

THE NEW
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DIRECTORS', FOREWORD

The crises of the present moment form a complex web of compounding problems. We call this “nested crises” to emphasize that these crises cannot be addressed separately but require a framework that tackles them simultaneously.

Bringing this interconnected web into conceptual focus requires new formats of knowledge and insight generation. In light of this assumption, THE NEW INSTITUTE aims to create the conditions for integrated interdisciplinary research in the humanities and social sciences combined with insights from other sectors, such as business, politics, media, and the arts. This enables academic insight to be probed in conversation with other social sectors. Given the range of contemporary crises – from ecological degradation, climate change, and AI-driven technological innovation to geopolitical shifts, wars, and liberal democracies in crises – it takes interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral research to identify more concrete and specific dimensions of this situation that can actually be dealt with in an institutional setting such as ours.

Since 2022, we have been framing our activities in terms of the global discourse on a *New Enlightenment*. The goal is to find strategies for bringing sectors into cooperation that are systematically uncoupled at present, with ill-effects on society.

In this context, we address questions such as: How can techno-scientific, economic progress on the one hand and social, moral, ethical progress on the other hand develop together? How can material progress and respect for planetary boundaries be coordinated? How can we both acknowledge the constraints of contemporary reality and yet imaginatively create progressive, alternative futures? And how can the value-laden insights of the humanities and social sciences be brought together with other areas of human practice, from business to politics?

We believe this requires the creation of distinctive research formats. It is not enough to only apply given diagnostic insights from academia to other sectors; these sectors must be participants from the beginning in order to adequately reshape the problem space within which academic work proceeds.

For this reason, we gather fellows from different disciplines, sectors, countries, and cultural contexts to work together on concrete problems in collaboratively structured research teams. Since we moved to our premises in September 2022, we normally invite up to 30 fellows every year to work and live at the Warburg Ensemble in Hamburg. Fellow work proceeds mainly in teams affiliated with our research areas. Since the beginning, our primary goal has been to implement a collaborative fellowship program and to generate corresponding selection and curation principles that allow us to bring a diverse group of fellows together to work on the pressing issues of our time.

Bringing the interconnected web of *nested crises* into conceptual focus requires new formats of knowledge and insight generation.

On this basis, during the past academic year, we implemented a novel, two-tiered selection process. We published calls for Program Chairs, who specify our research areas into concrete programs. Together with them, we then publish calls for fellowships directly associated with their program so that the majority of fellows contribute to the more specific research outline set by the Program Chairs together with the academic leadership of THE NEW INSTITUTE. Two of those programs, led by Prof. Dr. Michael Brüggemann and Prof. Dr. Dr. Louis Kotzé, respectively (see Section 1.), could already start their work at the beginning of 2023.

The overall research activities of THE NEW INSTITUTE's fellowship program began in the Academic Year 2021–2022 after our build-up phase in 2020–2021, which took place under pandemic conditions and in our preliminary home in Große Theaterstraße.

We are immensely grateful to our founding director Dr. Wilhelm Krull for the content and formats developed for 2021–2022. This led to the publication of the discussion paper *Towards a New Enlightenment*, which has served as the foundation of THE NEW INSTITUTE's program architecture from 2022 to the present.

Since the Academic Year 2022–2023, taking up Wilhelm Krull's program architecture, our fellow work takes place within three broad, interconnected research areas (see Section 1):

1. The Human Condition in the 21st Century
2. The Future of Democracy
3. Socio-Economic Transformation

Our starting point has been to situate what seem to be isolated crises of the present moment in terms of an updated understanding of **The Human Condition in the 21st Century**. To be human is to live with a value-laden idea of what it means to be human. Humans are self-determining, “self-interpreting animals” (as Charles Taylor has famously put it). The humanities critically investigate these value-laden, socially shared self-conceptions, thereby shedding light on the direction and purpose of human activities. We therefore ask: What, from a multi-perspectival view, might it mean to live a good life today? What is human flourishing and how is it related to social well-being? How can we determine features of a good life on the basis of the best knowledge concerning ourselves as human beings? In this context, we have not only hosted fellows from the humanities and social sciences, but have also welcomed a number of natural scientists in order to explore the human condition from various angles.

The second research area, **The Future of Democracy**, investigates the reforms and practices necessary for the revitalization of democracy under the rapidly changing conditions of digitalization, climate change, and geo-political shifts of power. In this context, we look at democracy not only in terms of a system of governance, but also as a value-driven practice that requires particular types of commitment to both rationally transparent procedures and to dimensions of difference and dissent. In 2022–2023, the focus has been on societal potentials for an ecologically responsible and democratically resilient future.

Finally, our research in the initiatives dedicated to **Socio-Economic Transformation** deals with how to recouple economic progress with social well-being, which includes developing new metrics of well-being, critically assessing the growth imperative of modern capitalist societies, and imagining alternative economic practices. How must so-called “capitalism” be reformed so that profit-making is bound to forms of qualitative growth that contribute to social and planetary well-being?

In the Academic Year 2022–2023, the Institute invited 43 fellows and visitors to work both within the research areas and across them while pursuing their

own individual publications and other projects. Thanks to the commitment and creativity of our community of fellows, in 2022–2023, a vibrant institutional life began to unfold through weekly meetings, lunch talks, workshops, and a series of events, in addition to our weekly Wednesday format where both our fellows and invited external guests presented their work on one or several of our interconnected research areas.

As an institute that runs a stipend program, our output is mainly that of our international fellows. Thanks to the support they received to spend up to three terms as part of an interdisciplinary trans-sectoral community in Hamburg, they were able to publish an impressive number of books and articles, host international workshops, attend conferences, and distribute their results in various media formats.

We are proud to report 32 academic publications by our fellows and academic staff. We hosted and co-hosted a total of 23 events, both on site, online and at external location and convened 21 internal weekly lectures. For a complete list of publications, lectures, workshops, conferences, seminars, and book events, please see Sections 2 and 3.

In addition to our primary output, the work of our fellows, THE NEW INSTITUTE is in the process of continuing its own publication series in line with our discussion paper format and the reports of our practice-oriented programs. Several publications prepared in the Academic Year 2022–2023 will soon be published in collaboration with international partners. Details will be provided in our upcoming annual report for the Academic Year 2023–2024.

We would also like to thank Christoph Gottschalk who developed the model of practice-oriented projects and successfully supported the creation and implementation of our **The New Hanse** project, led by Francesca Bria (see Section 4). In his capacity as a Managing Director until the end of 2022, he built the team structure and was responsible for setting up the operational side of our new institution.

Christoph Gottschalk was also responsible for setting up trans-sectoral partnerships and to develop a media and policy strategy. In this context, in 2022–2023, we continued working with our partners *DIE ZEIT* and the *Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung* to award the *Helmut-Schmidt-Zukunftspreis* to a person whose work promotes democracy and the common good. In 2023, we awarded the second *Helmut-Schmidt-Zukunftspreis*, given annually for innovative achievements in the fields of democracy, society, and

technology. Former Finnish President Sanna Marin was the award recipient in 2023, and the prize was awarded on May 4 at Hamburg's Thalia Theater. (see Section 5).

The organization has further evolved this year. In June 2023, Dr. Britta Padberg joined the Institute as our new Managing Director, bringing her experience with managing academic institutes of advanced study to the work of THE NEW INSTITUTE. Britta Padberg thereby also takes over the role of Anke Hennings, whose experience and outstanding expertise as a CFO in her function as one of our Managing Directors until May 2023 were crucial for developing a stable operational infrastructure.

