

RESEARCH REPORT 2025

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) researches the development of the internet from a societal perspective. The aim is to better understand the digitalisation of all spheres of life. As the first institute in Germany with a focus on internet and society, HIIG has established an understanding that centres on the deep interconnectedness of digital innovations and societal processes. Drawing on the scientific competencies brought together at the institute, HIIG is making substantive contributions to our understanding of the relationship between innovation and governance in the digital society. Innovation and governance interact in ambiguous ways; they may both mutually stimulate and even enable each other but they may also be constraining.

The HIIG was founded in 2011 by the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Berlin University of the Arts and the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, in alliance with the Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans-Bredow-Institut (HBI) in Hamburg as an integrated co-operation partner.

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2025

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) in Berlin researches the internet's development from a societal perspective. The aim is to better understand what it means that all spheres of life are becoming digital. As the first institute in Germany dedicated to how the internet and society intertwine, HIIG has established an understanding that centres on the deep interconnectedness of digital innovations and societal processes. Technological development influences norms, values and networks of interests, and conversely, technologies, once established, influence social expectations.

2025 marks the last time the research report will follow the current structure, as the institute has secured institutional funding and transitions into its newly aligned organisational and research framework.

PROBLEM-ORIENTED RESEARCH ON INTERNET AND SOCIETY

Modern societies are based on ever-changing sets of norms, procedures and structures intended to enable free and democratic coexistence. In times of fundamental social, economic and technical transformation, however, some of the institutions upholding these norms are reaching the limits.

We build creative spaces for knowledge production that allow us to quickly respond to disruptive phenomena and promote new ways of thinking. By continuously examining overarching developments in science, politics, business and civil society, we have established an intellectual context for such thinking. This helps us generating concepts that offer a better understanding of the digital society, based on our own and others' theoretical and empirical work. By integrating various disciplines and interest groups into the research process, we facilitate knowledge exchange that strengthens our ability to think and act sustainably and responsibly. Thus, our interdisciplinary research contributes to redesigning democratic processes for a future-oriented, free society.

We give pioneering thinkers of the digital society the opportunity to engage with issues early and develop networks – without bureaucratic hurdles – and encourage them to develop projects and explore topics flexibly – without any thematic preconceptions. We promote unconventional approaches and are open to new ideas from all areas of society. We build bridges where others are busy staking their claims.

NODE OF AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, TRANSFER AND DISSEMINATION

Our institute perceives itself as a node in an international network of knowledge production and distribution. With this mindset, we invite established thinkers to give lectures on current structural changes; we offer our infrastructure to young talents from across the world as an incubator for their ideas; and we support international networking among researchers to exploit the scientific potential of such collaborations. For HIIG, the European perspective is central to encouraging greater and better-quality debate, both locally and globally.

The impact HIIG aims to achieve is based on excellent, socially relevant interdisciplinary research. However, our findings are also presented in an easy-to-understand and usable way for different target groups. We achieve this by creating transfer outlets such as online magazines, science blogs, public discussion rounds, media contributions, games and other unconventional, experimental formats.

Striving to achieve the overall aim of facilitating research on internet and society, the HIIG team pursued the following objectives in 2025:

- Refine HIIG's profile and distinctive strengths, particularly in relation to fundraising and strategic partnerships.
- Foster research on the institute's core concern, the tension between innovation and governance, across all programmes and projects.
- Enhance our international perspective by integrating global viewpoints into research activities and the institute's overall strategic orientation.
- Strengthen HIIG's role as a thought leader in the AI & society conversation by advocating for an open, inclusive and sustainable approach to AI that respects human rights, while further developing our AI & Society Lab.
- Expand and activate networks, serving as a hub for national and international partners, leading European initiatives and building connections, with particular attention to collaboration with the Global South.
- Advance knowledge production and transfer by developing topic-oriented formats and events.
- Align research with major societal challenges, ensuring that scientific outputs contribute to democratic resilience, responsible innovation and informed public debate.

In 2025, HIIG focused on academic excellence and societal impact, while directing major structural efforts toward securing long-term funding. With new funders who share our vision and support our goals, the institute began realigning its research agenda and organisational structure, developing proposals that reflect these priorities and open up new areas of inquiry.

HIIG continued to shape the digital society through transdisciplinary research and innovative dialogue, fostering international knowledge exchange and strengthening collaborations with the Global South and transatlantic partners. Locally, the institute examined governance models that balance municipal and private interests to support sustainable urban transformation.

HIIG also supported strong career development, with alumni moving into influential roles across academia, policy and industry, helping to shape the digital future well beyond the institute.

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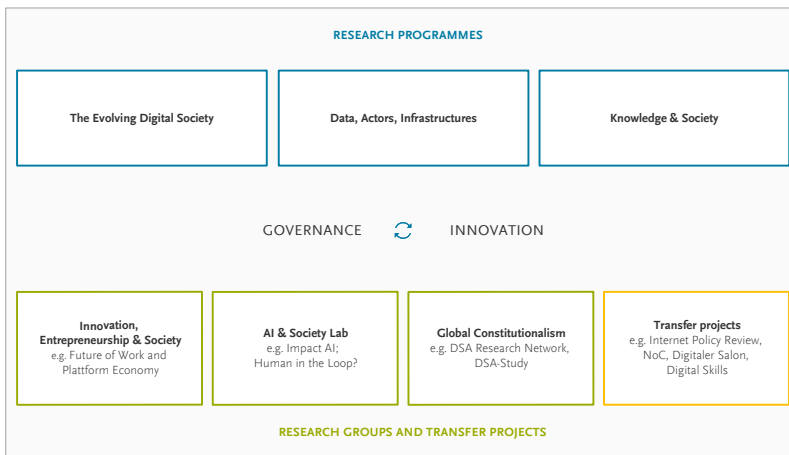
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PROBLEM-ORIENTED RESEARCH ON INTERNET AND SOCIETY

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society aims to broaden the theoretical and empirical foundations of internet and society research in order to contribute to a better understanding of the digital society. Throughout the process of digitalisation, societies are undergoing changes. Our conceptual frame of reference for identifying and assessing these societal changes is the relationship between innovation and governance.

In 2025, the institute's research agenda was organised in programmes driven by broad research questions spanning all of our disciplines. Larger research groups, projects and science communication initiatives addressed these questions in distinct ways or tackled pressing issues of the digital society. Through knowledge transfer activities, HIIG built bridges between a variety of stakeholders, including academia and business. Towards the end of the year, a transformation process has begun, which will reshape priorities and focus groups to be fleshed out in 2026.

The following figure shows the research topics in 2025:



RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Analysing the relationship between innovation and governance, HIIG has developed three long-term research programmes that have provided the framework for its research activities and given rise to HIIG's agenda:

- The Evolving Digital Society
- Data, Actors, Infrastructures
- Knowledge & Society

I. The Evolving Digital Society: Concepts, Discourses, Materialities

The Evolving Digital Society research programme analyses ongoing transformative processes by looking at the concepts, discourses and material technological objects that shape reality for digital societies. The programme has continued its work on key topics, such as the relationship between humans and machines, AI narratives and imaginaries, military AI and autonomous weapon systems, while also contributing to the theorisation of digital societies at large.

As part of our conceptual work, we maintained high-profile transfer activities through the publication projects Defining Concepts of the Digital Society and Theorising Digital Societies. The book is set to be published in 2026 with Amsterdam University Press. Together with the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) we are also working on making its contents available in German. Despite the massive technological changes in the wake of digitalisation and the rising importance of AI, many of the fundamental issues of political, social and personal values remain fixtures of the digital society. Still, they face constant challenges and require a continuous reevaluation, which the publication project aims to provide.

In another focal theme we analysed the discursive and political construction of AI, resulting in the open-access book The Realities of Autonomous Weapons in collaboration with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. It aims to make major contributions to the analysis of military AI narratives and technological visions and imaginaries. Current conflicts, including in Ukraine and the Middle East have accelerated the implementation and use of AI in military technology. Target automation and the actual use of AI to “pull the trigger” is no longer a far-off potential scenario, but a daily occurrence in today's conflicts. At the same time, the ways in which the use of military AI is imagined in public discourses or science fiction shapes both the regulatory efforts and the development of these weapons. The book combines both these perspectives in an innovative theoretical approach that also features artistic contributions.

We have also continued to explore the material dimension of (media) technologies by analysing military technologies. Military technologies are a particularly worthwhile object of analysis, as they combine innovation with creative ways of appropriating new devices and applications within human/machine relations. We could show, for example, that platformisation – a far-reaching sociotechnical transformation encompassing technical, infrastructural, economic, political and cultural aspects – also shapes the ways war is conducted. Platform logics of warfare include tendencies of gamification, capitalist incentivisation and epistemic factors (knowledge about the most likely outcome of an action or enemy selection criteria). The shift of power from human agents to platforms is highly consequential but remains subtle.

Finally, the publication project, *AI and the Human across Cultures*, investigates different ways of theorising and imagining complex human-machine relations. It has been accepted by *Routledge* for publication in 2026. As one of the key insights, AI is acknowledged as an ever more human-like technology that creates artificial social agents, at times indistinguishable from humans. This has major repercussions for what we call social reality. Analysing the different cultural contexts of these realities is a major goal of the publication project.

II. Data, Actors, Infrastructures: The Governance of Data-Driven Innovation and Cybersecurity

The increasing amount of data collected, stored and analysed across all areas of society is fuelling innovation. At the same time, emerging technologies and new forms of data processing use are disrupting established social and institutional structures. Our research programme *Data, Actors, Infrastructures* investigates these developments within systems of governance, focusing on both competitive and public interest contexts. We aim to develop practical approaches that exploit the benefits of automated data processing while minimising the risks.

In 2025, our primary focus was advancing our work within the Data Governance project portfolio, and successfully completing three major projects: *Data & Smart City Governance. The Example of Air Quality Management*, *AI in Nursing: Fall, Delirium, Medication and Process Development*, and *Support for AI Use in Nursing*. At the same time, we made significant progress on a fourth project, *Safe in Data Traffic*.

In June 2025, the project *Data & Smart City Governance. The Example of Air Quality Management* finished successfully. In this interdisciplinary project, we collaborated with municipal administrations and the private sector to create a data governance framework that supports digital urban transformation for the common good. To solve conflicts of interest related to data, we developed strategies, processes and methods analytically

by developing a dashboard for air quality management in Berlin and by conducting multi-stakeholder participation formats. We compiled the results in an openly accessible [digital data governance handbook](#), which enables administrations to practically assess and implement data-driven measures. To maximise impact, we vigorously pursued the dissemination of the results and, in particular, the promotion of the guide. This included a large number of presentations to stakeholders and relevant expert groups at the municipal and state levels as well as to a member of the Digital Committee in the German Bundestag. We published several articles in practice-orientated journals, and the handbook is currently being revised for publication as a monograph (expected publication in mid-2026 by *Springer Nature*, open access).

We brought the [AI in Nursing: Fall, Delirium, Medication \(KIP-SDM\)](#) and [Process Development and Support for AI Use in Nursing \(ProKIP\)](#) projects, funded by the BMFT under the funding programme Making Repositories and AI Systems Usable in Everyday Nursing Care, and part of the inter-university collaboration platform [Digital Urban Center for Aging & Health \(DUCAH\)](#), to a successful conclusion in 2025. Through our collaborative research project KIP-SDM, we have contributed to the generation of realistic, fair and usable synthetic patient data, as well as the technical and legal proof that they are effectively anonymised according to the state of the art. Now, such data can be made openly available for further research and development without entailing fundamental privacy rights risks for patients. In the accompanying scientific networking project ProKIP, we successfully developed and made publicly available an [AI-in-care readiness assessment \(AINCRA\)](#) tool that offers a systematic way to evaluate project preparedness and to build the capabilities needed for successful AI in nursing care research, development and implementation.

