

Critical perspectives on education in a digitalized society



An invitation to researchers in Nordic countries to participate in an online workshop on 10th June 2026.

On the 10th of June 2026 CRITPEN will host a workshop on critical perspectives on education in an era where digital technologies are deeply entangled with everyday life. These conditions shape not only educational policies and practices but also what and how young people need to learn to enact democratic citizenship. The workshop invites scholars to critically reflect on these entanglements and, for example, the implications of datafication, platforms, and socio-technical arrangements for education. The idea is for researchers with a critical knowledge interest to meet, discuss, and develop ideas around questions such as: How do digital systems shape power relations in education? What forms of inequality, exclusion or potential for emancipation emerge through constantly changing digital technologies? How can we explore and understand the political economy of ed-tech, and what are the consequences for education? How might critical theory inform alternative methodological approaches to studying digitalized educational environments? How do education prepare young people for citizenship in a 'post digital' society where digitalization is taken for granted, e.g. in digitally saturated working and civic life?

The programme includes keynote lectures by Antti Paakkari and Neil Selwyn, followed by discussions and a synthesis lead by Catarina Player Koro. See preliminary schedule, including information on how to take part, below. We hope to see you in June!

Kind regards the CRITPEN Committee,

Mattias Nylund, Sirpa Lappalainen, Anna-Maija Niemi and Per-Åke Rosvall

P.S. If you have colleagues that you think would be interested in the workshop and the CRITPEN-network, feel free to share this information with them.

Webpage: <https://www.gu.se/en/research/critpen>

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How to take part

Day: 10th June, 9-12 (CET/ Swedish time)

Place: Zoom (a link will be sent to you after registration)

Register your participation at the following link, at the latest 30th May: <https://link.gu.se/Events/7159/Apply>.

After registration, on the 8th of June, we will send you an email with a link to the Zoom meeting in which the workshop will take place.

Schedule:

09.00-09.05	Welcome
09.05-09.50	Keynote 1: Neil Selwyn, <i>Digital education ... the need to be constructively critical.</i>
09.50-10.10	Discussion
10.10-10.25	Break 15 mins
10.25-11.10	Keynote 2: Antti Paakkari, <i>Steps towards post-platform education. What is going wrong with the platformisation of education and can it be fixed?</i>
11.10-11.30	Discussion
11.30-11.45	Synthesis: Catarina Player Koro
11.45-11.50	Wrap up