We are particularly grateful to Erck Rickmers, the founder of THE NEW INSTITUTE, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for his generous financial and intellectual support of the Institute. Thanks to his incentives and ongoing close cooperation we were able to further develop the trans-sectoral dimension of our endeavor and to steer our research activities towards concrete visions for positive social change.

This is the first annual report of our activities as Academic Directors. We decided to publish it together with the report for the years 2020–2022 in order to present the evolution of our program and research architecture in the founding and construction phase of our still young institute, which in 2022 entered its second full year of fellowship work.

We hope you enjoy reading this report, which informs you about the fellows, their work and output, and the activities of the Institute.



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Prof. Dr. Markus Gabriel and Dr. Anna Katsman
Academic Directors of THE NEW INSTITUTE

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PROGRAMS AND FELLOWS

Under the banner of future-oriented humanities and social sciences, all our activities are clustered around three research areas:

The Human Condition in the 21st Century, The Future of Democracy and Socio-Economic Transformation. They frame our research activities and academic exchange through fellowship programs, lectures, explorative workshops, and exchange with practitioners.

Our research areas explore foundational issues of what it means to be human, how democratic self-governance could be improved, and how a socio-economic transformation could be accomplished.

In the following, we introduce the activities in the research areas and associated fellows.*

* The fellow profiles below show biographical information upon arrival.



Andrea Bowers, "Eco Grief Extinction Series. You Must Not Turn Your Head Away In Grief, And Fail To See The Wings (2022)". Courtesy: The artist.

The Human Condition in the 21st Century

The research area **The Human Condition in the 21st Century**, formerly *The Foundations of Value and Values*, resulted from research on foundational questions at the intersection of economics, philosophy, and other sectors relevant for value-theory (including the life sciences and even physics). Our collaborative research in 2021–2022 led to the realization that the human being is at the core of value appreciation and value creation. Thus, our overall research question for the **Human Condition** area was: How can a contemporary conception of the human being, derived from interdisciplinary knowledge about ourselves, become the ground of a normative reorientation? Fellows in this group led by Markus Gabriel worked on this question until December 2022. Fellow work in the research area then focused on how to specify new orientations for becoming human. In particular, it turned out that the very idea of a universal nature of the human being was tied to the threatened existence of commons as a set of shared resources. In light of this, the **Human Condition** evolved into a series of targeted programs for which we recruited Program Chairs.

BÁYÒ AKÓMOLÁFÉ

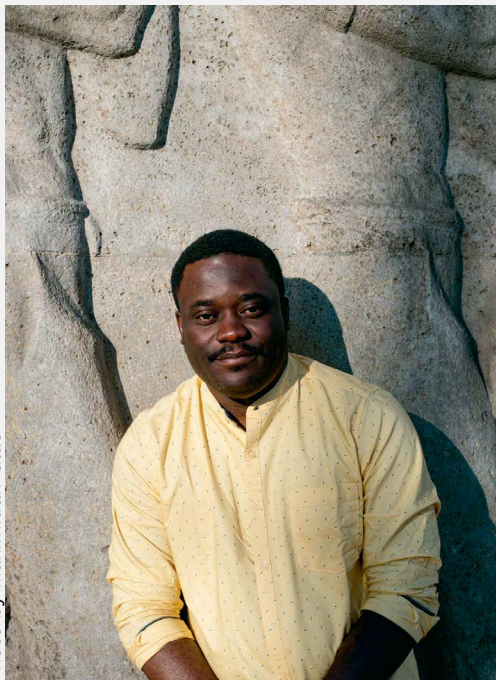
PhD, Writer, Speaker

Afrocene, Postactivism, Making Sanctuary

February – May 2023

Báyò Akómoláfé, rooted with the Yoruba people in a more-than-human world, is the father to Alethea and Kyah, the grateful life partner to Ije, son, and brother. He is a widely celebrated international speaker, post-humanist thinker, self-styled trans-public intellectual, Yoruba poet, teacher, essayist, and author of several books. Báyò lectures at Pacifica Graduate Institute, California, and sits on the board of many organizations, including Science and Non-Duality (US) and Ancient Futures (Australia). In July 2022, Báyò was appointed the inaugural Global Senior Fellow of University of California, Berkeley's Othering and Belonging Institute. As visionary founder and elder of The Emergence Network and chief host of the widely popular online-offline course/festival series *We Will Dance with Mountains*, Báyò curates an earth-wide project for the recalibration of our ability to respond to civilizational crisis – a project framed within a material feminist/posthumanist/postactivist ethos and inspired by Yoruba indigenous cosmologies.

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AVRAM ALPERT

PhD, Writer, Educator

Comparative Literature, Princeton University

How to be Wise in the 21st Century

May 2022 – April 2024

Avram Alpert is a writer, educator, and organizer working to understand what values we can live by in a world as connected, chaotic, and potentially catastrophic as the present. He has written three previous books on these themes, including, most recently, *The Good-Enough Life*, an argument for why appreciating our limitations (we are only ever good enough) should lead us to ensure decency (goodness) and sufficiency (enoughness) for all. He has also written for publications including *Aeon*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Truthout*, and the *Brooklyn Rail*. He is a lecturer in the Writing Program at Princeton University. With Sreshta Rit Premnath, he is co-editor and co-manager of programming for *Shifter Magazine*. With Meleko Mokgosi and Anthea Behm, he is co-founder of the Interdisciplinary Art and Theory Program at Jack Shainman Gallery. And with Danny Snelson and Mashinka Firunts, he is a member of the academic-artist collective Research Service.

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HARALD ATMANSPACHER

Emeritus Member of the Turing Center, Physics,
ETH Zürich

Meaning in the Fabric of Reality

October – December 2022

Harald Atmanspacher is an emeritus member of the Turing Center at ETH Zurich. As a theoretical physicist with more than three decades of experience in interdisciplinary research, he is known for his work on complex dynamical systems, non-reductive approaches in the philosophy of science, foundational questions of quantum theory, and non-commutative structures in physics and cognition. He is one of the principal architects of a systematic and coherent account of mind-matter relations called dual-aspect monism. He is an elected honorary member of the International Association of Analytical Psychology, President of the Society for Mind-Matter Research, and editor of its journal *Mind and Matter*.



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ANTHEA BEHM

Associate Professor of Photography, University of
Florida

Reverse Enlightenment

October 2022 – March 2023

Anthea Behm is a visual artist who works across media with a focus on photography, video, and performance. Working through a kind of conceptual materialism, she draws out connections between material, form, and social content that have been obscured by dominant narratives and conventional processes. She has exhibited work at venues including the Centre Pompidou, Paris, France (2021); 14a, Hamburg, Germany (2021); White Columns, New York (online/2020); and Daily Lazy Projects, Athens, Greece (2018). Behm has participated in the Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program and the Core Program, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, and her work has been discussed in the *New York Times*, *Aperture online*, *X-TRA*, and *Art Papers*. She is currently Associate Professor of Photography at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and Co-Director of the Interdisciplinary Art & Theory Program at Jack Shainman Gallery, New York.