In 2025, we published the [Safe in Data Traffic](#) project's central outcome of its empirical phase, bringing together end-user, layperson as well as expert perspectives on structures, practices, benefits and risks of personalised advertising on the internet. At an interdisciplinary conference on risk narratives in the field of privacy, surveillance and data protection held at HIIG, we brought together a group of researchers and practitioners to explore how to enable people to not only better understand data processing but also to recognise and evaluate related risks and to empower them to respond appropriately. Our own approach, which makes use of the insight-generating function of analogies, will be an important anchor in the edited volume with contributions from the conference that will be published in 2026.

The [Global Privacy Governance \(GPG\)](#) project aims to improve our understanding of processes of global negotiations, problem framing, regulation and enforcement in the field of privacy, surveillance and data protection. In 2025, we celebrated the tenth anniversary – and the twentieth iteration – of our successful series of interdisciplinary workshops, which target young researchers and provide a forum for presenting work in progress, critical reflections and enlightening discussions.

III. Knowledge & Society: What are the Emerging Patterns of Knowledge Production and Transfer in the Digital Age?

The Knowledge & Society research programme analyses shifts in academic knowledge production, as well as its organisational and dissemination logics, with a particular focus on the societal relevance of science. In 2025, the team continued its work in core thematic areas, such as science communication with societal actors, particularly political decision-makers, innovative practices and technologies in higher education, and open science developments within academia. As most of our projects had reached their final stages this year, a large part of our efforts was devoted to implementing communication strategies to reach both academic and non-academic audiences – such as policymakers, civil society representatives, higher education institutions, science communicators and academic publishers.

This year we learned how fragile academic institutions can be in light of political pressures, including rising populism, restrictions on research funding, and attempts to influence public discourse. In this vein, we gathered academic experts and practitioners from the US, Finland, the Netherlands and Germany to develop strategies for safeguarding academic freedom and countering anti-democratic attacks. We learned that researchers can come under attack even in well-established democracies. These attacks not only take political or economic forms but also include efforts to manipulate public discourse. Given the increasing hostility towards academia, we see that institutions can help sustain researchers' independence and resilience through raising awareness among their staff and integrating legal, psychological and communication support in their institutions. As part of the Capacities and Competencies in Dealing with Hate Speech and Hostility towards Science (KAPAZ) project we finished our educational training – a summer school for researchers and a train-the-trainer programme for science communication practitioners.

In 2025, we conducted 27 interviews with managers of teaching staff in higher education institutions in Kenya, Portugal, Estonia and Germany to examine how resilience, creativity and educational technologies interact in practice. The findings show that approaches to strengthening resilience through creative problem-solving differ markedly by organisational culture and regional context, and that creative responses become particularly visible at specific moments before and during disruption. Building on these findings, we are finalising an open educational resource that offers concrete tools, illustrative case studies and a practical toolkit to help higher education institutions assess their current capacities and develop context-appropriate strategies. This work is part of the project Organisational Resilience and Creativity: Exploring the Future of Educational Technolog (ORC).

In 2025, we also concluded the BMFTR-funded research project [Acquisition Logic as an Obstacle to Diamond Open Access \(ELADOAH\)](#), which explored ways to make the scholarly publishing system more inclusive. As a central outcome of the project, we developed a [blueprint for scholarly publishing in Germany](#) that outlines a collaborative and values-oriented vision of Diamond Open Access. It illustrates how Diamond Open Access can be organised as a community-driven approach involving journals, publishers, academic libraries, research funders, open access initiatives and scientific societies, each contributing its own expertise and perspective.

Our research group members are part of professional networks in our field, and their expertise is being called upon by key stakeholders in all thematic areas, such as the German Science and Humanities Council (WR), the International Network for Science-Policy Advice (INGSA), the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science and Humanities (BBAW), the Scicomm-Support and the German Ministry for Education and Research. Besides that, we have continued to maintain our blog on science policy and science communication [Elephant in the Lab](#).

RESEARCH GROUPS, INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

Larger research groups focus on specific areas, bringing projects together around a central theme. They contribute to key research programmes and reinforce disciplinary expertise. Individual initiatives and projects complement our program-oriented research, enabling us to conduct quick studies and deliver reliable insights on current issues.

Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Society

The [Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Society](#) research group pursues its mission to understand, inform and co-create innovation and entrepreneurship in a rapidly changing, globally interconnected digital economy and society. We conduct theoretically grounded research and seek to co-create economic and societal value together with businesses, policymakers and the public. Hence, we have published several peer-reviewed journal and newspaper articles on topics around AI and the future of work, digital organising, digital responsibility, international research partnerships, platforms and platform alternatives, impact entrepreneurship and management scholarship in outlets such as *Journal of Management Studies*, *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*, *International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management* and *Nature Sustainability* as well as for public-facing German news outlets like ARD, FAZ and Die ZEIT. We have also held innovative interdisciplinary and collaborative workshops on- and offline. In 2025, the research group maintained two research projects and one task force.

In our project [Generative Artificial Intelligence in the World of Work \(GenAI\)](#), we are investigating the significance of generative AI for individual workers, organisations and professions. The aim is to capture workers' experiences with GenAI and to analyse possible impacts on employment and quality of work. In 2025, we conducted 27 qualitative interviews with representatives from the fields of marketing and HR to better understand field-specific use cases, as well as the associated objectives, challenges and impacts. Overall, we have found that knowledge workers use GenAI to search for and structure information during ideation as a brainstorming partner, to generate content (e.g. first drafts of texts and images) and to edit and embellish content (e.g. editing text for clarity). We further found that participants perceive GenAI as helping them to save time and effort, to reduce costs (e.g. by completing tasks without the help of external service providers) and to perform tasks they could not perform without GenAI's assistance (e.g. quickly visualise ideas). However, we also saw that GenAI's effects were ambiguous regarding work output, i.e., more inspiration improves the result, but there is also a tendency towards homogenisation. We shared our findings at academic conferences (Netnocon 2025 in Marseille & Academy of Management Conference 2025 in Copenhagen) and at public events (e.g. Labor.A 2025). In addition to conducting interviews, we recently began to conduct case studies in German organisations to better understand the adoption of GenAI on an organisation level. In 2026, we will complete our case studies and summarise the results of our projects in three academic publications and one white paper.

Our ongoing project [Increase Corporate Political Responsibility and Accountability of Digital Platforms \(INCA\)](#) explores the influence of online platform giants on the European economy and society. We have been uncovering the multifaceted sources of platform power, showing that platforms have expanded across European countries via network effects, data-driven growth and mergers and acquisitions, as well as by forming strategic partnerships with various stakeholders, including European governments. Additionally, we are examining how platforms leverage values like information freedom, inclusiveness and employee rights to establish legitimacy and attract investment. This work is especially timely given Europe's shift toward fostering alternative platform models that emphasise different values and governance frameworks; it explores how these alternatives might emerge in established organisational fields. We have shared our findings at several scientific and policy conferences and talks including EGOS conference in Athens, AOM in Copenhagen, Neo-Inst in Salzburg, and EUSPRI in Dortmund. We have also published a policy report about the methodological guidelines for action research and case reports from action research pilots with platform organisations.

The [Digital Organising Task Force](#) has completed its exploratory work, especially through a publication in Internet Policy Review. Its primary objective was to empirically and conceptually investigate how digital tools are shaping and transforming the ways in which individual and collective actors organise. At the core of this endeavour

was an examination of the profound implications of “the datafication of everything” and “the connectification of everyone” for the management and governance of organisations and companies. The research activities culminated in a call for papers entitled *Organising for Emerging Digital Technologies: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly*, published in the *Information and Organization Journal*. A key finding of the task force is that digital organising is inherently paradoxical. While it enables more decentralised and open organisational forms, it simultaneously fosters tendencies towards increased centralisation and control. Similarly, digital organising promotes new forms of collaboration, yet it can also give rise to action without direct human involvement. Through its work, the task force has significantly contributed to our understanding of the convoluted dynamics of digital organising, thereby providing a solid foundation for future research in this rapidly evolving field.

Global Constitutionalism and the Internet

The [Global Constitutionalism and the Internet](#) research group explores how the use and development of the internet has been shaped by principles like the rule of law, democracy and human rights. In 2025, group members led important efforts to conduct the world's biggest [meta study on the impacts of digitalisation on information ecosystems](#): simply put, digital transformation has now matured into a phenomenon that affects both the underlying communications architecture and the forces that shape global information flows. Group members continue to advise national, European and international institutions, including foundations, ministries, administrative bodies and international organisations, on how to apply constitutional principles in digital settings.

In 2025, the research group contributed to the global discourse on the human rights-based and humane development-focused governance of emerging technologies, contributing to the ethical and legal framing of frontier domains by applying global and digital constitutionalist approaches. This was exemplified by the adoption of the UNESCO Science Ethics Committee's landmark reports on the ethics of quantum technologies and the ethics of space exploration, both of which provide guidance for basing scientific innovation on individual and societal values. These reports underscore the importance of digital ethics and international law as a foundation for policy. Amid shifting political landscapes and renewed debates over digital sovereignty, the group's work underscores that principles-based governance remains key to safeguarding rights and strengthening societal resilience in the digital age.

The Digital Services Act (DSA) remains Europe's most significant framework for regulating the digital communication ecosystem. The research group is managing the Stiftung Mercator-funded [DSA Research Network](#), a unique European project space dedicated to monitoring and analysing the implementation of the DSA.

In 2025, as enforcement and compliance processes advanced, the research group continued to lead analysis and dialogue through its European hub for monitoring and understanding the DSA in practice. With support from a pan-European circle of friends, the research group has brought together NGOs, regulators and scholars to address key implementation challenges through academic events, new studies and commentaries. The group's work has shown disinformation to be a systematic risk and why platforms' internal algorithmic systems tend towards polarisation with detrimental effects for public discourse. The group has also made recommendations on how national Digital Services Coordinators can address this issue.

Within the [Public International Law of the Internet](#) project, group members conducted studies on current and future directions for responsible quantum technologies, in light of the status quo of international law and on the protection of freedom of expression in European digital law against the background of international law. Further research provided insights into how disinformation can be countered by national and international normative commitments and policy priorities.

AI & Society Lab

The new Impact AI project started in January 2025 with funding for five years by the Volkswagen Foundation as part of the Change! Fellowship programme. The project is part of our existing research focus on public interest AI. In our previous research, we realised that more and more programmes are emerging, describing themselves as promoting "AI4good", "AI for public interest" or "AI for Sustainable Development Goals", also funded by big tech players, such as Microsoft or Google. We have so far found that AI projects often describe their intended goals on websites or short posts, but there is a lack of documented evidence on these projects' intended (and unintended) impacts, methods, learnings and long-term outcomes.

