel to stay in touch with collaborators and coordinate about possible projects. Over 50 PDL members and collaborators are on the channel, including Ganaele, Lauren Klein and Catherine D'Ignazio among many others. It would be great if anyone from the Digital Democracies Group would like to join us there.

In any case, I hope you are staying well and I look forward to our call on Friday.

Best,

Liliana

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Liliana Bounegru | lilianabounegru.org | [@bb_liliana](https://twitter.com/bb_liliana)

Lecturer in Digital Methods

Department of Digital Humanities

King's College London

Recent publications:

- Gray, J., & Bounegru, L. (Eds.). (2020). *The Data Journalism Handbook* (2nd ed.). Amsterdam University Press.
- Bounegru, L., Pryck, K. D., Venturini, T., & Mauri, M. (2020). 'We Only Have 12 Years': YouTube and the IPCC Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C. *First Monday*, 25(2), 25. <https://doi.org/10.5210/fm.v25i2.10112>
- Gray, J., Bounegru, L., & Venturini, T. (2020). 'Fake news' as infrastructural uncanny: *New Media & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444819856912>

From: Liliana Bounegru <contact@lilianabounegru.org>

Sent: 27 May 2020 18:23

To: Bounegru, Liliana <liliana.bounegru@kcl.ac.uk>

Subject: Fwd: institute question

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Liliana Bounegru | lilianabounegru.org | [@bb_liliana](https://twitter.com/bb_liliana)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | [Oxford Internet Institute](http://OxfordInternetInstitute.org) | University of Oxford

Researcher | [Digital Methods Initiative](http://DigitalMethodsInitiative.org) | University of Amsterdam

Research Associate | [medialab](http://medialab.org) | Sciences Po

Co-founder and Coordinator | [Public Data Lab](http://PublicDataLab.org)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>

Date: Tue, May 26, 2020 at 11:57 PM

Subject: institute question

To: contact@lilianabounegru.org <contact@lilianabounegru.org>

Cc: Julia Scott Lenz <julia_scott_lenz@sfu.ca>

Dear Liliana,

I hope you are OK during these troubling times.

I'm emailing because the Digital Democracies Group is applying to become an institute, and I just wanted to confirm that you and the Public Data Lab were still interested in being external partners. All this would entail is an

intention to collaborate in the future (in all probability a revised version of the partnership grant we submitted last year).

Here is the one paragraph summary of the institute:

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best,

whkc

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Fw: institute question

Julia Scott Lenz

Wed 2020-08-05 3:13 PM

To: Digital Democracies Group <ddg_lab@sfu.ca>;

From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Sent: May 28, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Rogers, Richard
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz
Subject: Re: institute question

thank you!

best,

whkc.

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From: Rogers, Richard <R.A.Rogers@uva.nl>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:51:19 AM
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Subject: Re: institute question

Dear Wendy
Yes, hereby confirmed!
Best, Richard

Prof. Richard Rogers
Media Studies
University of Amsterdam
<http://www.digitalmethods.net/>
r.a.rogers@uva.nl

Just out:

R. Rogers (2019), Doing Digital Methods, Los Angeles: Sage.

On 27 May 2020, at 23:04, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Richard,

I hope all is well with you and your family during these troubling times.

The digital democracies group is in the process of applying to become an institute, and we wanted to confirm that the Digital Methods Group at UVA s is an external partner. This basically means that we are working together on computing infrastructure, etc.

Does this sound good to you?

Here is the one paragraph description of the Institute:

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best,

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Fw: Invitation to become an external researcher

Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Thu 06/08/2020 09:40

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

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From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:54 AM
To: Papacharissi, Zizi
Cc: Julia Scott Lenz
Subject: Re: Invitation to become an external researcher

That's great! I think all we need is this email. We will be in touch later, once we're all set.

best,

whkc.

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From: Papacharissi, Zizi <zizi@uic.edu>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:56:14 PM

To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Subject: Re: Invitation to become an external researcher

With pleasure! What a wonderful surprise. Let me know what you might need from my end. A great endeavor. All my best,
Z

From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>

Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 11:49 AM

To: "Papacharissi, Zizi" <zizi@uic.edu>

Subject: Invitation to become an external researcher

Dear Zizi,

I hope all is OK with you and your loved ones during these troubling times. It was great to work with you on Chad's exam. What a great student!