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CAROLE BLOCH

Professor in Language Education, University of the Western Cape

The Role of Narrative and Story in Childhood Education

September – December 2022, May – June 2023

Carole Bloch is Executive Director of The Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA) and Extraordinary Professor in Language Education, University of the Western Cape, Bellville. She works in African multilingual settings on literacy teaching and reading culture development among people from birth onwards; she promotes a holistic pedagogy which focuses on the power of story and personal meaning to help ensure equitable learning opportunities for all children and the adults they interact with. In 2012, she co-initiated a literacy campaign in South Africa focused on interest and enjoyment, the Nal'ibali National Reading for Enjoyment Campaign, which she led for four years. Under her directorship, PRAESA was awarded the IBBY Asahi Award for Reading Promotion in 2014, and the 2015 Swedish government's Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award for 20 years of work in reading promotion and children's literature development in South Africa.

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SHIMON DOTAN

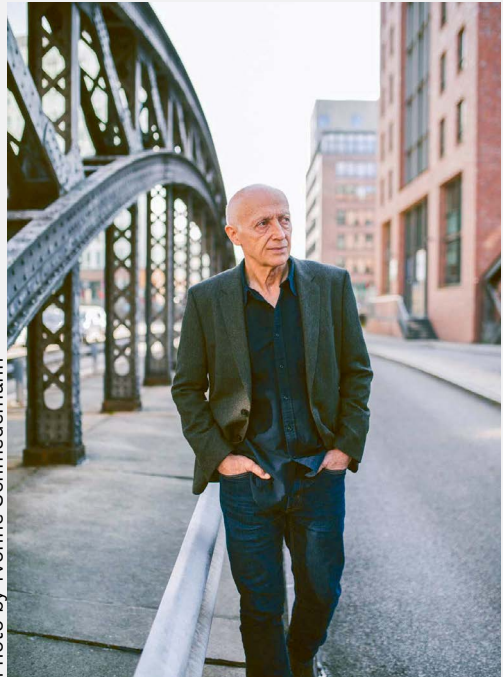
Filmmaker

Cyber-Everything: Overview of the Implications of Cyber on War, Peace, and the Future of Humanity

September 2022 – January 2023

Shimon Dotan is an award-winning filmmaker with numerous films to his credit, fiction and documentary. He teaches Political Cinema and Visual Thinking at New York University Graduate School of Journalism, is a recipient of a New York Public Library Cullman Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship, and is a fellow of the New York Institute for the Humanities. Shimon was born in Romania, grew up in Israel, and now lives and works in New York City. His films were screened and won awards in multiple film festivals, including New York FF, Berlin, Chicago, Sundance, Montreal, Toronto, Jerusalem, and Melbourne. Shimon's films have aspired to bridge ideas and ideologies with visual storytelling. To this end, he often collaborates with leading scholars and practitioners from various disciplines. Shimon's latest film is a documentary titled *Cyber Everything* (2022) for arte France.

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GEORGE ELLIS

Professor, Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, University of Cape Town

Foundations of Value and Values, and their Relation to Moral Realism

September – December 2022, May – June 2023

George Ellis is considered one of the world's leading theorists in cosmology. However, his research involves many more aspects than just a cosmological perspective. He is engaged in the relation between human emotion and brain plasticity, the nature of social indicators, and in low-income housing. The debate between philosophers and physicists prompted him to take a critical position towards overly reductionist physicists. His work consists of more than five hundred articles, sixteen books, and numerous book chapters for which he was awarded several honorary degrees. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, London (FRS). Besides this, he received the John F. W. Herschel Medal of the Royal Society of South Africa (RSSA), the Templeton Prize in 2004, and as a special honor, Nelson Mandela awarded him the Order of the Star of South Africa in 1999.



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ISABEL FEICHTNER

Professor of Public Law and International Economic Law, University of Würzburg

Value Transformation from Within: Monetary Redesign to Rebuild the Global Commons

March 2022 – August 2023

Also affiliated with “The Future of Democracy”

Isabel Feichtner is Professor of Public Law and International Economic Law at the University of Würzburg. Her research interests cover the distributive effects of law, the democratization of society, and the law of the commons and commoning. She explores how institutional experiments, e.g., the redesign of money or Commons Public Partnerships, can support social-ecological transformation through democratization and commoning. Her monograph, *The Law and Politics of WTO Waivers: Stability and Flexibility in Public International Law*, published in 2011 by Cambridge University Press, gained renewed relevance with regard to recent demands for a TRIPS Waiver to facilitate the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. She recently co-edited two volumes published in 2023 – one on German (post-)colonial law and the other on legal constitutions of value. Isabel founded the Law Clinic *Transformation Law* at Würzburg University.



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Literary Scholar and Intellectual Historian

The History of the Concept of Race

May – June 2023

Geoffrey Harpham is a literary scholar and intellectual historian. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Tulane University, and Duke University. From 2003 to 2015, he was President and Director of the National Humanities Center, building the endowment from \$32M to \$80M. During this time, he became a prominent historian of and advocate for the humanities, sponsoring initiatives that encouraged dialogues between the humanities and the natural sciences and social sciences. Geoffrey's longstanding scholarly interests include the role of ethics in literary study, the place of language in intellectual history, the history of education, the place of scholarship in the contemporary world, and the history of the race concept. He has received fellowships from the J. S. Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Professor of Philosophy, University of Athens

The Constitution of Science

March–June 2023

Also affiliated with “Socio-Economic Transformation”

Chrysostomos Mantzavinos is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Athens. He is a member of Academia Europaea – The Academy of Europe, a Mercator Fellow at the DFG Research Training Group “Ethics and Epistemology of Science” at Bielefeld University/Leibniz University Hannover (2020–2024) and a Correspondant étranger at the Centre de Philosophie Contemporaine de la Sorbonne. He also teaches at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. Before his current primary appointment in Athens, he held the Chair of Economics and Philosophy at Witten/Herdecke University (2004–2011), and he has also taught in Freiburg, Bayreuth, and Stanford. From 2001 to 2004, he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn. Furthermore, he has been a visiting scholar at Harvard University (twice), at the Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, Paris (twice), and a visiting fellow at the University Center for Human Values at Princeton (twice). From the University of Tübingen, he holds PhDs in Economics and in Philosophy.

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TOBIAS MÜLLER

Affiliated Lecturer at the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) and College Research Associate at King's College, University of Cambridge

Climate Change and the Challenge to State Legitimacy

February 2022 – April 2024

Also affiliated with “The Future of Democracy”

Tobias Müller is an Affiliated Lecturer at the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) and College Research Associate at King's College, University of Cambridge. Tobias is a post-doctoral researcher at the EU funded Horizon 2020 project DRIVE at Leiden University and was principal researcher of SORGES, a project on religion, gender, and the state at the Woolf Institute and the University of Cambridge. He is interested in political and social theory, postcolonial and feminist theory, secularism and religion, and the politics of the climate emergency. With a preference for ethnographic methods, he examines how different groups challenge political institutions and how contemporary states respond to these challenges.



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VLADIMIR SAFATLE

Professor in the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Psychology, University of São Paulo

Freedom without Belonging: Rethinking Autonomy

February – November 2022

Vladimir Safatle is Professor in the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Psychology at the University of São Paulo. He examines the relationship between philosophy and human sciences, especially psychoanalysis and psychology, in contemporary French thought and the Frankfurt School. He is also an expert in Lacanian thought and Leftist politics. His research interests include Hegelian philosophy, the post-Hegelian dialectical tradition, as well as the philosophy of music. Beyond this, Vladimir is responsible for the translation of Theodor W. Adorno's complete works into Portuguese and for the coordination of the book series Explosante (Ubu Press). He also writes a column in El País.



