

Knowing — AI

Anthropological and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on
Knowledge Production *with and Beyond* Artificial Intelligence

DATES

September 14-16
2026

VENUE

University of Tübingen
Alte Aula, Münzgasse 30, and
Ludwig Uhland Institute (LUI), Burgsteige 11

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Monday September 14

09:00
09:30

ARRIVAL *Registration & coffee*

09:30
10:00

WELCOME *Opening remarks by the organisers*

10:00
11:00

● SESSION I · LANGUAGE

Valeska Flor (University of Tübingen)

From Tape to Algorithmic Mediation: AI, Archives, and Knowledge Production with and Beyond Artificial Intelligence

Anna Weichselbraun (University of Vienna) & Siri Lamoureaux (EM Lyon)

In Dialogue with AI: How Artificial Knowing Is Signified and Interpreted

11:00
11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30
12:30

● SESSION II · TRUTH, POLITICS, NATIONALISM

Jennifer Cearn (University of Manchester)

From Divination to Data: Rethinking Knowledge in AI

Nurhak Polat (University of Bremen)

AI Nationalism: How AI Shapes Autocratic Knowledge Ecosystems

12:30
13:30

LUNCH BREAK

13:30
14:30

● SESSION III · MARGINALISED & SITUATED KNOWLEDGE

Tanja Kubes (FU Berlin)

Beyond Human-Centredness: Anthropological and Feminist Perspectives on Knowledge Production with and Beyond AI

Philipp Budka (University of Vienna)

From Cybernetics to AI: Knowing and Learning in the Anthropology of the Contemporary

14:30

15:00

BREAK

15:00

16:30

● SESSION IV · EXPERTISE & WORK

Alexandra Deem (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

From Creators to Characters: The Automation of Digital Creative Labor on Social Media

Hanna Sipos (University of Basel)

Through the Milky Glass – From Implicit Knowledge to Explicit Valuation: How Museums Make Sense of Creativity, Agency, and Authorship in Opaque Human-AI Art-Making

Natalia Gómez Muñoz & Amelia Fiske (TU Munich)

Transformations of Judicial Expertise through Artificial Intelligence

16:30

17:00

BREAK

17:00

18:00

● KEYNOTE I

Maja Hojer Bruun (Aarhus University)

Relational Expertise: An Anthropological Approach to Expertise in an Age of AI

18:00

21:00

● POSTER SESSION & RECEPTION

18:00 — 19:00 · Poster Session

Poster presenters introduce their work in brief lightning talks

19:00 — 21:00 · Reception

Posters on display with drinks and conversation

Tuesday September 15

09:00

10:00

COMMISSION MEETING AT LUI, BURGSTEIGE 11

Meeting of the Commission *Digitale Anthropologie* of the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Empirische Kulturwissenschaft (DGEKW)*

10:00

12:00

● WORKSHOP · PARALLEL SESSIONS AT LUI, BURGSTEIGE 11

Maxime Le Calvé (HU Berlin)

Ethnographic AI: Augural Conversation Stagings with Retrieval-Augmented Generation

The Pluriversality in AI Collective

Pluriversality in AI – Trajectories, Paradoxes and Heterodoxies in / of Decolonizing AI

Gertraud Koch (University of Hamburg), Louis Fendji (University of Ngaoundere), Fausto Giunchiglia (Trento University), Nicola Malavé (Sciences Po), Rachel Charlotte Smith (Aarhus University)

Katy Wheeler (University of Essex)

Working with MAXQDA's AI Assist for Analysing Qualitative Data

12:00

13:30

LUNCH BREAK *Optional: tour through the LUI with the LUI app*

13:30

14:30

● WORKSHOP RESULTS

Workshop groups

Presentation and discussion of workshop outcomes

14:30

15:30

● SESSION V · AI AND SCIENCE

Alma Kolleck (Technical University of Applied Sciences Wuerzburg-Schweinfurt)

Tool, Ally or Rival? The Role of Emotions and Agency in Students' Perception and Use of Generative AI for Their Studies

Lukas Griessl (University of Tübingen)

Hybrid Epistemic Practices: Changing Practices of Knowing with GenAI in the Qualitative Social Sciences and Humanities

15:30

16:00

BREAK

16:00

17:30

● SESSION VI · AI AND SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Katy Wheeler (University of Essex)

Reflexivity as a Distributed Act: How Digital and AI Tools Shape Interpretive Possibilities

Magdalane Warner (LMU Munich)

Machine Learning and the Life Sciences: An Ethnographic Case Study at the Max Planck Society

Heikki Wilenius (University of Helsinki)

Responsibility and Evidence in GenAI-Accelerated Software Development

17:30

18:00

BREAK

18:00

19:00

● KEYNOTE II

Tanja Bosch (University of Cape Town)

Calibrated Intimacies: Generative AI, Knowledge Production, and Soft Power

19:00

21:00

DINNER

Wednesday *September 16*

09:30
11:00

● SESSION VII · BODY

Yeela Lahav-Raz & Shelly Levy-Tzedek (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Knowing Intimate AI: Sex Workers' Situated Knowledge and the Epistemic Politics of Sex Robots

Leonie Winterpacht & Juline Jarke (University of Graz)
Doing "Ageing Well" with Communicative AI: Methodological Approaches to Age(ing) Epistemologies

Alexandra Rau & Jana Lobe (LMU Munich)
Re-Knowing the Dead: Posthumous Avatars and the Reconfiguration of Relational Knowledge

11:00
11:30

BREAK

11:30
12:30

● KEYNOTE III

Katrin Amelang (Kiel University)
*Common Sense, Tacit Knowledge and Gut Feeling –
Contra, with and Beyond AI / Automation*

12:30
13:00

CLOSING REMARKS