The digital democracies group is in the process of applying to become an institute, and would love for you to be an external partner. This basically means that we have collaborated in the past (Chad) and plan on collaborating in the future. We would love to involve you in our ongoing and upcoming research.

Does this sound good to you?

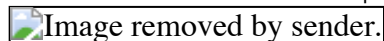
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best,

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Re: Confirmation of support for Digital Democracies Institute

C. Apprich <c.apprich@rug.nl>

Yesterday, 11:34 PM

Amy Harris; Wendy Hui Kyong Chun ▾

↩ Reply | ▾

Inbox

Action Items

Dear Amy, dear Wendy,

I would be very happy to support your application and to collaborate on future projects.

This reminds me that the bio on your website still needs to be updated: <https://www.sfu.ca/digital-democracies/people/team.html>. This here is the new one:

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Clemens Apprich is assistant professor in media studies at the University of Groningen and guest researcher at the Centre for Digital Cultures at Leuphana University of Lüneburg. He is an associated member of the Digital Democracies Group at Simon Fraser University, of the Global Emergent Media Lab at Concordia University, and of the Research College ‘Sensing’ at Potsdam University. His current research deals with filter algorithms and their application in data analysis as well as machine learning methods. He is the author of *Technotopia: A Media Genealogy of Net Cultures* (Rowman & Littlefield International, 2017), and, together with Wendy Chun, Hito Steyerl, and Florian Cramer, co-authored *Pattern Discrimination* (University of Minnesota Press/meson press, 2019).

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This here is my new profile page: <https://www.rug.nl/staff/c.apprich>. Hence, my home institution is University of Groningen, not Leuphana University.

Thanks and best regards,

Clemen

Am 14.08.2020 um 02:38 schrieb Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>:

Dear Dr Apprich

Thank you so much for being an affiliate of the Digital Democracies Group. Your research is central to our current and future work.

We are about to submit our application to become an Institute within SFU. To support our application, we would be grateful if you could confirm your interest in being an affiliate with us as soon as possible.

For your information, the one paragraph description of our work is as follows, and you can get in touch with me or Amy if you have any questions:

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Best,

Wendy and Amy



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Appendix C - SFU Faculty Members

The support from SFU faculty has been confirmed in grant applications, or directly by email.

Daniel Ahadi, CMNS
Ahmed Al-Rawi, CMNS
Enda Brophy, CMNS
Aleena Chia, CMNS
Caroline Coljin, Mathematics
Karrmen Crey, CMNS
Milena Droumeva, CMNS
Zoe Druick, CMNS
Andrew Feenberg, CMNS
Sarah Ganter, CMNS
Sun-Ha Hong, CMNS
Adel Iskandar, CMNS
Dara Kelly, Beedie School of Business
Frederik Lesage, CMNS
Svitlana Matviyenko, CMNS
Cait McKinney, CMNS
Nilima Nigam, Mathematics
Mark Pickup, Political Science
Fred Popowich, Computing Science
Stuart R. Poyntz, CMNS
Katherine Reilly, CMNS
Maite Taboada, Linguistics
Yuezhi Zhao, CMNS.



Family name, Given name

Chun, Wendy

Participants

List names of your team members (co-applicants and collaborators) who will take part in the intellectual direction of the research. Do not include assistants, students or consultants.