The [Impact AI](#) project thus aims to start unpacking this research gap. With a new team of interdisciplinary researchers as well as two civil society partners, Greenpeace German and Econgodd, the Impact AI project develops and applies an auditing methodology to evaluate the impacts of AI projects in regards to sustainability and public interest. In this transdisciplinary setup, the project aims to bring evidence to the debate around AI4good, investigating actual impacts with an in-depth approach focused on 15 individual AI projects overall. The audit method accounts for each project's sustainability – shedding light on environmental, social and economic sustainability of the AI system – but also its organisational embedding. We seek to address concrete aspects of public interest in its framework, for instance by asking about methods of participatory process design or means of transparency. The method is being designed to live on beyond Impact AI, as one core output that can be applied by other researchers, civil society and relevant stakeholders, such as individual project owners themselves, for instance.

In the first year, we started by developing a first iteration of the audit methodology based on our expertise and other methodological tools. This resulted in a mainly qualitative methodological framework based on interview questions that aim to understand AI projects. Our core output this year will be a honed audit method (of around 200 interview questions) along with around 30 core indicators to evaluate the impact of AI projects in regards to public interest and sustainability. These then are entered into an audit matrix that explains our method in a comprehensive overview. The core publication of this year will be a conference article for FAccT2026. It will describe the audit methodology for the academic community and publish the method itself to elicit feedback for others who may then build on our work. Our team started the empirical research phase with two case studies on the focus topic AI for democracy, which already allowed us to apply our method and prove its effectiveness. We aim to publish a first research report on our findings in the case studies with our project partners, as well as initial findings in other academic venues in the first half of 2026.

The research project [Human in the Loop? Autonomy and Automation in Socio-Technical Systems](#) investigates how meaningful human intervention can have an impact on automated and hybrid decision-making processes. Conducted by researchers from the AI & Society Lab and the research groups Global Constitutionalism and the Internet, the project has, in its second year, completed two out of four planned case studies, focusing on consumer credit and lending decisions and content moderation on social media platforms. A third case study on aviation has also been launched, exploring how automated cockpit systems are designed to preserve meaningful human control. To analyse these systems, we applied an adapted information ecosystems modelling approach that captures the interactions between actors, data and decision flows. The findings show that while oversight mechanisms are often embedded in system design, their effectiveness depends less on technical features and more on institutional accountability and the scope for meaningful human intervention. As part of the second case study on content moderation, and in collaboration with experts from academia, industry, and civil society, we developed the Code of Conduct [Strengthening Trust: Human-Machine Decision-Making in Content Moderation](#). It sets out key obligations for the responsible design of semi-automated systems that are legally compliant and transparent. The code aims to foster trust by human moderators in automated tools while ensuring the fundamental rights of all the actors involved, above all their autonomy and safety. Through expert discussions, blog posts, interviews and public events such as the Digital Salon, the re:publica conference, and the Long Night of Science in Berlin, the project continues to promote dialogue on transparency, fairness and accountability. We put research findings into practice to help create more equitable socio-technical systems. The results were also presented to the Digital Services Coordinators of ten member states.

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Our institute builds bridges from interdisciplinary research to societal impact, ensuring that scientific knowledge is accessible, relevant and beneficial to the public. Through a strong commitment to open science, we engage stakeholders from politics, civil society and the private sector by means of dedicated transfer activities, collaborative platforms and a wide range of communication channels. By fostering dialogue on key social, economic and political challenges in the digital society, HIIG connects research with diverse audiences worldwide and firmly embeds science communication within its projects and strategic initiatives.

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND TRANSFER FORMATS

In 2025, we further expanded HIIG's knowledge transfer activities through in-person, hybrid and online formats in order to foster dialogue with diverse stakeholders and strengthen its international reach. The following initiatives reflect the wide range of this year's activities and shed light on the social, economic and legal dimensions of digitalisation from various perspectives.

Talk series: Digitaler Salon

HIIG also continued to focus on its long-standing transfer format [Digitaler Salon](#). Across eleven editions, it has examined how digitalisation continues to shape society – from the democratisation of artificial intelligence and the role of technology in humanitarian aid to the challenges posed by deepfake pornography. True to the spirit of open dialogue, our series once again brought together experts and the wider public, fostering informed discussion both on-site and online.

Experimenting with different knowledge production and transfer formats

Knowledge transfer at HIIG goes far beyond the communication of research results. It is an integral part of how we design and implement the research itself. In 2025, we strengthened our transfer-oriented approach by developing participatory formats to connect researchers with policymakers and the public. Interactive workshops and train-the-trainer programmes addressing hostility towards science or the impact, costs and futures of AI, as well as an escape game called Human in the Loop, brought researchers and societal actors together in hands-on dialogue. Exhibitions and live discussions, such as the talk series Digitaler Salon, further created spaces where knowledge

becomes tangible, critically examined and open to debate. These initiatives demonstrate HIIG's commitment to inclusive, dialogue-driven science that empowers democratic engagement in the digital society.

INTERNET POLICY REVIEW

Our peer reviewed journal *Internet Policy Review* benefitted by deputy editor Nina Hahne and two editorial assistants, all working at the co-publisher Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), taking on lead roles and responsibility alongside founding managing editor Frédéric Dubois. This resulted in a successful pilot year for the long-term HIIG-CAIS collaboration: we launched a revamped website, reaffirmed our social media presence on Bluesky and LinkedIn and published two strong special issues, respectively on content moderation and interdisciplinary methods.

The increased capacity has not translated into more research papers being published (we remain at around 50 articles per year), as we have simultaneously faced a steep increase in submissions – all of which need to be processed. Meanwhile, the new normal has led to a substantial increase in desk-rejections, and we have ramped up our op-eds section, ensuring a steady flow of opinions that permit us to anchor the journal in current policy affairs.

The last year has taught us that once a larger editorial team is in place, and once test runs – certain setbacks even – have been dealt with, augmented capacity starts paying off. We are seeing this particularly in the quality of our output, which solidifies our position in the journal top 50 in the field of communication (cf. Scimago Journal & Country Rank).

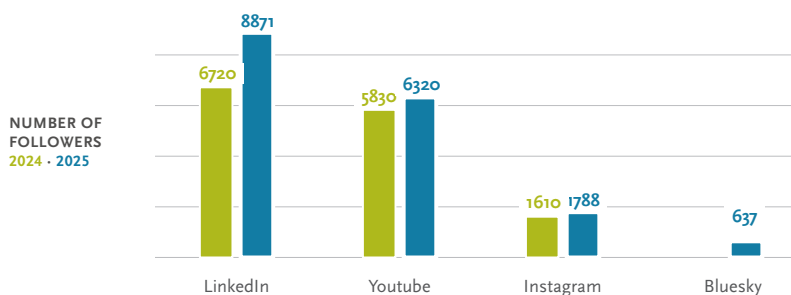
COMMUNICATION

In 2025, numerous projects reached completion, marking a shift into the transfer and communication phase. During this stage, HIIG actively identified and engaged diverse target groups to ensure that research outcomes were received across academia, civil society, business and politics. Outputs such as codes of conduct, practical guidelines and interactive formats like escape games have widely been adopted by target groups and have already been integrated into capacity-building activities and professional practice. We focused particularly on topics such as platform regulation, hostility towards science, automated decision-making processes, data governance and AI-systems in society. At the same time, preparations quietly began for communicating the institute's upcoming transition phase and new research agenda.

HIIG further has strengthened its role as a key point of contact for scientific expertise on questions of digital transformation. Providing timely expert statements on current societal issues proved highly effective, while fact sheets offering essential background information supported journalists in contextualising complex topics. Blog posts by HIIG researchers that addressed current developments were also repeatedly referenced in media coverage, underlining the institute's relevance in ongoing public debates. As a result, HIIG continued to attract significant media attention. Coverage in 2025 appeared in prominent outlets such as *The Washington Post*, *The Independent*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *taz*, *Tagesspiegel*, *Die ZEIT*, *ZDF*, *Tagesschau*, *Deutschlandfunk* and *Deutschlandfunk Kultur*.

HIIG uses various academic and non-academic information channels and communication tools, including:

- **The HIIG website:** Ongoing optimisation has clearly structured research topics, enhanced access to publications and improved the readability of the institute's articles. The website recorded approximately 200,000 visits over the year.
- **HIIG's blogs and journals:** HIIG's Digital Society Blog serves as a platform where researchers share their work with the general public, presenting complex topics in an accessible and engaging way to reach broader audiences. The open access journal *Internet Policy Review* and the *Elephant in the Lab* blog remain vital for fostering visibility and dialogue within the scientific community.
- **Social media activities:** Following academia's withdrawal from X, HIIG established a presence on Bluesky as an alternative space for dialogue and exchange. At the same time, we have intensified our focus on short video production to reach broader audiences – addressing professional communities on LinkedIn and engaging younger generations on Instagram through accessible, visual storytelling.
- **Newsletter:** HIIG offers various topic-specific newsletters, including an event newsletter, a monthly newsletter on current blog articles (8,207 subscribers), and a notification service on job postings. The Quarterly is HIIG's newsletter that offers more in-depth information on projects and results (subscribers worldwide: 7,863).



APPENDIX: MONITORING OF THE INSTITUTE'S ACTIVITIES

To verify the institute's objectives are being met, common evaluation criteria were developed and approved by the HIIG Advisory Council. These criteria are understood as guidelines and used as a quantitative illustration of the institute's accomplishments:

Problem-oriented basic research on internet and society 36

Node of an international network of knowledge production, transfer and dissemination ... 43

Securing and developing the institute's future. 52

Please note that the following tables can only reflect a selection of the institute's work.

PROBLEM-ORIENTED BASIC RESEARCH ON INTERNET AND SOCIETY

1. Research project applications (evaluated research grants, DFG, BMBF or alike)

SUBMITTED	TITLE/SUBMITTED AT	PARTNER	APPLICANTS
24.01.2025	Institutional funding of the HIIG with a focus on "Democratic Change and Knowledge" Submitted at: Foundation Science and Democracy (confirmed)	—	Jeanette Hofmann, Karina Preiß, Björn Scheuermann, Thomas Schildhauer, Wolfgang Schulz
28.02.2025	KIDANAH – KI-gestütztes Daten-Ökosystem für Nachhaltigkeit im Handwerk Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (declined)	L3S Research Center (Leibniz Universität Hannover), HPI Heinz-Piest-Institut für Handwerkstechnik, ifh Göttingen (Volkswirtschaftliches Institut für Mittelstand und Handwerk), Zentralstelle für die Weiterbildung im Handwerk e.V	Maurice Stenzel
28.02.2025	Massive Open Ocean Data Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (declined)	SOOP – Shaping an Ocean of Possibilities (Konsortium aus den Helmholtzzentren, AWI, GEOMAR, HEREON)	Hendrik Send
28.02.2025	Open-Source-KOOPerations- und Datenmodelle für die Entwicklung und Produktion von HardWare Projektkronym: OSKOOP-HW Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (declined)	TU Berlin	Hendrik Send
31.03.2025	Institutional funding of the HIIG with a focus on "Democratic Change and Knowledge" Submitted at: Stiftung Mercator (confirmed)	—	Jeanette Hofmann, Karina Preiß, Björn Scheuermann, Thomas Schildhauer, Wolfgang Schulz
20.05.2025	Open Access Data in Platform Competition, Innovation and Strategizing: An Analysis of the European Internet Industry Submitted at: DFG (submitted)	—	Alina Kontareva
03.06.2025	Institutional funding of the HIIG with a focus on "Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Society" Submitted at: Joachim Herz Foundation (confirmed)	—	Jeanette Hofmann, Karina Preiß, Björn Scheuermann, Thomas Schildhauer, Wolfgang Schulz
15.08.2025	Integrating AI-Driven Digital Business Models for Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Resource-Constrained Contexts Submitted at: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (declined)	—	Ali A. Gümüşay
03.09.2025	SHARE4CARE – Gesundheits- und Pflegedaten wertorientiert für Forschung und Innovation teilen Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (submitted)	IMI Charité	Maurice Stenzel
08.09.2025	Ideating Futures: From Belief Systems to Democracy Education Submitted at: Volkswagen Foundation (submitted)	Futurium, Netzwerk für Demokratie und Courage	Maurice Stenzel, Ann-Kathrin Watolla
08.09.2025	DE-FACT: Democratic Futures supported by Academic Change and Transformation Submitted at: Volkswagen Foundation (submitted)	Wissenschaft im Dialog, German Rectors' Conference (HRK)	Bronwen Deacon, Lena Henkes
16.09.2025	ARTIFEX-AI: Authorship, Rights, and Transparency in AI-Generated Expressions in Art Submitted at: EU Horizon (submitted)	Tech Hive Labs (THL), Plaixus (PLX), European Creative Hubs Network, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UPTEC Associacao de Transferencia de Tecnologia da Asprela, National College of Art and Design, Semantika, Informacijske Tehnologije, DOO	Sonja Köhne, Hendrik Send

