

# Call for Proposal

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN A DIGITAL WORLD:  
A DISCUSSION ON A POSSIBLE FUTURE

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# Vulnerable People in a Digital World: A Discussion on a Possible Future

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The catholic University of Lille is planning a scientific and cultural event focused on the conceptualization of an optimistic future (ECOPOSS)<sup>3</sup>. During this event, the Law Faculty will organize a workshop on the way vulnerabilities and digitization influence each other. This workshop wishes to put forward the work of young scholars (PhD candidates and recent doctors), and to have an inter-disciplinary approach.

The aim of this proposal is thus to call for contributions of young researchers, in different fields, on the way digitalization and vulnerabilities interplay.

With the ever-growing development of digital tools, accelerated by the arrival of the Internet and its access in the overwhelming majority of homes, our relationship with the world has radically changed. "Digitization", "dematerialization", "virtualization" of the society, the perspective of an "all digital" takes an important place in our social interactions and public policies.

Confronted with these societal evolutions, we may not be all equals: some of us can benefit from this digitization, as a tool to compensate for vulnerabilities, while others may suffer from it. This workshop aims to consider the desirable effects of digital technology on people, present and future. First, it will highlight the benefits of digital technology for people who are already vulnerable. Then, as it is undeniable that digital technology can create or accentuate vulnerabilities, we also aim to propose ways for improvements.

This workshop seeks to critically open the reflection to a multidisciplinary and international content. In order to promote a global vision, contributions from several scientific fields, in French and English will be accepted. The organizing committee would like to form thematic panels, bilingual or monolingual, bringing together different disciplines to compare views on the same issue.

## **Timeline:**

- Proposals' submission by June 20th, 2022.
- Response of the selected proposals by end of June 2022.
- The conference will take place between October 26th and 30th, 2022, on the campus of the Catholic University of Lille. The speakers' travel expenses may be covered.

The proposal should be sent via this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/JDGajEgeTQBuWZFYA>. It should include at least a provisional title, written in French or English with a maximum of 2500 characters, mentioning the name and affiliation of the author, and be accompanied by a detailed CV.

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