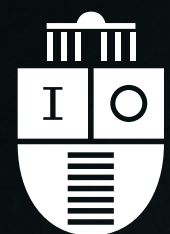


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Innovating research since 2011.



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THE INSTITUTE

# A driving force for the digital society

We do not believe that technology is an unchangeable “force of nature”, but that it can and should be actively shaped in a future-oriented way through sound knowledge, social participation and a normative framework.

## **Pioneering German internet research**

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) was founded as the first German-speaking institution of its kind. It has since served as a central research partner for the digital society and offers an important source of knowledge for science, as well as for business, politics and the media.

## **A European perspective on global issues**

Europe needs a strong knowledge community with a global voice. We will actively contribute to developing a European response to digital structural change and its extraordinary challenges over the next 10 years. Research benefits from having a player that can act quickly, cooperatively and with a focus on solutions, based on private funding and civic responsibility.

## **A prominent node of an international network**

Thanks to HIIG’s intensive international networking and our highly dynamic approach, a research landscape has emerged in Germany that is internationally unique. This is also reflected in the Network of Centers, an association of over 120 interdisciplinary research institutions worldwide, which was co-initiated by the HIIG and in which it continues to be a driving force.



## MISSIONS

# What do we want for tomorrow's digital society?

### Leading towards a human-centred digital transformation

We advocate for the conscientious regulation and development of technologies, aiming to enhance safety and empowerment in the dynamic digital sphere.

### Building inclusive growth through critical infrastructures

We champion resilient digital public infrastructures that drive equitable work, efficient e-governance, and open education for all, shaping a future of inclusive growth.

### Forging a path to a sustainable future with AI

We are charting the course towards a sustainable future, harnessing the immense potential of AI to better serve the common good and contribute positively to our environment.

### Safeguarding our democratic futures and rights

We are ready to do further pioneering work to overcome disinformation and the end of a shared understanding of truth to maintain a stable democratic foundation.



## KNOWLEDGE CREATION AND OUTREACH

# How we work

### Participatory knowledge production

We've been engaging in knowledge production formats such as research sprints, clinics, multi-stakeholder dialogues and citizen participation since 2011. We also experiment with new organisational models and are experienced in managing complex knowledge processes in a results-oriented manner.

### Creative outreach and public engagement

Being curious about new forms of knowledge transfer and its perpetuation is firmly anchored in our DNA. We are constantly reinventing scientific communication and engagement with policymakers, business and civil society through podcasts, multimedia exhibitions, hackathons, ...

### An interdisciplinary, transfer-oriented research environment

Numerous academic and impact-oriented activities from AI at work to zero emissions

MORE THAN

**680**

ACADEMIC ARTICLES  
AND WORKING PAPERS

MORE THAN

**130**

BOOKS AND  
EDITED WORKS

MORE THAN

**260**

BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS  
AND CHAPTERS

MORE THAN

**65**

EVENTS PER YEAR  
WITH UP TO 1000  
PARTICIPANTS



OUR DNA

# What defines us

Creating a space outside conventional academia and state research, we foster a collaborative environment. Researchers from diverse backgrounds and all career stages freely exchange ideas, generating the essential dynamics crucial for technological innovation in the digital society.

We provide an exceptional space where excellent interdisciplinarity is lived.

We conduct agile, thematically open research, orientated towards longer-term programmatic questions.

We are a transparent platform and bridge for all interested parties.

We offer scope for young researchers and digital pioneers from all over the world.

We create unbureaucratic opportunities without red tape.

We can set topics, conduct studies or offer dialogue events extremely quickly.





## GLOBAL NETWORK OF EXPERTISE

# Where we make a difference

### A paradise for digital mavericks

We promote digital visionaries and want to be a buzzing hub for all those who want to find their way between excellent research, target-group-oriented dialogue and active economic and social shaping. More than 300 digital pioneers have joined the various projects.

### A springboard for excellent alumni

Our alumni are pursuing careers in policymaking, federal institutions, industry and civil society organisations. They work in the federal government, at universities and in the courts, and they have founded spin-offs, are running companies or NGOs and are strengthening our network.

### A high demand for HIIG's expertise

HIIG experts are regularly invited to testify at hearings, they serve on committees and they are sought after for press and speaking engagements.

### Building a global research community

We've co-initiated a global network of internet research centres and host fellows from around the world.

MORE THAN  
**120**  
CENTERS ON  
FIVE CONTINENTS

MORE THAN  
**130**  
FELLOWS AND  
VISITING RESEARCHERS



FUNDING

# How to become a partner

## High leverage of institutional funding

We match 50% of our institutional funding with recognised third-party research funds.

MORE THAN

# 18 million

SINCE 2012

from federal ministries, EU funding programmes, and national and international foundations

## Ways of supporting us

Help us to answer the essential questions of our time and allow society to engage in a well-founded discourse on digitalisation processes!

1. **Donate directly** contribute to research on and for tomorrows digital society.
2. **Fund a research project** on a particular research or science communication initiative and support our mission-critical research efforts.
3. **Sustain the institution** and build a lasting and global community of inquiry with us.