SUBMITTED	TITLE/SUBMITTED AT	PARTNER	APPLICANTS
30.09.2025	SEE-AI: assessing the impact of AI models on social, environmental, and economic sustainability Submitted at: Klaus Tschira Stiftung (submitted)	—	Laura State
10.10.2025	SAGE Bridge: South Africa–Germany Exchange on AI & Society Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (submitted)	University of Cape Town, Walter Sisulu University, Nelson Mandela University	Nele Buß, Ali A. Gümüşay
31.10.2025	KIPER: Mit Künstlicher Intelligenz Erfahrungswissen in der Pflege nutzbar halten Submitted at: Daimler Benz Foundation (submitted)	Berliner Hochschule für Technik (BHT), Freie Universität Berlin, Charité und University of Bremen	Maurice Stenzel, Jörg Pohle
31.10.2025	Disinformation as Narrative – Political Storytelling, Cultural Resonance, and Epistemic Ruptures in International Comparison Submitted at: German Research Foundation (DFG) (submitted)	Georg August University of Göttingen	Jeanette Hofmann
03.11.2025	ZIS: Adaptive Folgenabschätzung disruptiver Innovationen im öffentlichen Sektor Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (submitted)	—	Maurice Stenzel
03.11.2025	SIMS: Chancen und Herausforderungen KI-basierter menschlicher Verhaltenssimulation Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (submitted)	TUD Dresden University of Technology, Saarbrücker Zentrum für Recht und Digitalisierung	Theresa Züger
03.11.2025	ZUDE-SO: Zukunft des Eigentums: Steward Ownership und seine Folgen für Governance, Nachhaltigkeit und Unternehmensethik Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (submitted)	Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	Ali A. Gümüşay
03.11.2025	LEGIT-AI: Legitimacy and Governance of Intelligent Technologies in Public Administration Submitted at: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (submitted)	University of Hamburg, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich	Ali A. Gümüşay

2. Offering a mentoring structure for up-and-coming researchers

Please see 'Promoting Emerging Researchers and Academic Visitor Programmes' on p. 31.

3. Publishing research results based on the evaluation criteria

A special focus lies in highly recognised discipline-based journal publications as well as transdisciplinary journal publications. Furthermore we aim to publish a number of open-access journal publications, peer-reviewed journal publications, chapters in edited volumes, and books reflecting our research objectives and programmes.

Please see publications list on pp. 20 – 29.

4. Academic lectures and panels

Selected competitive/peer-reviewed conference presentations

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
Lecture/Talk: Paper presentation: Tool, Threat or Partner? Perspectives on Generative AI from Online Advertising Communities	Netnocon 2025 Conference: Let's Get Creative. Organised by KEDGE Business School. KEDGE Business School Luminy campus, Marseille, France: 28.05.2025	Georg von Richthofen
Keynote: Desirable futures and prospective theorising	2025: Futures of Technologies – Mutual Shaping of Socio-Technical Transformations. Organised by Finland Futures Research Centre, Finland Futures Academy, University of Turku, VTT Technical Research Centre. Finland Futures Research Centre, Turku, Finland: 10.06.2025	Ali Aslan Gümüşay
Lecture/Talk: Paper presentation: "Strategic Autonomy in Platform-Organized Markets: Rethinking European Digital Policy"	The Eu-SPRI Forum: Annual Conference 2025 – Shaping societal futures with STI Policies. Organised by TU Dortmund University. Dortmund, Germany: 13.06.2025	Alina Kontareva
Session lead/Workshop moderation: Creating Desirable Futures: Challenges and Prospects for Organizational Scholars	41st EGOS Colloquium: Creativity that goes a long way. Organised by European Group of Organizational Studies. The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece: 03.07.2025	Ali Aslan Gümüşay, Emilio Marti
Lecture/Talk: Shaping Organizational Futures: How workers respond to artificial intelligence	41st EGOS Colloquium: Creativity that goes a long way. Organised by European Group of Organizational Studies. American College of Greece, Athens, Greece: 03.07.2025	Sonja Köhne
Lecture/Talk: Shaping Organizational Futures: How Workers Respond to Artificial Intelligence	85th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AOM 2025). Organised by AOM. Bella Center Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark: 28.07.2025	Sonja Köhne, Ali Aslan Gümüşay, Georg von Richthofen, Hendrik Send
Lecture/Talk: Re-Imagining Algorithms, Data, and Democracy at Work: A Symposium on Data-Driven Labor Organizing	85th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AOM 2025). Organised by AOM. Bella Center Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark: 29.07.2025	Stig Nyman, Eric Monteiro, Naja Holten Møller, Sirkka Jarvenpaa, Sonja Köhne and José Parra-Moyano
Lecture/Talk: Different Forms and Pathways to Organizational Resilience of Higher Education Institutions: A Typology	37th CHER Annual Conference. Organised by Consortium of Higher Education Researchers (CHER). Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland: 04.09.2025	Anna Aust, Bronwen Deacon, Irene Broer
Lecture/Talk: Resilienz und Kreativität im digitalen Wandel: Eine Typologie organisationaler Anpassung in Hochschulen	20. Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Hochschulforschung (GfHf). Organised by Gesellschaft für Hochschulforschung (GfHf). Bildungscampus, Heilbronn, Germany: 11.09.2025	Bronwen Deacon, Anna Aust, Irene Broer
Lecture/Talk: Ein Krisendiskurs über Resilienz und Bildungstechnologien an Hochschulen	20. Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Hochschulforschung (GfHf). Organised by Gesellschaft für Hochschulforschung (GfHf). Bildungscampus 6, Heilbronn, Germany: 11.09.2025	Bronwen Deacon, Freia Kuper, Marvin Sievering, Melissa Laufer
Lecture/Talk: „Vollkörper-Airbags für Fußgänger*innen?“ – Zur Nutzung von Analogien in der Risikokommunikation im Datenschutz, oder: Wie mit guten Vergleichen über schlechte Lösungen aufgeklärt werden kann	Risikonarrative im Feld Privacy, Surveillance und Datenschutz. Organised by Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, nexus Institut für Interdisziplinäre Forschung und Kooperationsmanagement. Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany: 09.10.2025	Jörg Pohle
Lecture/Talk: Rethinking Resilience: Institutional Pathways through Disruption in Higher Education	2025 SRHE International Research Conference. Organised by Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE). East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham, United Kingdom: 28.11.2025	Bronwen Deacon, Anna Aust, Melissa Laufer
Lecture/Talk: Framing the Digital Turn: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Resilience and EdTech Narratives in Higher Education	2025 SRHE International Research Conference. Organised by Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE). East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham, United Kingdom: 28.11.2025	Bronwen Deacon, Freia Kuper, Melissa Laufer

Selected invitations to academic lectures and panels

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
International scope		
Lecture/Talk: Übergeordnete und rechtsphilosophische Perspektiven zum Umgang der österreichischen Hochschulen mit besonderem Fokus auf die Quantenforschung	KIWi Connect: Hochschulperspektiven aus den Niederlanden, Österreich und der Schweiz. Organised by DAAD-Kompetenzzentrum Internationale Wissenschaftskooperationen (KIWi). DAAD-Kompetenzzentrum Internationale Wissenschaftskooperationen, Online, Remote: 23.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Session lead/Workshop moderation: WSIS+20: How can we build the future information society?	The European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG). Organised by Internet Governance Forum Austria. Online, Dietikon, Switzerland: 31.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Internet Governance: Its Past and Future in the Age of Trump 2.0	College of Social Sciences. Organised by National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan: 21.02.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: AI Regulation in East and West: Two approaches and their backgrounds	Public Law Center. Organised by National Taiwan University. Public Law Center, Taipei, Taiwan: 03.03.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Data Governance in the Smart City – Reconciling conflicting interests in data-driven urban transformation for the common good	1. Urban Digital Twins for a Sustainable Transformation of Cities Conference. Organised by HafenCity Universität & Connected Urban Twins (CUT) project. HafenCity Universität, City Science Lab, Hamburg, Germany: 02.04.2025	Maurice Stenzel, Alexandra Auer
Lecture/Talk: Messages from Innsbruck an das EuroDIG und das IGF	Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Austria 2025: Die digitale Zukunft gerecht gestalten. Organised by Institut für Theorie und Zukunft des Rechts, Universität Innsbruck. Universität Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria: 29.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Session lead/Workshop moderation: Quanteninternet 2030	Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Austria 2025: Die digitale Zukunft gerecht gestalten. Organised by Institut für Theorie und Zukunft des Rechts, Universität Innsbruck. Universität Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria: 29.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Disinformation in Times of Democratic Erosion	Inspire Research Seminar. Organised by Inspire – Instituto de Ensino e Pesquisa. Campus Inspire, São Paulo, Brazil: 05.05.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Getting ahead of the curve? The EU's risk-based approach regulating AI	11th German-Brazilian Dialogue on Science, Research and Innovation – "Artificial Intelligence: Promises, Expectations, and Limitations in Science and Society". Organised by DWH São Paulo e FAPESP. FAPESP, São Paulo, Brazil: 07.05.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Panel: AI in Law and Practice: Regional Perspectives on European Rules	Cross-Border Seminar. Organised by Università di Trento. Palazzo di Giurisprudenza, Trento, Italy: 08.05.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Panel: Effective Transparency and User Controls: Are We Close to a Breakthrough?	CPDC: Computers, Privacy and Data Protection conference 2025. Organised by Medicongress. Gare Maritime, Brussels, Belgium: 21.05.2025	Max von Grafenstein
Lecture/Talk: Ask me anything: How Chat-GPT got hyped into being	ECREA: Communication & Democracy Section Off-Year Conference. Organised by European Communication Research and Education Association. De Bibliotheek Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands: 22.05.2025	Jascha Bareis
Panel: Emerging Patterns in EU Digital Regulation	CPDC: Computers, Privacy and Data Protection conference 2025. Organised by Medicongress. Gare Maritime, Brussels, Belgium: 22.05.2025	Max von Grafenstein
Keynote: Mapping Institutional Support Structures Against Science Hostility	Using Science Communication to effect positive change: Exploring transitions, traditions and tensions. Organised by Public Communication of Science and Technology Network Conference. P&J Live, Aberdeen, Scotland: 27.05.2025	Natalia Sokolovska
Lecture/Talk: Ethical Foundations for Quantum Computing	ETAC6: Technology Assessment Goes Global. Organised by Institute of Technology Assessment (ITA), globalTA network. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria: 02.06.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Panel: EU in the age of technological revolutions	Europe and Mobilities: Challenges and Opportunities for Socio-Economic Transformations. Organised by University of Warsaw. Warsaw, Poland: 03.06.2025	Wolfgang Schulz