Role Co-applicant ☒ Collaborator ☐		Academic ☒ Non-academic ☐	
Family name Druick		Given name Zoë	Initials
Org. code 1590611	Full organization name Simon Fraser University		
Department/Division name School of Communication			
Role Co-applicant ☒ Collaborator ☐		Academic ☒ Non-academic ☐	
Family name Matviyenko		Given name Svitlana	Initials
Org. code 1590611	Full organization name Simon Fraser University		
Department/Division name School of Communication			
Role Co-applicant ☐ Collaborator ☐		Academic ☐ Non-academic ☐	
Family name		Given name	Initials
Org. code	Full organization name		
Department/Division name			
Role Co-applicant ☐ Collaborator ☐		Academic ☐ Non-academic ☐	
Family name		Given name	Initials
Org. code	Full organization name		
Department/Division name			
Role Co-applicant ☐ Collaborator ☐		Academic ☐ Non-academic ☐	
Family name		Given name	Initials
Org. code	Full organization name		
Department/Division name			

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Adel Farag

Fri 07/08/2020 15:02

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Wendy and Amy,

Many thanks for your email and verification of interest in being affiliated with the Digital Democracies "Institute." As always, I remain enthusiastic about the prospects of working together with colleagues to deliver the Digital Democracies mandate in the coming years and am prepared to support the application to render this initiative an SFU Institute. The description of the institute's current and forthcoming work you shared with me is very much resonant.

Do let me know if you need anything from me at this time. In the interim, all the best with the application and looking forward to working together in the near future.

Best regards,
Adel

From: Amy Harris
Sent: August 7, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Adel Farag
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Iskander

Thank you so much for being an affiliate of the Digital Democracies Group. Your research is central to our current and future work.

We are about to submit our application to become an Institute within SFU. To support our application, we would be grateful if you could confirm your interest in being an affiliate with us by Wednesday, August 12th.

For your information, the one paragraph description of our work is as follows, and you can get in touch with me or Wendy if you have any questions:

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Best,

Wendy and Amy

Amy Harris

PhD Candidate, School of Communication
Simon Fraser University

Fwd: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Fri 07/08/2020 17:30

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ahmed Al-Rawi <aalrawi@sfu.ca>
Subject: Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute
Date: August 7, 2020 at 5:16:35 PM PDT
To: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>

Hi Wendy,
This sounds like a very good idea! I'll be happy to join.
Best,
Ahmed

Ahmed Al-Rawi, Ph.D.
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Simon Fraser University | Room # K8645
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[Personal website](#) | [SFU webpage](#)
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<http://www.sfu.ca/disinformationproject>



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From: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun
Sent: August 7, 2020 3:47:59 PM
To: Ahmed Al-Rawi
Subject: Fwd: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Hi Ahmed,

I hope all is well!

In general, we will be more independent—since we will be acknowledged as a cross-disciplinary entity--and thus be in a better position to apply for future interdisciplinary funding. We can also work more directly with foundations to set up programming, such as postgraduate training and faculty fellowships.

best,

whkc.

Begin forwarded message:

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From: Ahmed Al-Rawi
Sent: 07 August 2020 09:55
To: Amy Harris
Subject: Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Hi Amy,
Thanks for your message! Just a general question, what will be the advantage of changing the DD Group into an Institute?
Ahmed

Ahmed Al-Rawi, Ph.D.

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From: Amy Harris
Sent: August 7, 2020 9:51:41 AM
To: Ahmed Al-Rawi
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Al-Rawi

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Best,

Wendy and Amy

Amy Harris
 PhD Candidate, School of Communication
 Simon Fraser University



Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Aleena Chia

Fri 07/08/2020 11:50

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Hi Amy,

Yes, I'd like to confirm my interest in being an affiliate in your application to become an institute.

Best wishes,
AC

From: Amy Harris
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:52:59 AM
To: Aleena Chia
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Chia

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Amy Harris
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Simon Fraser University

Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Andrew Feenberg

Fri 07/08/2020 11:13

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

I am interested! Of course!

Recent Books:

[Technosystem: The Social Life of Reason \(Harvard, 2017\)](#)

[La Philosophie de la Praxis](#) (Lux Editeur, 2016)

[Critical Theory and the Thought of Andrew Feenberg](#), D. Arnold and A. Michel, eds. (Palgrave, 2017)

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From: Amy Harris

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:53 AM

To: Andrew Feenberg

Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

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Amy Harris

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Cait McKinney

Fri 07/08/2020 11:08

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy,

Yes I would like to continue to be an affiliate of the DDG as it moves towards becoming an institute.

