

Martedì 7 GIUGNO, ore 9.45-12.45, AULA AIS4 via Obizzi,

## SEMINAR

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### Academic social networks as socio-technical systems for scholarly communication: the case of ResearchGate and [Academia.edu](https://www.academia.edu/)



Academic social network sites (ASNS) are digital platforms for information sharing and systems for open dissemination of scholarly

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practices that are increasingly transforming scholarship communication and academic identity. ASNS can be analyzed as networked socio-technical systems that support diverse forms of social capital among scholars according to three levels: 1) a macro-level, corresponding to the socio-economic layer; 2) a meso-level, which comprises the techno-cultural layer; and 3) a micro-level, corresponding to the networked-scholar layer. Aim of the seminar is to reflect on the two most popular ASNS, [Academia.edu](https://www.academia.edu/) and ResearchGate, as digital sites to build a professional profile, connect with colleagues, share publications, and support scholarly communication among researchers of multiple disciplines.