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
Lecture/Talk: Legal and Ethical Perspectives	European Law Institute (ELI), Members' Day Webinar on Governance and Regulation of Quantum Technologies. Organised by University of Vienna. Online, Vienna, Austria: 04.06.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Research ethics in the context of new technologies: Opportunities and pitfalls of AI in research	Forschungsethik Forum. Organised by Vienna Doctoral School of Social Science. Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria: 05.06.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Crediting Humans: A Systematic Assessment of Influencing Factors for Human-in-the-Loop Figurations in Consumer Credit Lending Decisions	2025 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT'25). Organised by ACM FAccT Executive Committee. Athens Conservatoire, Athens, Greece: 24.06.2025	Philipp Mahlow
Keynote: Beyond Android: building alternative ecosystems in China, Russia, and India	41st EGOS Colloquium 2025: Creativity that Goes a Long Way. Organised by European Group of Organizational Studies. The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece: 03.07.2025	Alina Kontareva
Lecture/Talk: Disinformation & Digital Spaces – A Threat to the Democratic Public Sphere?	What Future for Democracy – and why it matters. Organised by Instituto de estudios de la sociedad. IES Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile: 22.07.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Disinformation	ICON-S Annual Conference 2025. Organised by ICON-S + UnB. Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, Brazil: 27.07.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Introducing the ThinkLab: A modular blueprint for deconstructing AI from an intersectional feminist perspective	Gender, Technology & Power Conference 2025. Organised by Gender, Technology & Power Conference 2025. Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland: 03.09.2025	Ann-Kathrin Watolla, Sarah Spitz
Lecture/Talk: Between simulation and hypernormality: performing the democratic preconditions for hype	EASST Fund supports: Hype Studies Conference. Organised by University of Catalunya. Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain: 11.09.2025	Jascha Bareis
Panel: Kriegsmedien – Medien des Kriegs	Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Medienwissenschaft. Organised by Institut für Medienwissenschaften an der Universität Paderborn. Campus der Universität Paderborn, Paderborn, Germany: 17.09.2025	Thomas C. Bächle
Panel: Exploring Difference: How AI is Changing Higher Education	DAAD-Konferenz (Thema: Internationale Hochschulbildung und KI). Organised by DAAD – Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst. Nordische Botschaften, Felleshus, Gemeinschaftshaus, Berlin, Germany: 30.09.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Unmaking Sense: Disinformation as Political Agency	1st Annual Interdisciplinary WZB Conference: The Future of Democracy. Organised by WZB Berlin Social Science Center. WZB Berlin, Berlin, Germany: 08.10.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: From explaining to diagnosing: a justice-oriented framework of explainable AI for bias detection	Eighth AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society. Organised by Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, Association for Computing Machinery. IE University Tower, Madrid, Spain: 22.10.2025	Laura State
Lecture/Talk:	Digital Transformation for Regional Integration: Dialogue on Innovation, Data Policy and Governance. HIIG, Berlin, Germany: 02.12.2025	Maurice Stenzel, Daniel Pothmann, Sarah Spitz

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
National scope		
Lecture/Talk: Public Interest AI	Guest Lecture Equity & AI. Organised by Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. Bauhaus Atelier, Weimar, Germany: 03.02.2025	Theresa Züger
Lecture/Talk: Selbstzensur unter Forschenden? Erkenntnisse und Wissenslücken zur Wissenschaftsfeindlichkeit	Selbstzensur unter Forschenden? Erkenntnisse und Wissenslücken zur Wissenschaftsfeindlichkeit. Organised by Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Berlin, Germany: 24.03.2025	Nataliia Sokolovska
Lecture/Talk: Bildung für KI – KI in der Bildung: Was sagen Ethik und Recht	COOL Biennale 2025. Organised by Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol. Cooperatives Offenes Lernen Impulszentrum, Innsbruck, Austria: 08.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Der erste globale KI-Vertrag: Potenziale des Rahmenübereinkommen des Europarates über Künstliche Intelligenz	Ringvorlesung Europarat@75: Errungenschaften und Ausblick. Organised by Universität Innsbruck. Ägnes-Heller-Haus, Innsbruck, Austria: 28.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Was ist kritische Rechtswissenschaft?	Ringvorlesung: Wissenschaft und Verantwortung. Organised by Universität Innsbruck. Innsbruck, Austria: 15.05.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Open Access gemeinsam gemacht – Ein Bericht aus dem Forschungsprojekt ELADOAH	Zukunft der Finanzierung wissenschaftlicher Publikationen. Organised by Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina. Leopoldina Akademie, Halle, Germany: 02.06.2025	Lena Marie Henkes
Lecture/Talk: Demokratiewandel im Medium des Digitalen	Dies Academicus 2025. Organised by Universität Hohenheim. Campus Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany: 04.07.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Keynote: Towards responsible AI: assessing the impact of AI systems on society and the planet	TACTIC Retreat / Summer School 2025. Organised by Otto von Guericke University. Otto von Guericke Universität Magdeburg, Merseburg, Germany: 20.08.2025	Laura State
Lecture/Talk: Diamond Open Access in Deutschland: Von rechtlichen Fragen zu gemeinschaftlicher Gestaltung	Open-Access-Tage 2025. Organised by Universität Konstanz. Konstanz, Germany: 17.09.2025	Lena Marie Henkes, Evin Dalkilic
Lecture/Talk: Impact AI: Auditing AI for sustainability and public interest	EnviroInfo 2025: Open Data, Open Science and Open Society for a Sustainable Future. Organised by Gesellschaft für Informativ e.V. University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany: 18.09.2025	Laura State
Lecture/Talk: Zwischen Stakeholder-Interessen und Gemeinwohl: Data Governance in der Smart City	Aktuelle Entwicklungen in der Digitalpolitik. Organised by Freie Universität Berlin / Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung. Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Berlin, Germany: 27.11.2025	Maurice Stenzel

Selected organisation of academic lectures and panels

EVENT	LOCATION/DATE	RESEARCHER
International scope		
Summer School: Empowering Futures: Women, AI, and the Future of Work	Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), University Delhi, Delhi, India 17.02.2025 – 20.02.2025	Sarah Spitz, Ann-Kathrin Watolla, Annemarie Mutscher
Workshop: Quantum Retreat Obergurgl, Interdisciplinarity Clinic qtlabs	Technische Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria 27.03.2025 – 30.03.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann,
Workshop: From Human Content to Machine Data Using Collective Action to Develop a New Social Contract for Machine Reuse	Online, Berlin, Germany 23.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann,
Conference: Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Austria 2025: Die digitale Zukunft gerecht gestalten	Universität Innsbruck and Online, Innsbruck, Austria 29.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann,
Conference: AI in Law and Practice: Regional Perspectives on European Rules, II Cross-Border Seminar	Palazzo di Giurisprudenza, Trento, Italy 08.05.2025 – 09.05.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann,
Workshop: Co-Creation Workshop: Dealing with hostility in science communication. An international perspective	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 13.06.2025 – 13.06.2025	Katherina Holscher Blackman, Natalia Sokolovska
Workshop session/Conference session: 41st EGOS Colloquium: Creativity that goes a long way. European Group of Organizational Studies	The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece 03.07.2025 – 05.07.2025	Ali Aslan Gümüşay
Summer School: Dealing with hostility in science communication	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 07.07.2025 – 08.07.2025	Anna Aust, Katherina Holscher Blackman, Freia Kuper, Natalia Sokolovska
Workshop: The Realities of Autonomous Weapons. Hedging a Hybrid Space of Fact and Fiction	Bristol Digital Futures Institute, Bristol, United Kingdom 10.07.2025	Thomas Christian Bächle, Jascha Bareis
Lecture/Talk: Responsible, Inclusive, and Sustainable AI – AI and Education: From Digital Literacy to Imaginal Literacy	Online, Online, Germany 06.10.2025	Jörg Pohle
National scope		
Conference: Future-Law AI & Legal Tech Day Innsbruck	Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria 23.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann,
Workshop: Train-the-Trainer-Programm (3)	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 18.03.2025 – 18.03.2025	Sascha Schöning, Natalia Sokolovska
Lecture/Talk: Humans and Machines: Can Superior AI Performance in Unrelated Tasks Reduce People's Willingness To Collaborate With the AI?	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 05.06.2025	Lorenz Graf-Vlachy
Workshop: From Rejection to Regulation: Mapping the Landscape of AI Resistance	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 21.07.2025	Theresa Züger, Can Şimşek
Workshop: XIX. Interdisziplinärer Workshop »Privacy, Datenschutz & Surveillance«	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 22.07.2025	Maximilian Lukat, Jörg Pohle
Conference: Abschlusstagung des Projekts „ProKIP – Prozessentwicklung und -begleitung zum KI-Einsatz in der Pflege“	Basislager Coworking Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany 07.10.2025 – 08.10.2025	Jörg Pohle
Conference: Risikonarrative im Feld Privacy, Surveillance und Datenschutz	Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany 09.10.2025 – 10.10.2025	Jörg Pohle, Maximilian Lukat, Elena Eulitz
Workshop: A workshop on the impact, costs and futures of artificial intelligence	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 29.10.2025	Theresa Züger, Laura State, PhD, Lena Winter
Workshop: XX. Interdisziplinärer Workshop »Privacy, Datenschutz & Surveillance«	Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany 16.12.2025	Jörg Pohle, Maximilian Lukat

NODE OF AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, TRANSFER AND DISSEMINATION

1. Node for knowledge production

Sustainable network building activity in Europe

Please see 'International Relations, Network of Centers & European Hub' on p. 30.

