

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
10:30

INTRODUCTION *Opening remarks by the organisers*

10:30
11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00
12:30

● SESSION I · LANGUAGE AND LEARNING

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

Philipp Budka (University of Vienna)

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

12:30
13:30

LUNCH BREAK

13:30
14:30

● SESSION II · TRUTH, POLITICS, NATIONALISM

Jennifer Cearn's (University of Manchester)

From Divination to Data: Rethinking Knowledge in AI

Nurhak Polat (University of Bremen)

AI Nationalism: How AI Shapes Autocratic Knowledge Ecosystems

14:30

15:00

BREAK

15:00

16:30

● SESSION III · EXPERTISE & WORK

Alexandra Deem (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Synthetic Skool: AI influencer creators and entrepreneurial know-how for the post-authentic creator economy

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 (University of Tübingen)

Ethnographic AI: Augural Conversation Stagings with Retrieval-Augmented Generation

📍 Clubraum

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)

📍 Ausstellungsraum

Katy Wheeler (University of Essex)

Working with MAXQDA's AI Assist for Analysing Qualitative Data

📍 Seminarraum

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 IV · 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 Griessler (University of Tübingen)

Knowing with AI-Based Media Diaries: The Redistribution of Epistemic Agency in Qualitative Research

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● SESSION V · AI AND SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Katy Wheeler (University of Essex)

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

Magdalena Warner (LMU Munich)

Machine Learning & Biology: An ethnographic case study of epistemic entanglements

Heikki Wilenius (University of Helsinki)

Responsibility and Evidence in GenAI-Accelerated Software Development

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● KEYNOTE II

Tanja Bosch (University of Cape Town)

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

19:00

21:00

DINNER *Ratskeller, Haaggasse 4*

Wednesday *September 16*

09:30

11:00

● SESSION VI · KNOWING BODIES

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 & Juliane 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

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● KEYNOTE III

Katrin Amelang (Kiel University)

*Common Sense, Tacit Knowledge and Gut Feeling –
Contra, with and Beyond AI / Automation*

12:30

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CLOSING REMARKS