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MINNA SALAMI

Writer, Journalist, Speaker

A New Discourse on Rationality for Social Change

November 2022 – June 2023

Minna Salami is a Nigerian-Finnish and Swedish feminist author and social critic. Her research interests include the politics of knowledge production, the progression of feminist theory, and contemporary African thought. Her debut book, *Sensuous Knowledge*, has been translated into multiple languages and she is currently writing a polemical book about feminism in relation to Africa. She has drawn over a million readers to her multiple award-winning blog MsAfropolitan. Minna has presented talks at prominent institutions, including the UN, EU, Oxford Union, Cambridge Union, Yale University, and the Singularity University at NASA. She has consulted governments on race and gender equality and has curated events at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. Minna sits on the council of the Royal Institute of Philosophy and the boards of the African Feminist Initiative at Pennsylvania State University, the Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of the Sahel, the Emerge network, and is an associate with Perspectiva.

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MAKI SATO

Project Associate Professor, Department of Advanced Social and International Studies, University of Tokyo

In Quest of a Humane Society: An Attempt to Cultivate an Alternative Concept of Ethics through Practices

October 2022 – September 2024

Maki Sato is a Project Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo, East Asian Academy for New Liberal Arts. She concurrently holds a position at the Humanities Center. She is interested in environmental philosophy, which includes a new emerging set of skills and ideas that are not limited to AI, robotics, and digital currencies. However, her main interest has been in issues surrounding climate change, especially environmental and energy policies seen from a philosophical perspective. Her experience as a consultant for the Green Growth project at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok encouraged her to dedicate her doctoral research to environmental philosophy, focusing on the implications of ideas derived from environmental philosophy for innovative and effective global environmental policies. Between 2015 and 2016, she was a Yale Fox International Fellow.

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INGO VENZKE

Professor of International Law and Social Justice, University of Amsterdam

Global Economic Order: A History for the Present

October 2023-June 2024

Also affiliated with “The Future of Democracy”

Ingo Venzke is Professor of International Law and Social Justice at the University of Amsterdam and Director of the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL). In the past, he served, inter alia, as Hauser Research Scholar at New York University and Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. His work focuses on different dimensions of sustainability as well as the theory and practice of interpretation in international law. His recent attention goes to critical moments in the history of international law and the role of international law in creating the conditions for social (in)justice. His monographs include *How Interpretation Makes International Law: On Semantic Change and Normative Twists* (2012) and *In Whose Name? A Public Law Theory of International Adjudication* (together with Armin von Bogdandy, 2014).



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Raisa Galofre, "El fuego vivo de la cumbia vive en nosotros (The vivid fire of Cumbia lives within us)" (2015 – ongoing). Courtesy: The artist.

The Future of Democracy

The annual focus in the program **The Future of Democracy** took its lead from insights generated in the previous academic year. One of the questions was: How can the distrust in public institutions and a lack of citizen participation be transformed into participation? Another question was: What stands in the way of progressive institutional transformation in order to equip democracies with the means to cope with the complex challenges ahead? Reflecting on those discussions, we followed the lead of a possible reason applicable to both questions – namely, the dominant schemes of the status quo are not able to generate enough traction to encourage participation, nor can they be relied upon as credible ideals to guide a societal transformation of the required scale. To many, the liberal social imaginary has not lived up to its promise of creating just and solidaristic relations. Rather, it has either paved the way for reactionary alternatives or a withdrawal into the private realm. Thus, the area’s guiding rationale became that citizen mobilization for progressive social transformations requires a social imaginary that reflects a future worth striving for.

Against this background, the core question for the academic year 2022–2023 became whether latent societal potentials for an ecologically responsible and democratically resilient future could be identified that would spur a positive outlook for years and decades to come. Exploring such nascent potentials also implied taking a broad view of what democracy comprises and what the resources for its future could be. Consequently, we convened a group with expertise ranging from radical and economic to experimental and ecological democratic theory and practice. Led by Academic Director Anna Katsman and Program Manager Ronan Kaczynski until December 2022, discussions covered themes such as energy democracy and playful approaches to democratic thinking and practice. Subsequently, Frederic Hanusch launched an initiative for an edited volume under the working title “Seeds for Democratic Futures” due to be published in the Autumn of 2024.

MADHULIKA BANERJEE

Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

The Future of Knowledge in the Context of the Climate Crisis

October 2022 – July 2023

Madhulika Banerjee is Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Delhi, where, in 1996, she obtained her PhD with her thesis “Power, Culture, Medicine: Ayurvedic Pharmaceuticals in India.” Her research interest is in the politics of knowledge and its role in shaping the discourse and practice of development. She is working on a manuscript with the title “Politics of Knowledge in Development: An Analytical Framework.” She participated in the research project PHARMASUD: Innovating from the South: Production, Invention, and Appropriation of Pharmaceutical Knowledge in Brazil and India. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of the NGO Dastkar Andhra, the Review Committee for the NGO Seva Mandir, a Life Member of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, and an Honorary Fellow of the Developing Countries Research Centre. She has also been a visiting researcher both at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin and at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine in London.

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FREDERIC HANUSCH

PhD, Political Science, Co-Founder and Scientific Manager of the “Panel on Planetary Thinking”, University of Giessen

Planetary Democracy

October 2022 – September 2024

Frederic Hanusch is Co-Founder and Scientific Manager of the Panel on Planetary Thinking at Giessen University and co-convener of the Earth System Governance Project’s Working Group on Democracy. Considering the stimulating science-art interface, he initiated the Planetary Scholars and Artists in Residence Program. His own research revolves around the intersections of democracy and planetary change. Before joining Giessen University, Frederic received his PhD from the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) in Essen and worked for the German Advisory Council on Global Change for the German Government (WBGU) in Berlin where he contributed to various policy-oriented reports. Afterwards, he was a research group leader at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam. Throughout his academic career, he has received several scholarships, including that of the International Council of Canadian Studies for his visiting fellowship at the School of the Environment of the University of Toronto.

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MAXIMILIAN KRAHÉ

Postdoc at the Institute for Socioeconomics, University of Duisburg-Essen, and Research Director at Dezernat Zukunft

Modernity's Quarrelsome Twins

October 2022 – September 2023

Max Krahé is a historically-oriented political theorist and political economist on leave from his postdoc at the Institute for Socioeconomics at the University of Duisburg-Essen, where he coordinates the doctoral program *The Political Economy of Inequality*. He is also co-founder and Research Director of Dezernat Zukunft, a German macro-finance think tank. He holds a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from the University of Oxford, an MSc in political theory from the London School of Economics, and a PhD in Political Science from Yale University. Before Duisburg-Essen, he held the Chaire SFPI at the Royal Academy of Belgium. His work has been published in leading journals and newspapers such as *History of Political Thought*, *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, and *Frankfurter Allgemeine*.

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BRUNO LEIPOLD

PhD, Political Science, London School of Economics

Imperative Mandate

October 2022 – September 2024

Bruno Leipold is a political theorist and historian of political thought. His research interests include the work of Karl Marx, theories of popular democracy, the republican political tradition, and nineteenth-century political thought. Currently, he is completing a book entitled *Citizen Marx: Republicanism and the Formation of Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought*. Before joining THE NEW INSTITUTE, he was a Fellow in Political Theory in the Department of Government at LSE, a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, and a Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Theory at the Justitia Amplificata Centre for Advanced Studies at the Goethe University Frankfurt and the Free University of Berlin. He had received his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford in 2017 with his thesis, "Citizen Marx: The Relationship between Karl Marx and Republicanism."