Best,
Cait

Cait McKinney
Assistant Professor | School of Communication
Simon Fraser University | K9666
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T: 778-782-7143

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On Aug 7, 2020, at 9:54 AM, Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr McKinney

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Amy Harris
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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Caroline Colijn <ccolijn@sfu.ca>

Fri 07/08/2020 10:29

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy Certainly. This is really important work, I'd be delighted to contribute and I hereby confirm my interest in being an affiliate.
Best wishes
Caroline

On Fri, 7 Aug 2020 at 10:08, Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr. Colijn

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Amy Harris

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Simon Fraser University

Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Daniel Ahadi

Fri 07/08/2020 10:11

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Thanks Amy. Yes, I would like to remain an affiliate.

Best,
Daniel

Dr. Daniel Ahadi

School of Communication

Faculty Teaching Fellow | FCAT

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Latest Publication:

Ahadi, D., Pedri, J. & L. D. Nichols (2019). [Implementing a First-Year Experience curriculum in a large lecture course: Opportunities, challenges, and myths.](#) *Canadian Journal of Higher Education*, 49(2), pp. 72-91.



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From: Amy Harris
Sent: August 7, 2020 9:49:46 AM
To: Daniel Ahadi
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Ahadi

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Amy Harris

PhD Candidate, School of Communication
Simon Fraser University

Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dara Kelly

Sat 08/08/2020 12:36

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Hi Amy,

Many thanks for including me in this community. I would like to confirm my continued interest in being part of this group.

Ey cha ta' swayel, Have a good day

Dr Dara Kelly

Assistant Professor, Indigenous Business (Stó:lō)

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From: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>

Date: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 9:55 AM

To: Muka <dara_kelly@sfu.ca>

Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Kelly

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Amy Harris

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Enda Brophy

Mon 10/08/2020 12:00

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Happy to be an affiliate with DDG, Amy.

Best,

Enda

Enda Brophy
Associate Professor | School of Communication
Acting Director | Labour Studies
Researcher in Residence | Community Engaged Research Initiative (CERi)
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On Aug 7, 2020, at 9:56 AM, Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr Brophy

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Frederik Lesage

Fri 07/08/2020 11:59

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Wendy and Amy,

This looks like a wonderful initiative! I wholeheartedly support the application. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help.

Best,

Fred

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2020, at 09:57, Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr Lesage

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Fred Popowich

Sat 08/08/2020 13:01

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Cc: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>;

Hi Amy (and Wendy)

I would indeed like to “confirm [my] interest in being an affiliate with” your proposed institute. It does indeed continue to align with my interests.

Cheers

Fred

Fred Popowich, PHD

Scientific Director | SFU's Big Data Initiative

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From: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>

Date: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 10:06 AM

To: Fred Popowich <fred_popowich@sfu.ca>

Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr. Popowich

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Karrmen Crey

Fri 07/08/2020 12:28

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Hi Amy,

Yes, I would like to be an affiliate of Digital Democracies.

All best,
Karrmen

Karrmen Crey (Stó:lō)
Assistant Professor I School of Communication
Simon Fraser University I K9668 Shrum Science Centre
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On Aug 7, 2020, at 9:58 AM, Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr Crey

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Amy Harris
PhD Candidate, School of Communication
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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Katherine Reilly

Tue 11/08/2020 07:56

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Hi Amy,

Yes, I confirm my support for your application.

Best,

Katherine

Dr. Katherine Reilly

Associate Professor | School of Communication

Director, MA in Global Communication

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<https://medium.com/@kmareilly>

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From: Amy Harris

Sent: August 7, 2020 9:59:02 AM

To: Katherine Reilly

Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Reilly

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8/11/2020

Mail – amy_harris@sfu.ca

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Amy Harris

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RE: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Maite Taboada

Tue 11/08/2020 09:48

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy,

Thank you very much to you and to Wendy for this kind invitation, which I accept gladly.

Let me know if you need any information from me for this.