Involvement in NoC events

EVENT	LOCATION/DATE	RESEARCHER
Workshop: Workshop on Risk Management and Researchers' Data Access under the DSA	University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands 28.03.2025	Wolfgang Schulz, Ann-Kathrin Watolla
Conference: Yale ISP's Tuesday Law & Technology Speaker Series	Yale Law School, New York City, United States of America 15.04.2025	Wolfgang Schulz
Hearing: Conversation with Federal Minister for Digital Transformation and Government Modernisation Dr Karsten Wildberger and the institutes for digitalisation research	Weizenbaum-Institut, Berlin, Germany 03.11.2025	Wolfgang Schulz, Karina Preiß

Serving as a host-institution for researchers

RESEARCHER/DATE/PROJECT PARTNER	SHORT CV/HOME INSTITUTION
Sofie Læbo Astrupgaard 01.09.2025 – 31.12.2025 Georg von Richthofen	Sofie Astrupgaard studies the flexibilization of work in the post-COVID-19 era, with a particular focus on the discourses and consequences of remote work. In her research, she develops and applies methodological frameworks that integrate data-science techniques with more classical (qualitative) social science methods. Sofie is a PhD Fellow at the Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science (SODAS), University of Copenhagen. She is part of the ERC-funded project DISTRACT, an interdisciplinary initiative exploring the attention economy across spheres in digitized Denmark University of Copenhagen

Organising an annual fellowship programme for associated post-graduates

FELLOW/DATE/PROJECT PARTNER	SHORT CV/HOME INSTITUTION
Lorenz Graf-Vlachy 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025 Georg von Richthofen	Lorenz Graf-Vlachy holds the Professorship for Strategic Management and Leadership at TU Dortmund University. In his research project at HIIG, he studies under which circumstances humans choose to collaborate with AI systems. His work on management has been published in, for example, Organization Science, the Academy of Management Review, and the Strategic Management Journal. Going beyond the field of management, he has also published in information systems, software engineering, and medical journals TU Dortmund University
Can Şimşek 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025 Katharina Mosen	Can Şimşek is a lawyer and policy researcher specialised in the governance of emerging technologies, with a particular focus on artificial intelligence (AI). He is currently serving as an external consultant for UNESCO, where he focuses on implementing the UNESCO Recommendations on the Ethics of AI and contributes as a member of the lead expert team conducting the readiness assessment methodology process in the Republic of Türkiye UNESCO
Ben Shultz 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025 Natalia Sokolovska	Ben Shultz currently serves as Lead Researcher at The American Sunlight Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to countering lies, disinformation, and online harms that undermine democratic institutions. He also maintains an affiliation with the Council of Europe as an Artificial Intelligence Expert. Shultz is a subject matter expert on foreign information manipulation and influence (FIMI) The American Sunlight Project
Aleksandra Wójtowicz 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025 Ann-Kathrin Watolla	Aleksandra Wójtowicz is a digital policy analyst specialised in disinformation, FIMI and the regulation of digital services. She is currently serving as a research analyst for the Polish Institute of International Affairs, where she researches the topic of transatlantic relations and its influence on EU's digital policies. Moreover, she focuses on the election disinformation for the SAUFEX project at the Polish Academy of Science Polish Institute of International Affairs

2. Node for knowledge transfer and dissemination

Selected coverage of HIIG's work and its researchers in high impact media and online sources

TITLE	MEDIUM/DATE	SUBJECT
Interview: Jurist: US-Plattformen müssen europäischem Recht gehorchen	Deutschlandfunk Kultur (Radio) 08.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Interview: Wie können die sozialen Medien faktensicher gemacht werden?	radio3 rbb (Radio) 08.01.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Quote: Deutsche Faktenchecker kritisieren Kurswechsel bei Facebook und Instagram	Heilbronner Stimme (Online) 08.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Die EU beobachtet – und ist gelassen	Tagesschau (Online) 09.01.2025	Ann-Kathrin Watolla
Quote: Meta schafft Factchecking ab: Welche Folgen hat Zuckerbergs Kehrtwende?	Tagesspiegel (Print) 09.01.2025	Jeanette Hofmann, Christian Katzenbach
Quote: Brüssel hört Zuckerbergs Paukenschlag	SZ Dossier Digitalwende (Online) 09.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Hochschulen in Hessen verlassen X: "Kein Umfeld für demokratischen Diskurs"	Tagesschau (Online) 10.01.2025	Alexander von Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft
Quote: Was bleibt vom Gespräch Weidel-Musk?	Tagesschau24 (Online) 10.01.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Quote: Überschätzte Desinformation, unterbelichtete Datenmacht	Tagesspiegel (Online) 15.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Was jetzt mit TikTok, Meta und Co. passiert	Deutschlandfunk (Radio) 25.01.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Quote: Diskriminiert von Künstlicher Intelligenz?	ZDF (Online) 02.02.2025	Katharina Mosene
Reference: Tausende demonstrieren friedlich gegen AfD – X sieht nur „Terroristen“	Frankfurter Rundschau (Online) 05.02.2025	Sami Nenno
Quote: How Elon Musk used X to amplify Germany's far right ahead of election	Washington Post (Online) 20.02.2025	Sami Nenno
Quote: Elon Musk wants the far right AfD to win the German election – here's how he became their champion	The Independent (Online) 24.02.2025	Sami Nenno
Quote: Lasst uns Utopien spinnen	ORF (Online) 07.03.2025	Katharina Mosene
Article: Aus der Angst heraus zum Aufschwung: Wie KI unsere Kompetenzen neu definiert	Tagesspiegel Background (Online) 10.03.2025	Fabian Stephany
Interview: Vorlesen heißt interpretieren	radio3 rbb (Radio) 18.03.2025	Philip Meier
Interview: Content-Moderation: „Mensch und Maschine müssen als Team funktionieren“	AufRuhr (Online) 01.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Innovationsrechtler Kettemann: „Alle großen Plattformen sind viel zu mächtig“	Kleine Zeitung (Print) 16.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Interview: Zwei Generationen, ein Thema: Internet	Deutschlandfunk (Radio) 21.04.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Reference: Smart Cities: Neuer Wegweiser hilft Kommunen beim Daten-Management	Deutschlandfunk (Radio) 05.05.2025	Alexander von Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft
Article: Wissenschaftler, mischt euch endlich ein!	DIE ZEIT (Print) 07.05.2025	Ali Gümüşay
Quote: Data Governance Wegweiser soll Kommunen bei Datenstrategie helfen	Tagesspiegel Background Smart City (Online) 07.05.2025	Max von Grafenstein, Maurice Stenzel
Interview: Welches Vertrauen genießt die Wissenschaft heute noch?	3sat (TV) 12.05.2025	Natalia Sokolovska

TITLE	MEDIUM/DATE	SUBJECT
Interview: KI und Gemeinwohl: Künstliche Intelligenz für gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalt	Deutschlandfunk: KI verstehen (Radio) 15.05.2025	Theresa Züger
Article: Expertin für Desinformation: „Es sind nicht immer die Russen Schuld“	Sächsische Zeitung (Print) 21.05.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Reference: KI-Bilder mit Herzschlag: Die Erkennung von Fakes wird immer schwieriger	Tagesspiegel (Online) 12.06.2025	Katharina Mosene
Interview: Es ist nur Mathematik! Warum wir keine Angst vor allmächtiger KI haben müssen	Redaktionsnetzwerk Deutschland (Print) 14.06.2025	Theresa Züger
Quote: Rechtsberatung durch KI: Chance oder Risiko?	ZDF (Online) 19.06.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Zum 25. Mal: Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften	rbb24 (Radio) 27.06.2025	Sarah Spitz
Article: When scientists are targeted, what helps?	Wissenschaftskommunikation.de (Online) 30.06.2025	Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft
Quote: Data Governance: ein Leitfaden für die Praxis	eGovernment – Verwaltung Digital (Online) 01.07.2025	Max von Grafenstein, Maurice Stenzel
Quote: Angriff auf die Meinungsfreiheit? Die EU verpflichtet digitale Dienste nun, gegen „Desinformation“ vorzugehen	Berliner Zeitung (Print) 07.07.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Interview: KI-Stimmen – Täuschend echt?	Bayerischer Rundfunk (Radio) 27.07.2025	Philip Meier
Quote: Worum es bei der Debatte um eine mögliche Chatkontrolle geht	rbb24 (Online) 08.10.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Reference: HIIG: 4 Millionen Euro von drei Stiftungen: HIIG stellt sich mit Förderung von Stiftungen neu auf	Tagesspiegel Background Digitalisierung & KI (Online) 16.10.2025	Wolfgang Schulz
Reference: HIIG: Nach dem Google-Rückzug unterstützen drei Stiftungen das Berliner Institut	Research.Table (Online) 16.10.2025	Wolfgang Schulz
Reference: Bundesdatenschutzbeauftragte (BfDI): Erster Cookie-Manager in Deutschland anerkannt	Tagesspiegel Background Digitalisierung & KI (Online) 05.11.2025	Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft
Article: Inthaltmoderation: Forscher:innen stellen neuen Verhaltenskodex vor	Tagesspiegel Background Digitalisierung & KI (Online) 10.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Interview: Soziale Medien: Kann freiwillige Selbstverpflichtung gegen Fake News helfen?	Deutschlandfunk Kultur (Radio) 10.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Ab 2028 verändert KI täglich 150.000 Arbeitsplätze	Handelsblatt (Print) 12.11.2025	Fabian Stephany
Interview: GEMA vs. ChatGPT: Was das Urteil für andere Kreative bedeutet	MDR KULTUR (Radio) 12.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Interview: Gipfeltreffen: Europa will digital souveräner werden	Österreich 1 (Radio) 18.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Quote: Recruiting im Umbruch: Künstliche Intelligenz auf der Suche nach dem perfekten Match	t3n (Print) 03.12.2025	Sonja Köhne

Developing formats for knowledge transfer, e.g. regular events, event cooperations, publications, platforms or information services, as part of the exchange with our target groups and to further transdisciplinary networking

Please see 'Research transfer through events, platforms and communication' on p. 32 – 34.

Selected invitations to non-academic lectures, panel discussions, public hearings

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
International scope		
Lecture/Talk: Introduction to Quantum Governance, Ethics and the Law	#TechDiplomacyTalk. Organised by Universität Innsbruck. Außenministerium Österreich, Vienna, Austria: 24.01.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Ethics of Quantum Technologies	Responsible Quantum Innovation, Opening Ceremony. Organised by UNESCO. UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France: 05.02.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: AI, Quantum, and Beyond: Balancing Innovation and Regulation for Comprehensive Security	Building a United, Inclusive and Resilient ASEAN amidst Global Transformations. Organised by ASEAN Future Forum. Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam: 26.02.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: AI Regulation in East and West	RightsCon 2025. Organised by Observatory of Information and Democracy. Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan: 27.02.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: CDR meets Law	Digitale Ethik und Corporate Digital Responsibility. Corporate Digital Responsibility Network Austria/KPMG, Online, Austria: 07.04.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Words Matter: The Future of Free Speech	Discussion with Members of the American Council on Germany. Organised by American Council on Germany. New York City, United States of America: 16.04.2025	Wolfgang Schulz
Lecture/Talk: Desinformation in Zeiten demokratischer Krisen	Medienveranstaltung „Desinformation“. Organised by EURAC Research / Medienzentrums Südtirol. EURAC Research, Bozen, Italy: 22.05.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Unmaking Sense: Desinformation als Gegenerzählung	re:publica 25. Organised by re:publica GmbH. STATION Berlin, Berlin, Germany: 27.05.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: TA and Dysfunctional Democracy: Bridging Crisis through a Politics of Hype	6th European TA Conference (ETAC6). Organised by Institut für Technikfolgenabschätzung. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria: 02.06.2025	Jascha Bareis
Lecture/Talk: Regulatory challenges and trends in artificial intelligence	Artificial Intelligence in Perspective: Promotion, Regulation, and Digital Sovereignty. Organised by Instituto Brasileiro de Direito Público (IDP). IDP, Brasília, Brazil: 31.07.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Keynote:	Ars Electronica 2025. Organised by Ars Electronica. POSTCITY, Linz, Austria: 04.09.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: On the Ethics of Quantum Computing	14th Session of the IGBC / 32nd Session of the IBC / 14th Session of COMEST. Organised by World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST). UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France: 15.09.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Legal Dynamics in Data, AI and Innovation	9. Alps Forum: Quantum Security: Safeguarding the Digital Transformation. Organised by Law and Economics Foundation St. Gallen. Maiensässhotel Guarda Val, Spiez, Switzerland: 24.09.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Panel: POWER UP – Souverän für die digitale Transformation	Konferenz Bildung Digitalisierung (KonfBD). Urania Berlin, Berlin, Germany: 25.09.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Panel: Consent is broken – can we fix it?	Digital Marketing Exposition & Conference 2025. Organised by Bundesverband der Digitalwirtschaft. Koelnmesse, Cologne, Germany: 17.10.2025	Max von Grafenstein
Lecture/Talk: Quantum Technologies as a Common Good? The Work of UNESCO's Science Ethics Committee and the Limits and Potentials of a Normative Approach to the Ethics and Governance of Quantum Computing	Opportunities and Risks of Quantum Technologies: International Relations, Civil Society Consequences and Possible Restraint. Organised by German Physical Society (DPG). Physik-Zentrum Bad Honnef, Bad Honnef, Germany: 21.10.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Panel: Women's Role in Shaping the Future of AI – Inclusion, Ethics & Innovation	Falling Walls Science Summit. Organised by Falling Walls Foundation. Falling Walls Science House, Berlin, Germany: 06.11.2025	Theresa Züger

