

# People of the Symposium

## Social Justice and Technological Futures

### 2 & 3 May 2023, Tübingen, Germany

"It was an honor speaking at the symposium again this year. My panel, which brought together a trade unionist, a researcher - and myself, an activist - was an opportunity for learning and reflection of ethical principles in relation to technology and AI. I left the symposium in a better contextual appreciation to explore the issue further."  
Koliwe Majama, Mozilla Foundation, Zimbabwe



"What I enjoyed most about the Symposium was how the truly diverse mix of perspectives on the relationship between technological and societal developments challenged preconceived notions and made me re-evaluate some of my own - often rather pessimistic - attitudes."  
Lou Brandner, chair at the symposium, University of Tübingen, Germany

"We participated in the symposium because it was AI-related and the program looked very interesting and rich. We wanted to gain some insights about AI from different perspectives and broaden our knowledge. And we especially came to support Anne Burkhardt and to see her amazing panel."  
Simone Beckmann, University of Stuttgart, Germany; Jun Zhang and Claudius Stemmler, University of Tübingen, Germany



"As a builder of technology working on a platform for mental wellness, attending the symposium provided an opportunity to reflect on the purpose behind my work. It was a chance to ask critical questions such as 'Why am I building? And who am I building for?'"  
Christian Brown, Founder Blimish, France

"I am a postdoctoral research fellow based in the English Studies department at the University of Stuttgart, and my research investigates literary narratives depicting AI and robots in contemporary literature. I attended this symposium to further build my research network and to hear about social justice and technology from other interdisciplinary perspectives."  
Curtis Runstedler, University of Stuttgart, Germany



"As a postdoctoral researcher at CITAP, I was invited to be a part of the Social Justice and Technological Futures symposium at the University of Tübingen through a UNC-Chapel Hill and Tübingen partnership to present my case study of caste violence and platform moderation. The symposium was one of the most global and diverse events I have ever attended. I made wonderful friends and fellow collaborators for life."  
Nanditha Narayanamoorthy, University of North Carolina, USA

"It doesn't matter whether you are an AI specialist or not. If you care about human rights and the future, you should engage in the tech discussions. This was shown throughout the symposium where the exchange between specialist and non specialist enriched the conclusions and debates. We need more of this!"  
Sofia Scasserra, UNTREF, Argentina