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JUDITH SIMON

Professor for Ethics in Information Technology,
University of Hamburg

**Trusting Data, Trusting Expertise? On the
Epistemology, Ethics, and Politics of Trusting to
Know**

January – June 2023

Judith Simon is Professor for Ethics in Information Technology at the University of Hamburg. Her research focus is oriented towards ethical, epistemological, and political questions addressing digital technology, specifically big data, and artificial intelligence. She is also a member of the German Ethics Council and has been a member of the Data Ethics Commission of the German Federal Government.

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CHRISTIAN STÖCKER

Journalist, Director of the Master's program
"Digital Communication", Hamburg University
of Applied Sciences (HAW)

**Learning Machines, Disinformation and the
Digital Public**

October 2021 – December 2022

Christian Stöcker is a writer, journalist, and the course director of the Master's program Digital Communication at Hamburg's University of Applied Sciences. He has published research on fundamental aspects of human behavior control and worked as a freelance journalist for publications including *DIE ZEIT* and *Süddeutsche Zeitung* and as the head of *DER SPIEGEL*'s "Netzwelt" department. He holds a PhD in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Würzburg and a degree in cultural criticism. His research focuses on (dis-)information in the context of the interaction of technology and the public sphere. He has published a number of non-fiction books, most recently *Das Experiment sind wir* on humanity's cognitive, ecological, and societal problems with exponential change. He writes a weekly column for *DER SPIEGEL* since 2016.

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RAHEL SÜSS

PhD, Political Science, Humboldt University of Berlin

Digital Democracy

October 2022 – September 2024

Rahel Süß is a political scientist and philosopher with interests in democratic and digital futures. Her primary areas of focus encompass the practices and processes involved in democratic and digital transformation. Rahel earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Political Science, along with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, and a PhD in Political Science, all with distinction, from the University of Vienna. She has conducted research at numerous universities, including the London School of Economics and Political Science, King's College London, Duke University, and Humboldt University. Her research has been funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), and Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalization (OeAD). Rahel is the author of the article "Who is the digital sovereign" (2023) and the books *La Politique de la provocation* (2021), *Demokratie und Zukunft* (2020), and *Kollektive Handlungsfähigkeit* (2015). Rahel is the founder of the journal *engagee*.



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ECE TEMELKURAN

Writer, Journalist

A New Progressive Vocabulary for the 21st Century: How can Faith and Radical Love Be Applied to Today's Politics?

March 2022 – September 2023

Ece Temelkuran is a novelist and political thinker whose writings appeared in *The Guardian*, the *New York Times*, and the *New Statesman*. She has twice been named Turkey's most read woman columnist. In the book *How to Lose a Country*, she looks at political events around the world and addresses trends of authoritarianism. Her work also explores issues that are controversial in Turkey, such as the Kurdish and Armenian struggles and freedom of expression. She was fired in 2011 for criticizing the Turkish government and subsequently she moved to Zagreb. She is strongly engaged in democratic issues and known to raise her voice for the oppressed. The project *Letters From Now* is her contribution to a world with strong interpersonal relations, sincere listening, and diverse friendships.



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Ian Teh, "London city skyline seen from Peckham" (2015).
Courtesy: The artist.

Socio-Economic Transformation

The research area **Socio-Economic Transformation** was guided by the question: What socio-economic transformation is required to promote social well-being within planetary boundaries? Market economies have routinely given rise to environmental degradation and social crises, driven by rising inequalities, declining social solidarity, and fear of disempowerment. This has led to political crises, characterized by rising political fragmentation and conflict. Even where our economies serve our economic needs, they do not appear to have sufficient regard for our social and environmental needs. Our future depends on our ability to transform the economic system in accordance with our individual and collective goals. The requisite economic transformation must promote not just economic ends, but the well-being of individuals in thriving societies within planetary boundaries.

Led by Dennis Snower and Christian Kastrop, the research area worked on the following interlinked initiatives: (1) New Paradigms for Economics, (2) Measuring Prosperity, and (3) the Global Initiative for Digital Empowerment. The New Paradigms initiative provided the intellectual framework for the area, advocating alternative economic paradigms. The Measuring Prosperity initiative was the empirical basis for this framework, providing measures of social prosperity and environmental sustainability alongside standard economic growth measures. The Global Initiative for Digital Empowerment (GIDE) covered an important application of this framework to digital governance reform, suggesting reforms to data ownership and control in the digital economy. The GIDE was led by Paul Twomey.

RUTH CHANG

Chair and Professor of Jurisprudence, University of Oxford

A New Paradigm of Rationality and Implications for Law and AI

October 2022 – June 2023

Ruth Chang is Chair and Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Oxford and a Professorial Fellow at University College, Oxford. She has a Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Oxford, a JD from Harvard Law School, and an AB from Dartmouth College. Her research focus is oriented on the nature of normativity, the structure of values and reasons, practical reason, agency, rationality, population ethics, love and commitment, decision-making, and the self. Before her life as a professor and philosopher, Chang worked as a law associate on a pro bono death penalty case and several product liability and medical malpractice cases. Her work has been the subject of interviews and media outlets globally and she has been a lecturer or consultant to many institutions and industries including video gaming, the CIA, the US military, and the World Bank.

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SIMON DENNY

Fine Arts, University of Fine Arts of Hamburg

Podcast: Seed Phrase

April 2022 – March 2023

Simon Denny is an artist and curator who has had major exhibitions at MoMA PS1 in New York, the Hammer Museum, affiliated with the University of California, Los Angeles, the Serpentine Galleries in London, and the Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen (K21) in Düsseldorf, among others. He represented New Zealand at the 56th Venice Biennale, he is Professor at the Hochschule für bildende Künste Hamburg (HFBK), and he co-founded the artist mentoring program BPA / Berlin Program for Artists. His research driven work focuses on the politics and aesthetics of technology and technologists with a special focus on web-based paradigm changes. Blockchain, web3, and cryptocurrencies are currently a major focus of his work.

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JAMES GUSZCZA

Philosophy, Research Affiliate at Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University

Ethical Values and AI Technologies

April – June 2023

James (Jim) Guszczka is a Research Affiliate at Stanford's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, leading a project to articulate a practical field of human-machine hybrid intelligence system design. Jim worked as data scientist for over two decades and was the first person to be designated Deloitte's US Chief Data Scientist. He is a former professor at the Wisconsin School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jim holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Chicago and is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society. Jim serves on the advisory boards of the Psychology of Technology Institute and the Penn Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics. In March 2023, Jim was a resident at the Rockefeller Foundation's center in Bellagio, Italy.



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CHRISTIAN KASTROP

Honorary Professor of Public Finance, Fiscal Rules and International Institutions, Free University of Berlin

Creating and Promoting an Ethically Grounded Subjective International Dashboard of Wellbeing

October 2022 – August 2023

Christian Kastrop is Honorary Professor of Public Finance, Fiscal Rules, and International Institutions at the FU Berlin. Up to 2021, he was also State Secretary for Digital Society and Consumer Protection at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection. His vision is an effective and inclusive digital society and a constructive socio-economic transformation, both on an individual and collective level. Before becoming State Secretary, Christian served as Director of the Europe's Future program at the Bertelsmann Stiftung, as Director of the Policy Studies section of the Economics Department at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, and as Deputy-Director General of various departments within the German Federal Ministry of Finance, including the Economics, European, Money and Banking, and International/G20 Directorate departments.



