Sisterhood on Twitter? ICT-based Collective Action and Narratives of Solidarity & Justice

**Graduate Workshop on February 18, 2019
in Tübingen, Germany**

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Today, it seems that a hashtag is the means of choice to show solidarity with women/LGBTI* or advocate for gender justice. Civil society actors and governmental bodies widely use social media and in particular Twitter to promote gender equality – from #MeToo in the USA to #CzarnyProtest in Poland to #SayNoStopVAW by the European Commission. In ICT-based collective action, people claim visibility by aggregating their voices, generating the impression of a powerful show of horizontal democracy. Yet, deeply rooted mechanisms of exclusion prevent participation in ICT-based collective action. The gender digital divide but also inequalities in the distribution of social media visibility question the widespread assumption that anyone's voice can be heard.

At the workshop, we will discuss the following and related questions:
What are mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion in ICT-based collective action?
What is the role of technology with regard to inclusion/exclusion?
Who are the most visible actors within their movement?
What narratives do these actors voice?
Is solidarity and justice possible in or through ICT-based collective action?

**Keynote Lecture "Algorithmic Subjectivity and Digital Publics"
by Prof. Dr. Tobias Matzner, Paderborn University**

We encourage Master's and Ph.D. students to send proposals for a 10-minute presentation (500 words) to the organizers by 20 January 2019:
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