

Research Committee 30: Digital Sociology

The digital revolution has transformed the economies, politics, cultures and societies across the globe. The world today is regulated by the mechanism of digital network and information, which has changed both macro structures such as the market and state as well as micro everyday experiences. Importantly there are in place often invisible coercive power relations that stem from the intellectual hegemony of the modern political economy that ensures technocratic rationalism, commercialization of information and consumerism as reigning ideology. Numerous professional organizations oversee the digital society, using coding and algorithms to direct trends or regulate virtual behavior and action. Modern digital technologies have control over individual privacy, which has sped up the legal commercialization of data / information. It has endangered people's personal safety and promoted online fraud, digital spying, cybercrime, internet addiction, etc.

Sociologists need to comprehend and interpret the web of digital relationships between individuals, groups, communities, and institutions that have been altered by digital resources. RC 30 Digital Sociology seeks to make serious efforts to look into these fresh, growing fields of study: from digital empowerment to digital opportunity initiatives, to support the growth of Indian Sociology, and to launch a push to make Digital Sociology a sub-discipline of Sociology in its new avatar.

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