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TABEA LISSNER

PhD, Geography, Climate Analytics

**Situating Human Well-Being and Prosperity
Within Climate Adaptation and Future
Trajectories of Change**

October 2022 – June 2023

Tabea Lissner is co-head of the Science Team at Climate Analytics. Her work focusses on improving quantitative representations of adaptation and adaptation effectiveness. Tabea's work aims to bridge the gap between context-specific adaptation needs on the ground, especially of the most vulnerable, and the global challenges and responses that these processes are embedded in. Tabea has an academic background in geography, political science, and environmental management and received her PhD in Geography from Humboldt University of Berlin in 2014. She developed the work for her thesis as a Junior Researcher in the Climate Change & Development Group at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and was awarded the "Outstanding Young Scientist" Award by the European Geosciences Union in its division Energy, Resources, and Environment. Tabea is a lead author of the chapter "water" and a drafting author of the "Summary for Policymakers (SPM)" of the IPCC 6th Assessment Report of WG II.

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DENNIS SNOWER

President, Global Solutions Initiative

October 2020 – September 2022

Dennis Snower is the President of the Global Solutions Initiative, Senior Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford University, and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. He is an expert on labor economics and public policy and is well-known for the insider-outsider theory of employment and unemployment. Dennis has acted as an adviser to a variety of international organizations and national governments and has published extensively on employment policy, the design of social systems, caring economics, and monetary and fiscal policy.

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PAUL TWOMEY

Former President & CEO, ICANN
January 2022 – December 2022

Paul Twomey is a serial entrepreneur in the legal, cybersecurity, talent, and biosecurity sectors. Paul is a Fellow and Core Theme Leader for “managing information and technology in the public interest” at the Global Solutions Initiative. He is also a Distinguished Fellow at the Center for International Governance Innovation and a Commissioner of the Global Commission for Internet Governance. Paul is a founding figure and former CEO of ICANN, the global coordination body of the Internet, a role in which he was described by the *New York Times* as “the Chief Operating Officer of the Internet.” Paul was CEO of the Australian Government’s National Office for the Information Economy and Deputy at the Australian Trade Commission. Formerly with McKinsey & Company, he was a special advisor to several Australian Ministers in the Keating and Howard Governments. He is a member of the SAP Artificial Intelligence Ethics Advisory Panel. He received his PhD from Cambridge University.

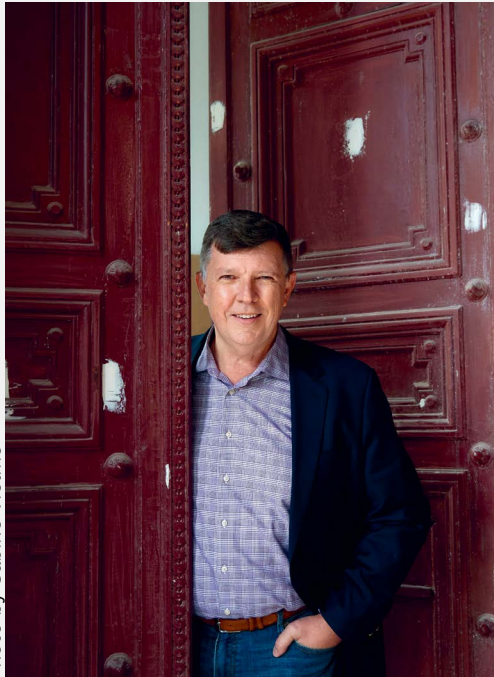


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JANINE VON WOLFERSDORFF

PhD, Tax Consultant

Paris-Aligned Accounting

October 2022 – September 2023

Janine von Wolfersdorff is a tax consultant and an active member of the Advisory Board of OMFIF, the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum, London/Berlin. For the past ten years, she was Managing Director of the Institute for Finance and Taxes, Berlin. She advises businesses and politicians on issues relating to the implementation of sustainable accounting – ESG accounting / true cost accounting – and taxes.



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Robert Heinecken, "Untitled
Newswomen (Joan Lunden,
Connie Chung, Jane Pauley,
Diane Sawyer)" (1987). Courtesy:
The artist and Petzel, New York.



Depolarizing Public Debates:

DEVELOPING TOOLS FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNICATION

The program **Depolarizing Public Debates** resulted from the specification of the research area *The Future of Democracy* into concrete programs. Chaired by Michael Brüggemann, it aims at exploring polarization in the content of news media, in digital media networks, and in unmediated political communication.

The radical socio-ecological transformations of our societies require an open and inclusive public debate. Such a debate involves conflicts as part of the democratic process. However, under certain conditions, such conflicts run the risk of falling victim to an untamed process of polarization. Polarization is neither a universal nor natural phenomenon, which raises questions about the factors that drive it. The program thereby focuses on digital media networks and news coverage as key drivers of polarization.

In Spring and Summer of 2023, the program staff worked on developing a polarization barometer, a combination of qualitative and automated tools to measure polarization through content and network analysis.

Program Chair

Prof. Dr. Michael Brüggemann
Communication Sciences
(Social Sciences), University of Hamburg

MICHAEL BRÜGGEMANN

Professor of Communication Research, Climate and Science Communication, University of Hamburg

April 2023 – September 2024

Michael Brüggemann is Professor of Communication Research, Climate, and Science Communication at the University of Hamburg. He co-chairs the project Social Constructions of Climate Futures at the cluster of excellence Climate, Climatic Change, and Society (CLICCS). In his current research, he focuses on climate communication and the communicative dimension of socio-ecological transformations: exploring how journalism, digital media networks, and different social actors coproduce and shape public debates about global ecological challenges. Recently, he has explored both the neglect of climate coverage in the news as well as emerging practices of transformative journalism and tendencies towards discursive polarization.

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MIKE FARJAM

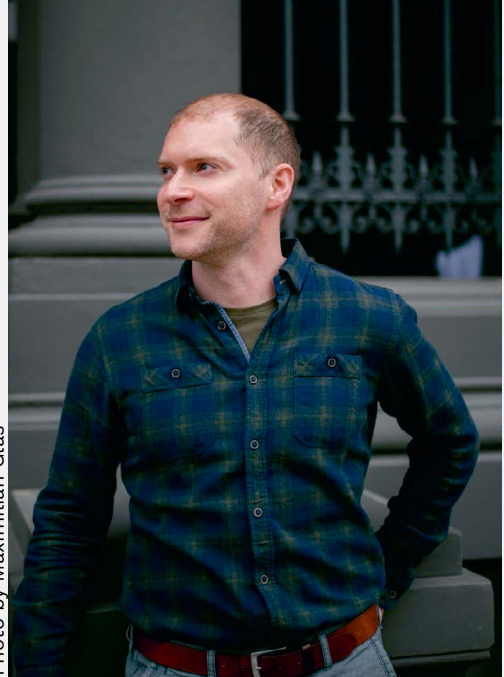
PhD, Senior Researcher, Computational Social Sciences

The Degree of Polarization in German and Swedish Media

May – June 2023

Mike Farjam currently works at Lund University as a senior researcher in the Horizon2020 project PROTECT where he focuses on the computational analysis of the migration discourse on social media. He studies political and environmental behavior in the context of political polarization, specifically the mismatch between what people say and what they actually do. Previously, he taught at Linnaeus University in Växjö and was a visiting researcher at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mike holds degrees in Psychology, Artificial Intelligence, and a PhD in Economics.

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HELENA RAUXLOH

Doctoral Candidate, Computational Social Science, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

Developing Tools for Transformative Communication

May – June 2023

Helena Rauxloh is a doctoral candidate at GESIS – Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences in Cologne. She works on the project POLTRACK, which is a cooperation between GESIS, the Hans-Bredow-Institute in Hamburg, the University of Bremen, and Aalto University in Espoo, Finland. Before that, Helena worked at the Institute for Advanced Study and completed a Research Master's in Quantitative Methodologies at the University of Amsterdam. For her master's thesis, "Corporate Outside Lobbying in the EU," she received the Institute of Advanced Studies Excellence Student Thesis Award 2022.



