

## Workshops

Saturday, 11:15-12:30

### **Counterproductive: Do you know how many sensors you interact with daily and what data they extract from you?**

With Ravin Raori

Drawing on his short film *Counterproductive*, Ravin Raori explores how everyday sensing technologies such as smart homes assistants, personal devices, and data driven systems observe behaviour, infer intent, and intervene in our lives. The film presents a speculative near future in which domestic technologies learn from their user and subtly begin to shape their choices, exposing the blurred line between care, control, and optimisation.

Following a screening and short talk on data, training, and algorithmic decision making, participants will take part in a guided workshop mapping the sensors they encounter daily, from the visible to the invisible. Through a series of prompts and collective discussion, the group will produce a shared manifesto or mission statement reflecting on consent, agency, and the right to opacity in an increasingly monitored world.

Saturday, 13:30-14:45

### **Staying Unreadable: What sex workers can teach us about data monitoring?**

With Ludovica Galleani d'Agliano and Josephine Devaud

More people are relying on internet-based sex work to make ends meet, exposing sex workers to intensified digital surveillance. Since the passage of FOSTA-SESTA in 2018, online platforms have increased censorship and discrimination against sex workers and sexual content.

In this workshop, we will explore the question of *how to protect your data* from the perspective of the sex workers' community that must navigate constant digital and psychological vulnerability as a daily reality. What does it mean to register on a platform, create a digital identity, when your work depends on visibility but your safety depends on invisibility? We will discuss practical tools, identity management strategies, and harm-reduction models developed within sex worker communities and collectives, and reflect on how these approaches can be applied more broadly to questions of digital privacy, autonomy, and resistance.

**Josephine Devaud (she/her)** is a designer, researcher, and advocate focused on sex workers' rights, autonomy, and digital inclusion. She is co-founder of *Scarlot.co*, a digital support system for sex workers.

Saturday, 16:15-17:30

## **Hacking interfaces, confusing machines: What can we learn from disabled and non-disabled encounters?**

With Puneet Jain and Yesica Duarte

Drawing on our experience of creating interfaces with and for disabled people, we begin from the position that disabled people are experts and designers of everyday life. This form of expertise often emerges through hacking: hacking as a political action that refuses demands to cure, fix, or hide disability.

This workshop explores how non-disabled users can imagine, adapt to, and disrupt technical interfaces by learning from disabled encounters. It asks how we might generate situations in which machines are confused by non-normative interactions—missed gestures, misread inputs, unintended outputs. Rather than framing hacking as a purely technical act, the session uses speculative “what if” questions to reveal the normative assumptions embedded in technologies that track, interpret, and respond to human behaviour.

Following a short introduction addressing interfaces, accessibility, and machine interpretation of human behaviour, participants will take part in a guided workshop mapping their encounters with technological systems through speculative “what if” questions. Prompts such as, What if you cannot use your left hand when cooking? What if I can operate computer with my breath? What if I don’t have strength in my fingers and I want to prepare a lemonade?

Together, we will share our responses to collectively develop these scenarios and reflect on how interfaces respond to, exclude, or are hacked by bodies and behaviours outside normative design expectations.

The workshop will conclude with the collective development of statements proposing what hacking can mean, informed by disabled and non-disabled encounters alike.