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
Lecture/Talk: Better Together: A Proposal for a Code of Conduct for Human-Machine Interactions in Content Governance	Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services – Content moderation and data access. Organised by Die Kommunikationsbehörde Austria (KommAustria), Autorité de régulation de la communication audiovisuelle et numérique (ARCOM). Location RTR-GmbH, Wien, Austria: 10.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann, Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: Digital Diplomacy	Executive Training Programme for Diplomats from Latin America. Organised by Federal Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Vienna, Austria: 18.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Nachhaltige KI? Künstliche Intelligenz im Spannungsfeld sozialer, ökologischer und ökonomischer Gerechtigkeit	10. Umweltbeobachtungskonferenz. Organised by Bundesamt für Umwelt (BAFU), Umweltrat EOBC. Eventfabrik Bern Service AG, Bern, Switzerland: 28.11.2025	Laura State
National scope		
Lecture/Talk: Wundertüte Zukunft – künstliche Intelligenz und demokratische Bildung	Neujahrsempfang der Stadt Telgte: Festrede. Organised by Stadt Telgte. Bürgerhaus, Telgte, Germany: 18.01.2025	Katharina Mosene
Panel: Desinformation und resiliente Demokratie: Herausforderungen für die Berichterstattung zur Bundestagswahl (auf Deutsch mit englischem Input)	Publix Thursday. Organised by Publix gGmbH. Publix, Berlin, Germany: 23.01.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Same shit, different technology?! Wie Diskriminierungsstrukturen in der digitalen Welt fortbestehen	Tagung: Was kann die KI, was kann sie nicht. Organised by Evangelische Lutherische Landeskirche Hannover. Evangelische Akademie Loccum, Rehburg-Loccum, Germany: 11.02.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: Überschätzen wir Desinformation?	Lunchtalk: Der digitale Wandel der Wissenschaftskommunikation. Organised by Wissenschaft im Dialog. online, Berlin, Germany: 19.02.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Keynote: Macht der Bilder: Sexualisierte Gewalt durch Deepfakes	#ERROR. Organised by Zentralstelle der Landesfrauenbeauftragte (ZGF). Bremen, Germany: 20.02.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: Der Schutz von Grundrechten im Digital Services Act	Vortragsreihe zum Digital Services Act. Organised by Kommunikationsbehörde Austria. RTR-GmbH, Vienna, Austria: 13.03.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Panel: Desinformation und die Resilienz demokratischer Öffentlichkeiten	Sektionstagung Politische Öffentlichkeit: Strukturen und Strategien. Organised by Universität Erfurt. Universität Erfurt, KIZ – Hörsaal 2, Erfurt, Germany: 21.03.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Feministische Netzpolitik: Zwischen Cyber Security, Deepfakes und feministischer KI	Vortrag und Diskussion mit Anne Roth und Katharina Mosene. Organised by LAG Netzpolitik und LAG Feminismus, Die Linke Berlin. Karl-Liebknecht-Haus & online, Berlin, Germany: 21.03.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: Wer steuert hier wen? Generative KI in der Personalarbeit	Wer steuert hier wen? Generative KI in der Personalarbeit. Organised by Plattform Lernende Systeme. online, Berlin, Germany: 21.03.2025	Sonja Köhne
Lecture/Talk: Welche Rolle spielen Mis- und Desinformation lt. gegenwärtiger Studienlage im Informationsökosystem und welche für demokratische Öffentlichkeiten?	Informationsökosysteme und Demokratie in der Krise: Die Rolle von Mis- und Desinformation im Zeitalter der Künstlichen Intelligenz. Organised by GMK – Gesellschaft für Medienpädagogik und Kommunikationskultur. Online, Berlin, Germany: 27.03.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Kollegin oder Konkurrentin? Generative KI im Marketing	KI-Lunch. Organised by Deutsche Bahn. online, Berlin, Germany: 28.03.2025	Georg von Richthofen
Panel: Forum Mensch und KI: Schöne neue Welt? – Diskriminierungssensible KI	Leipziger Buchmesse. Organised by Leipziger Messe GmbH. Hallen der Leipziger Messe, Leipzig, Germany: 28.03.2025	Katharina Mosene
Panel: KI und Gemeinwohl – Wie passt das zusammen?	Leipziger Buchmesse. Organised by Forum Mensch und KI. Leipziger Messegelände, Leipzig, Germany: 30.03.2025	Theresa Züger
Panel: Inside Social Media: Wahlkampf, Manipulation, Regulierung	Medientage Mitteldeutschland 2025. Organised by AG Medientage Mitteldeutschland e.V. Leipziger Baumwollspinnerei, Leipzig, Germany: 02.04.2025	Jeanette Hofmann

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
Session lead/Workshop moderation: Themenraum: Wissenschaft	Geschichten des Aufbruchs & Gelingens. Organised by Forum für Soziale Innovationen und Gemeinwohlorientierte Unternehmen (SIGU). Berliner Congress Center (bcc), Berlin, Germany: 08.04.2025	Ali Aslan Gümüşay
Participating expert	Talk on AI regulation with "Behörde für Kultur und Medien", Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. Organised by "Behörde für Kultur und Medien", Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. Hamburg, "Behörde für Kultur und Medien", Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany: 28.04.2025	Wolfgang Schulz
Lecture/Talk: Praxisnahe Einblicke und Informationen zur Mitbestimmung bei der Verwendung von KI-gestützten Systemen. Betriebsräte von Axel Springer, IBM und Siemens berichten	Online-Symposium: Künstliche Intelligenz im Fokus. Grundlagenwissen nutzen, EU-KI-Verordnung verstehen und Betriebsvereinbarungen gestalten. Organised by ifb Institut zur Fortbildung von Betriebsräten. online, Munich, Germany: 06.05.2025	Sonja Köhne
Lecture/Talk: Vorstellung des Data Governance Wegweisers	6. Kongress der Modellprojekte Smart Cities. Organised by Bundesministerium für Wohnen, Stadtentwicklung und Bauwesen. Munich Urban Colab, Munich, Germany: 06.05.2025	Maurice Stenzel, Alexandra Auer, Max von Grafenstein
Lecture/Talk: Bias und Generative KI – Blueprint für ein konstruktives Lernprogramm	University:Future Festival (U:FF) 2025. Organised by Hochschulforum Digitalisierung, Stiftung Innovation in der Hochschullehre, Stifterverband. Festsaal Kreuzberg, Berlin, Germany: 14.05.2025	Ann-Kathrin Watolla, Sarah Spitz
Lecture/Talk: Wissenschaft im Gegenwind: Akademische Integrität als Anker in stürmischen Zeiten	University:Future Festival (U:FF) 2025. Organised by Hochschulforum Digitalisierung, Stiftung Innovation in der Hochschullehre, Stifterverband. Festsaal Kreuzberg, Berlin, Germany: 14.05.2025	Ann-Kathrin Watolla
Lecture/Talk: Kann KI Feminismus?	Lightning Talk – KI kritisch hinterfragt. Organised by BücherFrauen. Online, Berlin, Germany: 19.05.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: Desinformation in Zeiten demokratischer Erosion	SLpB-Veranstaltung. Organised by Sächsische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung. SLpB Dresden, Dresden, Germany: 20.05.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Participating expert	DIGITAL SINS #2: Wut & Trägheit. Zweite Exkursion ins Fegefeuer der Social Media. Organised by Neuköllner Oper. Museum für Kommunikation, Berlin, Germany: 20.05.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: Law and Disinformation	Resilience in view of Russian disinformation. Organised by Federal Foreign Office. Online, Hamburg, Germany: 20.05.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Zwischen Stakeholder-Interessen und Datennutzen: Data Governance für das Gemeinwohl	Civic Data Camp. Organised by Civic Data Lab. Internationales Caritas-Zentrum, Cologne, Germany: 22.05.2025	Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: Wissenschaftliches Escape Game: Mensch, Maschine! Wie entscheiden wir, wer entscheidet?	re:publica 25: Generation XYZ. Organised by republica GmbH. STATION, Berlin, Germany: 26.05.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann, Sarah Spitz, Katharina Mosene, Philipp Mahlow
Lecture/Talk: Mit Ethik in die Quantum Futures: Wie die heutige Generation die Quantenzukünfte fair machen kann	re:publica 25: Generation XYZ. Organised by republica GmbH. STATION, Berlin, Germany: 26.05.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Panel: Public AI – Digitale Infrastruktur für das Gemeinwohl neu denken	re:publica 25: Generation XYZ. Organised by republica GmbH. STATION, Berlin, Germany: 27.05.2025	Theresa Züger
Lecture/Talk: Plattformregulierung und Demokratie: Was Social Media Plattformen (nicht) tun, um die Integrität von Wahlen zu schützen	re:publica 25: Generation XYZ. Organised by republica GmbH. STATION, Berlin, Germany: 28.05.2025	Ann-Kathrin Watolla
Lecture/Talk: Datenschutz und digitale Selbstverteidigung	#Update! Digitale Politische Bildung. Organised by Stiftung Leben & Umwelt / Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung. Online, Berlin, Germany: 30.05.2025	Katharina Mosene
Lecture/Talk: Smart City kurz und knackig: Das Data Governance-Handbuch vorgestellt	Smart City kurz und knackig: Das Data Governance-Handbuch vorgestellt. Organised by Berlin Partner für Wirtschaft und Technologie. Berlin, Germany: 24.06.2025	Maurice Stenzel, Alexandra Auer