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Paul Kolling, "WB190621 No. 02" (2020).
Courtesy: The artist.

Governing the Planetary Commons:

A FOCUS ON THE AMAZON

The program **Governing the Planetary Commons** also resulted from the specification of the research area *The Future of Democracy* into concrete programs. Chaired by Louis Kotzé, it responds to increasing calls to recognize the Earth's biophysical systems that provide planetary resilience and stability. Beyond the definition of the global commons, the concept of the planetary commons also includes all biophysical systems that secure critical functions of the Earth system irrespective of national boundaries. As a new paradigm for thinking about planetary resilience, the planetary commons must ideally achieve the following: safeguard critical Earth system functions; create responsibilities and stewardship obligations; prevent crossing over into tipping points; and ensure a just world for everyone, now and in the future. While declaring the planetary commons is a first critical step, governing these commons raises many complex and unsettled challenges.

As the first of its kind to confront the foregoing complexities, this program aims to answer the overarching question: How are the planetary commons to be governed in an ecologically responsible, just, democratic, and resilient way? While it is broadly concerned with the issue of planetary commons governance, the project focuses specifically on the Amazon Rainforest, a critically important Earth system tipping element that spans nine countries and that is broadly representative of the many complexities that planetary commons governance give rise to.

Program Chair

Prof. Dr. Dr. Louis Kotzé

Faculty of Law,
North-West University, South Africa

Research Professor of Law, North-West
University

September 2023-June 2024

Louis Kotzé is Research Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, North-West University in South Africa. He is also Senior Professorial Fellow in Earth System Law at the University of Lincoln, United Kingdom, and serves as the Co-Chair of the Earth System Governance Network's Scientific Steering Committee. His research focuses on human rights, socio-ecological justice, and environmental constitutionalism; law and the Anthropocene; and Earth system law. Louis is an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellow, and in 2018, he was awarded a European Commission Horizon 2020 Marie Curie Fellowship to lead a project on Global Ecological Custodianship-Innovative International Environmental Law for the Anthropocene at the University of Lincoln. In 2022, he served as the Klaus Töpfer Sustainability Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam. He is assistant editor of the journal *Earth System Governance*, and a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Commission on Environmental Law.

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YEHUDIT AND YEHUDA ELKANA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to our fellowship program, THE NEW INSTITUTE has cooperated with the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin to host the Yehudit and Yehuda Elkana Fellowship Program. This program offers fellowships to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to the free exchange of knowledge and have opened spaces for academic controversy in times of deteriorating academic freedom. In 2023, we hosted four Yehudit and Yehuda Elkana Fellows from Belarus, Hungary, and Turkey. The Fellowship is tied to financial support amounting to 50,000 Euros for individual projects that aim to preserve free scientific exchange.

IRYNA KASHTALIAN

PhD, History, University of Bremen

Belarusian Archive in Exile

April – September 2023

Iryna Kashtalian is a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of European Studies at the University of Bremen. She received her Bachelor's Degree in History at the Belarusian State University in Minsk, her Master's Degree (MA) in Political Science at the European Humanities University in Vilnius, and then studied for her PhD at the Institute for Eastern European Studies at the Free University of Berlin. She was a member of the Non-State Archive for Modern History and a research associate at the Belarusian Scientific Research Center for Electronic Documentation, both located in Minsk. Together with her team, she created the Belarusian Oral History Archive, and she was the head of the Historical Workshop Leonid Levin in Minsk. Iryna is currently working on the Archive of the Belarusian Protest, an ongoing project.



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LÁSZLÓ UPOR

FreeSzFE Society, Budapest

FreeSzFE Society: Further Development into a Transnational, Transcultural Institution

October 2022 – June 2023

Affiliated with The Future of Democracy

László Upor is a dramaturg, literary translator, essayist, and university professor. He specializes in contemporary drama and performing arts. He has worked both with mainstream companies and with a great number of independent artists, physical and puppet theatres. He has published two books and numerous articles on theatre, film, and contemporary circus. His translations include novels, non-fiction, and over fifty stage plays. He is former Vice Rector/ Acting Rector of University of Theatre and Film Arts (SzFE) in Budapest where he taught for over three decades. He is founding member of Freeszfe Society, formed by students and faculty who left SzFE after a long battle with the Hungarian government.



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VISITORS

In addition to our fellowship programs, we host visitors who stay with us for one to four weeks. They contribute to the Institute's research activities and inspire the future development of our programs.

NETAYA ANBAR

Filmmaker, Writer, Editor

Visitor from September 2022 – January 2023

Netaya Anbar is an award-winning filmmaker with numerous films to her credit, fiction and documentary. She teaches film editing at New York University's Graduate School of Journalism. Netaya was born in Montreal and grew up in California, Mexico, and Israel. She studied Fine Arts at the Art Institute of Chicago and did a Master's degree in Filmmaking at the London International Film School. In 1992, Netaya and partner, Shimon Dotan, founded Cinequest Films in Montreal, Canada. Under Cinequest Films, Netaya produced and edited multiple feature films. In 1995, she moved to New York City where she continues her work as a filmmaker.



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OLIVIA J. ERDÉLYI

Mercator Visiting Professor, University of Bonn

Visitor in November 2022

Olivia J. Erdélyi is an internationally recognized AI ethics and policy expert and consultant with a multi-disciplinary background in AI, economics, law, and political science. Her work centers around developing sustainable policies and robust regulatory and governance frameworks to enable beneficial development and societal adoption of emerging technologies, in particular AI. She is active in international AI policy-making and advises governments and organizations on their journey towards AI readiness. Beyond her current roles as Senior Lecturer at the University of Canterbury, Mercator Visiting Professor at the University of Bonn, Partner for AI Ethics and Governance at PHI Institute, and consultant to the OECD, Olivia serves as an expert on various AI policy and standardization bodies, including the OECD Network of Experts on AI (ONE AI), the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).



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KIT FINE

Silver Professor of Philosophy and Mathematics,
New York University

Visitor in March 2023, and May – June 2023

Kit Fine is a university professor and Silver Professor of Philosophy and Mathematics at New York University. His specialization is in metaphysics, logic, and philosophy of language. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a corresponding fellow of the British Academy. Kit has held fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies and is a former editor of the Journal of Symbolic Logic. He regularly teaches at the Master in Philosophy program of the Università della Svizzera Italiana in Lugano. In addition to his primary areas of research, he has written papers on ancient philosophy, linguistics, computer science, and economic theory.

FEN HAMPSON

Chancellor's Professor and Professor of
International Affairs, Carleton University

Multiple visits in 2022/23

Fen Hampson is Chancellor's Professor and Professor of International Affairs at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. His work focuses on international, digital, and Internet governance and international negotiations. He explores global attitudes towards the Internet and online platforms and the development of narratives. Among several major awards, he is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a recipient of the Distinguished Peace Scholar Award and the Distinguished Canadian Scholar Award, both of the International Studies Association. He is a frequent commentator and contributor in the national and international media. Moreover, he served as Director of the Global Commission on Internet Governance and is the President of the World Refugee & Migration Council.

