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PROJECT INFORMATION

RESOCIAL ('User vulnerabilities and Resilience on SOCIAL media platforms and the metaverse: a sociolegal and design perspective', an NWO-NWA Synergy Grant Project) seeks to identify, measure, and thereby mitigate human **vulnerabilities** on social media platforms (including the metaverse and immersive technologies), thereby fostering the **resilience** of their users.

THE PROJECT'S CO-APPLICANTS

RESOCIAL brings together an impressive team of co-applicants. This includes four members from **Leiden Law School** – Dr Michael Klos (Institute of Jurisprudence), Prof. Simone van der Hof (eLaw), Dr Carlotta Rigotti (eLaw), and Prof. Vanessa Mak (Institute of Private Law) – along with two other distinguished academics: Dr M. Birna van Riemsdijk, an Associate Professor of Intimate Computing at the **University of Twente**, and Dr Ben Wagner, an Associate Professor of Human Rights and Technology at both the **University of Delft** and **InHolland University**.



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☀ We are proud to announce the completion of our Survey!

The RESOCIAL team has put together a survey to better understand how you experience your interactions with social media platforms. Your input will help shape platform designs and policies in the future!

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ONLINE SURVEY

about **experiences on Social Media Platforms!**

We need you!

You are invited to participate in a survey for the NWO-NWA Synergy Grant Research Project RESOCIAL.



25-30 min to fill in!



Chance to win a 50 euros gift-card



Participants must be 18+



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JANNEKE SCHOKKENBROEK'S BOOK LAUNCH!

We are thrilled to announce the release of *Appily Ever After*, the debut book by **Janneke Schokkenbroek**, a Postdoc at TU Delft. With a background in communication science, criminology and social psychology, Janneke specializes in harmful interpersonal processes in dating and relationships in digital spaces.

In *Appily Ever After*, Janneke combines her research insights with contributions from relationship experts like Rika Ponnet, Tila Pronk, and Elisabeth Timmermans. The book addresses the pitfalls of online dating in the digital age, delving into six challenging phenomena including catfishing, sexting, and ghosting. Through engaging personal stories and examples, Janneke illustrates the digital challenges many face today.

Released on the very fitting date of February 14th, this book is a must-read for anyone looking to better understand love and technology.

[Order your copy now on Bol.com](https://bol.com) to discover how to navigate the digital world of modern relationships.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VSR CONFERENCE

On January 30th, the Van Vollenhoven Institute hosted the annual VSR conference. It was a day filled with insightful discussions and workshops. Among the highlights was a workshop on Digital Governance and Vulnerability, led by RESOCIAL's Principle Investigator Gianclaudio Malgieri and Linnet Taylor from the TILT department of Tilburg University.



The theme of this year's conference was 'The Socio-Legal Imagination,' which provided a perfect backdrop for the workshop. Gianclaudio and Linnet moderated a session on Digital Vulnerability and Participatory Approaches. They shared their perspectives on what digital vulnerability means and how we can better understand 'participatory approaches.'

The workshop delved into fascinating topics like; vulnerability in the metaverse as experienced through the representation of the self in digital avatars, the various strands of history that underpin data governance approaches and the forms through which technology can also be seen as sources of law and norm creation.

On February 2nd, our own **Lorena Sánchez Chamorro** took the stage at FOSDEM, the largest conference dedicated to free, open-source software, held in Brussels on February 1st and 2nd.

Lorena's presentation, titled "**Towards Free-Fair-Patterns: Free to Use, Free from Deceptive Patterns, Fair for All,**" was a standout session. She explored how open-source design can help mitigate users' vulnerabilities in the face of manipulative design practices. Lorena's goal was to inspire the open-source design community to create more ethical interfaces using free-fair patterns.

Her talk delved into the importance of ethical design and the impact of manipulative design on user vulnerability. By promoting free-fair patterns, Lorena aims to pave the way for more transparent and user-friendly digital environments.



Every year, Leiden University's eLaw -- Centre for Law and Digital Technologies department organizes working groups to foster a productive and collaborative environment. The **Vulnerability Working Group**, is a reading seminar that is jointly organised by the members of RESOCIAL in collaboration with ConsumerID, focusing on exploring human vulnerability in the digital ecosystem.

The Vulnerability Working Group is organised in two types of sessions. The first type involves internal discussions on the theoretical and conceptual aspects of vulnerability. The second type is an author-led session where we read specific papers and invite the authors to discuss their work. In the past, we've had the pleasure of hosting exciting guests like Joel Anderson, Sofia Ranchordas, and Malou Beck. This semester promises more fantastic guests!

If you are interested in joining our discussions, please do not hesitate to reach out (resocialproject@law.leidenuniv.nl) !



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