EVENT ACTIVITY	EVENT	RESEARCHER
Panel: Deutschland, Deine Daten – Datenschutz, Regulierungen und Open Data in neuen politischen Blickwinkeln?	11. Zukunftskongress Staat & Verwaltung. Organised by Wegweiser Media & Conferences GmbH. WECC – Westhafen Event & Convention Center, Berlin, Germany: 24.06.2025	Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: Modern Humboldt. Illuminating the Human in the Loop in Data Ecosystems	Jahrestagung der Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung. Organised by Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung. Erwin-Schrödinger-Zentrum, Berlin, Germany: 26.06.2025	Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: Autonome Waffen: Realität oder Fiktion – oder beides?	Long Night of the Sciences Berlin. Organised by Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society. Berlin, Germany: 28.06.2025	Thomas C. Bächle
Session lead/Workshop moderation: HIIG-GPT: Kannst du KI und Mensch im Chat unterscheiden?	Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften 2025. Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG), Berlin, Germany: 28.06.2025	Philipp Mahlow, Maurice Stenzel, Alexandra Auer
Lecture/Talk: Social Media als Demokratiewächter? Was Plattformen bei Wahlen (nicht) tun	Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften 2025. Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG), Berlin, Germany: 28.06.2025	Ann-Kathrin Watolla
Session lead/Workshop moderation: Wissenschaft auf den Kopf gestellt: Neue Perspektiven entdecken	Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften 2025. Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany: 28.06.2025	Anna Aust
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Lecture/Talk: Daten allein machen keine Smart City: Warum datengetriebene Projekte in Städten häufig scheitern	Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften. HIIG, Berlin, Germany: 28.06.2025	Maurice Stenzel
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Lecture/Talk: Autokratisierung im öffentlichen Raum – Desinformation als Symptom demokratischer Regression	forum medienzukunft: Ver-rückte Wahrnehmungen – ver-rückte Wahrheiten. Organised by LPR Hessen. Medienzentrum der LPR Hessen, Frankfurt, Germany: 01.07.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Emerging Disruptive Technologies mit Schwerpunkt Quantentechnologie: Eine Perspektive aus der wissenschaftlichen Praxis	FORUM: Emerging Disruptive Technologies – Industrie und Wissenschaft diskutieren Exportkontrolle. IHK Exportakademie, Stuttgart, Germany: 14.07.2025	Matthias C. Kettmann
Lecture/Talk: Vorstellung des Data Governance Wegweisers zur praxisnahen und skalierbaren Data Governance	Kompetenzteam „Data Governance“. Organised by IT-Planungsrat. Online, Berlin, Germany: 24.07.2025	Maurice Stenzel, Max von Grafenstein
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Lecture/Talk: Vorstellung des Data Governance Wegweisers zur praxisnahen und skalierbaren Data Governance	Peer2Peer-Netzwerk Data & Software Governance der Datenlabore der Bundesministerien. Organised by PD – Berater der öffentlichen Hand & Bundesministerium des Inneren. Online, Berlin, Germany: 29.08.2025	Maurice Stenzel, Max von Grafenstein
Session lead/Workshop moderation: Escape Game „Mensch oder Maschine?“	radioeins Parkfest. Organised by radioeins / RBB. Park am Gleisdreieck, Berlin, Germany: 30.08.2025	Sarah Spitz, Daniel Pothmann, Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: Data Governance Wegweiser – Das digitale Tool für die Auflösung des Digitalisierungsstaus	Fachtag Datenschutz 2025. Organised by Kommunales Bildungswerk e.V. ABACUS Tierpark Hotel, Berlin, Germany: 11.09.2025	Max von Grafenstein
Keynote: Feministische Perspektiven auf die Verengung öffentlicher Diskursräume im digitalen Zeitalter	Humanistische Union. Organised by Humanistische Union. Online, Berlin, Germany: 16.09.2025	Katharina Mosene
Participating expert	Preisverleihung Genoaward. Organised by F.A.Z. Institut, Genoverband. F.A.Z. Tower, Frankfurt, Germany: 24.09.2025	Ali Aslan Gümmüşay

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Participating expert	Zukunftsworkshop Aging in Place. Organised by DUCAH e.G. DUCAH, Berlin, Germany: 26.09.2025	Jörg Pohle
Keynote: Digitale Kommunikation – Ein Experimentierfeld zwischen Idealisierung und Automatisierung (Keynote)	artop Symposium 2025. Organised by artop – Gesellschaft für Organisationsberatung, Training und Coaching (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin). Kulturbrauerei Berlin, Berlin, Germany: 27.09.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Panel: Demokratie unter Druck: Affekte, Konflikte und die Faszination des Autoritären	Wie weiter mit der Demokratie?. Organised by Institut für praktische Theorie. Warburg-Haus, Hamburg, Germany: 29.09.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Session lead/Workshop moderation:	Palantir & Co: Notwendige Instrumente der Sicherheitsbehörden oder Schlüssel zum Überwachungsstaat?. Organised by Europäische Akademie für Informationsfreiheit und Datenschutz e.V. Online, Berlin, Germany: 29.09.2025	Jörg Pohle
Panel: Wie gelingt der Spagat zwischen Datenschutz und datengesteuerten Geschäftsmodellen	Bitkom Konferenz. Organised by Bitkom. Futurium, Berlin, Germany: 29.09.2025	Max von Grafenstein
Session lead/Workshop moderation: Code schreiben, Texte entwickeln, Bilder erstellen: Möchte ich das in Zeiten generativer KI überhaupt noch selber machen?	LABORA@ 2025 Gerechtigkeit. Die Konferenz zur Zukunft der Arbeit. Organised by Hans-Böckler Stiftung. Café Moskau, Berlin, Germany: 01.10.2025	Florian Butollo, Nele Buß
Panel: Code schreiben, Texte entwickeln, Bilder erstellen: Möchte ich das in Zeiten generativer KI überhaupt noch selber machen?	LABORA@ 2025 Gerechtigkeit. Die Konferenz zur Zukunft der Arbeit. Organised by Hans-Böckler Stiftung. Café Moskau, Berlin, Germany: 01.10.2025	Georg von Richthofen, Sonja Köhne, Christine Gerber, Ann-Kathrin Katzinski
Lecture/Talk: Raus aus dem Digitalisierungsstau: Data Governance für die Smart City	Smart Country Convention. Organised by Bundesministerium für Wohnen, Stadtentwicklung und Bauwesen, BitKom e.V. hub27, Messe Berlin, Berlin, Germany: 02.10.2025	Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: KI & Veränderungen am Arbeitsmarkt	Parlamentarisches Klassenzimmer: KI i.d. Bildung. Organised by Universum@ Bremen, Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Bremen. Universum@ Bremen, Bremen, Germany: 06.10.2025	Katharina Mosene
Participating expert	KI-Prognosen mit Vorurteilen – Zwischen automatisierten Entscheidungssysteme und Diskriminierung. Organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Online, Bonn, Germany: 08.10.2025	Katharina Mosene
Panel: 70 Jahre Politische Bildung – Unsere Demokratie. Unsere Verantwortung. Unsere Zukunft	Tag der KAS 2025 – Welt in Unordnung?!. Organised by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Akademie der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e. V, Berlin, Germany: 08.10.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Lecture/Talk: Mensch und Maschine in Beratungs- und Prüfungsdienstleistungen. Erkenntnisse aus dem Projekt Human in the Loop? Autonomie und Automation in sozio-technischen Systemen	Lernreise KI-Transformation: Mensch & Maschine. Organised by Forvis Mazars Berlin. Forvis Mazars, Berlin, Germany: 09.10.2025	Maurice Stenzel
Lecture/Talk: Geschäftsmodelle im Wandel: Wie Unternehmen mit generativer KI umgehen	Seminarreihe bei Forvis Mazars. Forvis Mazars, Berlin, Germany: 10.10.2025	Georg von Richthofen
Lecture/Talk: KI als Gegenstand von betrieblicher Mitbestimmung	Workshop des Arbeitskreises KI des Netzwerkes der Technologieberatungsstellen beim DGB. Organised by Netzwerk der Technologieberatungsstellen (TBS) beim DGB. Online, Berlin, Germany: 17.10.2025	Jörg Pohle
Keynote: Wie kann KI dem Gemeinwohl dienen?	DB KI-Lunch. Organised by Deutsche Bahn AG. Online, Berlin, Germany: 17.10.2025	Theresa Züger
Panel: Filterkaffee trifft Filterblase – So bewahren wir Best Ager vor Desinformation	Medientage München 2025. Organised by Medientage München GmbH. ICM – Internationales Congress Center München, Munich, Germany: 24.10.2025	Jeanette Hofmann

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Participating expert	Algorithmische Diskriminierung & Biases in KI HDS-Jahrestagung: Digitalisierung, Gender und Gerechtigkeit – Wie Solo-Selbstständige solidarische Perspektiven entwickeln. Organised by Haus der Selbstständigen, verdi. Haus der Selbstständigen, Cologne, Germany: 30.10.2025	Katharina Mosene
Participating expert	Conversation with Federal Minister for Digital Transformation and Government Modernisation Dr Karsten Wildberger and the institutes for digitalisation research. Organised by Netzwerk der Institute der Digitalisierungsforschung. Weizenbaum-Institut, Berlin, Germany: 03.11.2025	Wolfgang Schulz, Karina Preiß
Participating expert	KI & GenAI – Diskriminierung, Biases & kritisches Denken Gendergerechte Digitalisierung. Organised by Goethe Universität. Online, Frankfurt, Germany: 05.11.2025	Katharina Mosene
Panel: Fair by Design – Wie Technologie Geschlechtergerechtigkeit fördern kann	Chancengleichheit jetzt! – Gemeinsam. Strategisch. Zukunftsweisend. Organised by Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS), Bundesagentur für Arbeit. Bolle Festsäle, Berlin, Germany: 05.11.2025	Theresa Züger
Lecture/Talk: Recht und Ethik von KI – in der Klinik und der Welt	Klinisches Ethikkomitee des Universitätsklinikums. Organised by Medizinische Universität Innsbruck. Innsbruck, Austria: 06.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Participating expert	Rheinland-Pfälzischer Ausschuss für Medien. Organised by Landtag Rheinland-Pfalz. Online, Mainz, Germany: 06.11.2025	Wolfgang Schulz
Lecture/Talk: Governing Moderation through Codes of Conduct: Co-Creating a Soft Law Framework for Platform Governance	DigiMeet 2025 Platform Governance & Power: Between control, ethics and societal dynamics. Organised by bidt – Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation, Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), Weizenbaum Institute (WI), Leibniz-Institute for Media Research Hans-Bredow-Institut (HBI). Online, Munich, Berlin, Hamburg, Germany: 06.11.2025	Maurice Stenzel
Panel: Deepfakes, Desinformation und die Zukunft der Demokratie	Oberösterreichische Presseclub. Organised by Oberösterreichische Presseclub. Private Pädagogische Hochschule der Diözese Linz, Linz, Austria: 09.11.2025	Matthias C. Kettemann
Lecture/Talk: Wenn KI – dann feministisch	Civic Data Festival. Organised by Civic Data Lab. silent green Kulturquartier, Berlin, Germany: 14.11.2025	Katharina Mosene
Participating expert: Diskriminierung durch generative KI verstehen und verhindern	KI gerecht gestalten. Organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Online, Bonn, Germany: 20.11.2025	Katharina Mosene
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Panel: Medien und wehrhafte Demokratie	Fachtagung „Digitale Souveränität und die Verantwortung der Medien“. Organised by Grimme Institut. Google Berlin, Berlin, Germany: 21.11.2025	Jeanette Hofmann
Participating expert	Künstliche Intelligenz und Vielfalt: Potenziale, Risiken, Biases. Organised by Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. Online, Göttingen, Germany: 08.12.2025	Katharina Mosene

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Support on the project: Generative KI für Gute Arbeit (GENKIA)	Federal Ministry for Labours and Social Affairs	Georg von Richthofen, Sonja Köhne, Hendrik Send	01.04.2024 – 30.09.2026	222 000 €
Support on the project: Strengthening Digital Skills through Micro-Credentials	GIZ	Ann-Kathrin Watolla, Jörg Pohle, Theresa Züger	01.07.2024 – 30.11.2025	109 000 €
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