Best,
- Maite

Maite Taboada

Professor | Department of Linguistics
Acting Associate Dean | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
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T: +1 778 782 9982 | mtaboada@sfu.ca
<http://www.sfu.ca/~mtaboada>

From: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>
Sent: August 7, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Maite Taboada, FASS Associate Dean - Research & International <fass_adri@sfu.ca>
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Taboada

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Amy Harris

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Simon Fraser University

Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Mark Pickup <mark.pickup@gmail.com>

Sun 09/08/2020 13:36

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Cc: Mark Pickup <mark_pickup@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy,

Yes, I am definitely interested in being an affiliate.

Best,
Mark

On Fri, Aug 7, 2020 at 10:01 AM Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr. Pickup

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Wendy and Amy

Amy Harris

PhD Candidate, School of Communication

Simon Fraser University

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Dr Mark Pickup

Associate Professor and Graduate Program Chair
Political Science, Simon Fraser University

Check out: Introduction to Time Series by Mark Pickup, <http://www.sagepub.com/books/Book240640>

Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Milena Droumeva

Fri 07/08/2020 10:06

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Definitely interested! Thanks for checking in Amy

From: Amy Harris

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 10:02:28 AM

To: Milena Droumeva

Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Droumeva

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Amy Harris

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Nilima Nigam <nigam@math.sfu.ca>

Sat 08/08/2020 11:39

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>; Wendy Hui Kyong Chun <wendy_chun@sfu.ca>;

Cc: Nilima Nigam <nigam@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy and Wendy

sure, I'm very happy to be an affiliate of the Digital Democracies Institute.

Here's my official information and contact info, if needed:

First Name: Nilima

Last Name: Nigam

Title: Professor (some grants only allow 'Dr.', which is also fine)

Position: Professor of Mathematics

Affiliation: Department of Mathematics, Simon Fraser University

Official Webpage: <http://www.math.sfu.ca/~nigam>

Email: nigam@math.sfu.ca

Address: SCK 10535

Department of Mathematics

Simon Fraser University

8888 University Drive

Burnaby, B.C.

Canada V5A 1S6s

On Sat, Aug 8, 2020 at 10:56 AM Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr. Niljam

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Best,

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Amy Harris

PhD Candidate, School of Communication

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Nilima Nigam
Professor
Dept. of Mathematics
Simon Fraser University

Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Sarah Ganter <sganter@sfu.ca>

Fri 07/08/2020 11:19

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Wendy and Amy,

Sure-happy to confirm and best of luck with the application!

Best,

Sarah

Dr. Sarah Anne Ganter

Assistant Professor | School of Communication
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Selected publications:

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On Aug 7, 2020, at 10:03, Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca> wrote:

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Sun Ha Hong

Fri 07/08/2020 11:51

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy, Wendy,

Hope you are doing well!

I hereby confirm my interest in affiliation with the DDG/Institute - rather, I'd be honoured. DDG & everyone at it have made a real difference to the School and it's wonderful to hear about the institute step.

If you need any more info from me, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Best wishes,

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From: Amy Harris
Sent: August 7, 2020 10:04:34 AM
To: Sun Ha Hong
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Svitlana Matviyenko

Fri 07/08/2020 12:12

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy:

I confirm!!

best,
Svitlana

Svitlana Matviyenko

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From: Amy Harris
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 10:05:16 AM
To: Svitlana Matviyenko
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr. Matviyenko

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Yuezhi Zhao

Sun 09/08/2020 20:37

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Dear Amy,

Yes, I confirm that I will be honoured to be an affiliated member of the institute.

Best wishes,

Yuezhi Zhao

From: Amy Harris
Sent: August 7, 2020 10:06:59 AM
To: Yuezhi Zhao
Subject: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Dear Dr Zhao

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Re: Confirmation of Affiliation with the Digital Democracies Group/Institute

Stuart Poyntz

Wed 12/08/2020 12:29

To: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>;

Hi Amy

My apologies for the delayed response, I'm away on a vacation for a couple of weeks. Please include me in the application for institute status, and best of luck to you.

Let me know if you need any other information from my end.

Stuart

Stuart R. Poyntz, Ph.D.

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From: Amy Harris <amy_harris@sfu.ca>

Date: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 10:03 AM

To: Stuart Poyntz <stuart_poyntz@sfu.ca>

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