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TAKAHIRO NAKAJIMA

Professor at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia and the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo

Visitor in November 2022

Takahiro Nakajima is Professor at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia and the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo. His research focus is oriented towards East Asian philosophy in the comparative context of inter-East Asian and Western Philosophy and World Philosophy by seeking for the “universalizing.” Previously, he was editor in chief of the *International Journal of Asian Studies*, an interdisciplinary, English-language forum for research in the humanities and social sciences. Today, he is Director of the East Asian Academy for New Liberal Arts, University of Tokyo, where projects on world philosophy, world literature, and world history are carried out with young talented scholars.



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SHARIKA THIRANAGAMA

Associate Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University

Visitor in June 2023

Sharika Thiranagama is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University. Her research explores changing forms of ethnicization, the effects of protracted civil war on ideas of home in the midst of profound displacement and the transformations in and relationships between the political and the familial in the midst of political repression and militarization. Sharika has received several honors, fellowships and grants throughout her scholarly life and is currently serving as elected President of the American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies.



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OUTPUT

Through its fellowship program, THE NEW INSTITUTE supports research and, thus, publications by individuals and fellow groups. In addition to publications as our primary output, we also support other kinds of public interventions, such as interviews, podcasts, public readings, and artistic practices. In the following, we list the publications that were produced, either in part or in full, during our fellows' tenure at THE NEW INSTITUTE, as indicated by them.

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Total Amount	32

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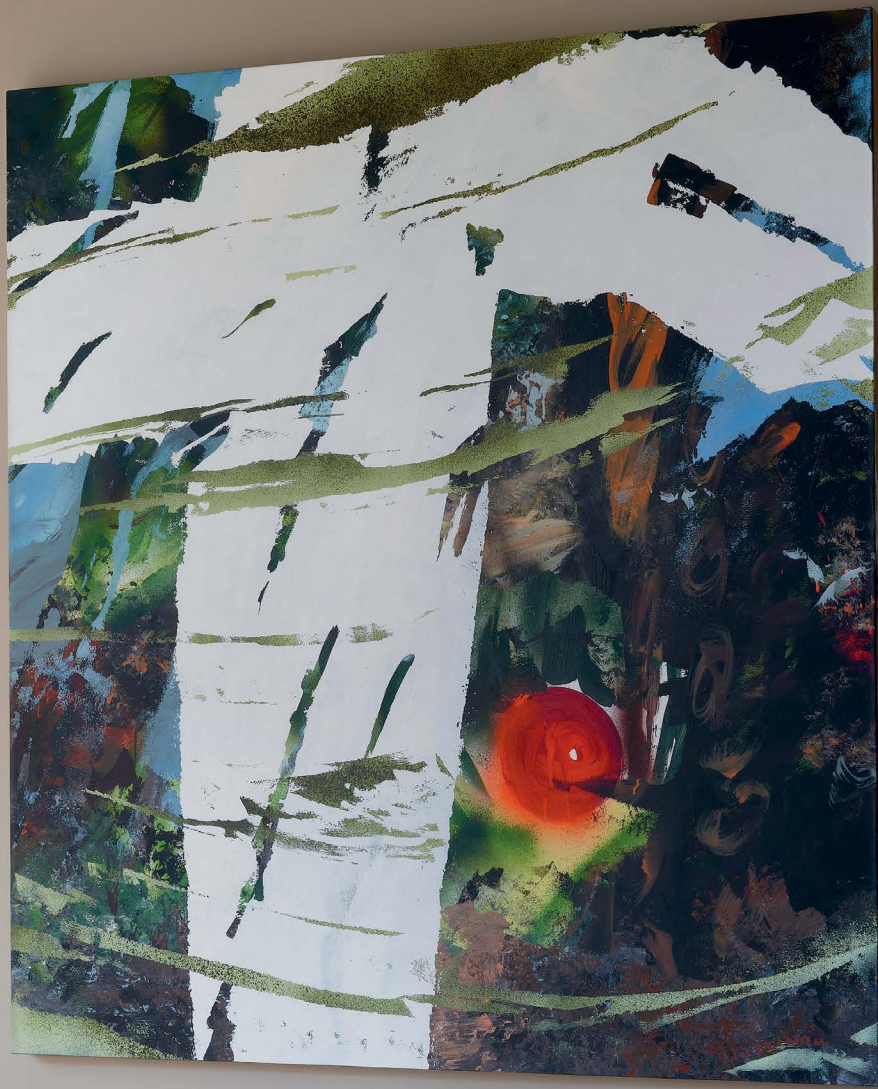
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3.

EVENTS

Since moving to our official premises in September 2022, we have been able to host an array of events at THE NEW INSTITUTE, both online and in person. A regular occasion for intellectual exchange is our weekly lecture, where fellows or invited speakers provide stimuli for our ongoing discussions. Moreover, we hosted several workshops and various public events.

Engaging with the wider research community beyond the Institute, the *Socio-Economic Transformation* research area hosted an online seminar series, featuring current research papers addressing the area's three initiatives: "New Paradigms for Economics", "Measuring Prosperity" and "Digital Empowerment."

Weekly Lectures



12.10.22

Shimon Dotan, “Cyber-Everything”

19.10.22

Denis Noble, “The Physiological Basis of Free Choice in Organisms”

02.11.22

Margaret Levi, “Political Equality: What It Would Mean to Live in a Community of Political Equals”

09.11.22

Ruth Chang, “Hard Choices”

30.11.22

Takahiro Nakajima, “Pandemic Democracy or Democracy for Human Co-becoming”

18.01.23

László Upor, “Gravity and Other Myths: A Night of Contemporary Circus”

25.01.23

Madhulika Banerjee, “Already Existing Futures? Knowledges and The Climate Crisis”

02.02.23

David Kennedy, “Knowledge Practices and Rulership: War and Peace Entangled”

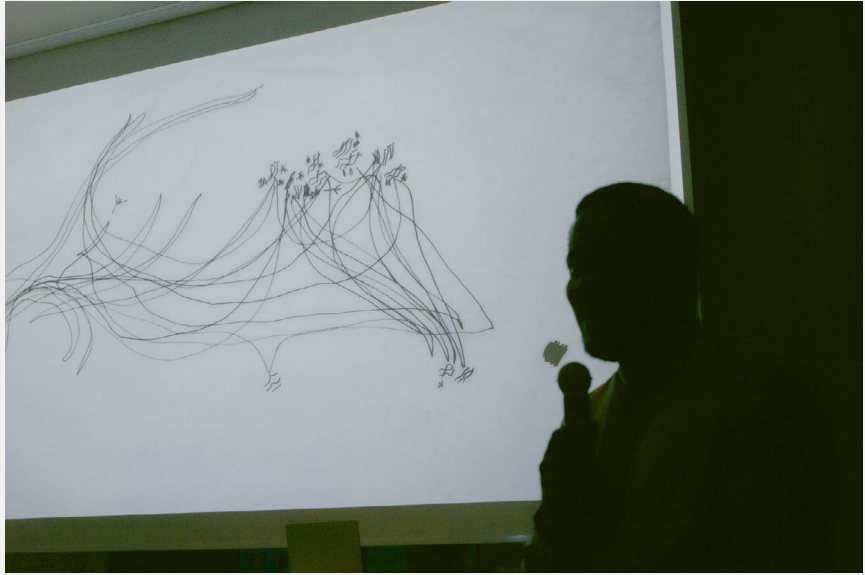
08.02.23

Minna Salami, “Thinking the Human Through Black Feminism and Sensuous Knowledge”



15.02.23

Báyò Akómoláfé, “The New is Awkward”



01.03.23

Ottmar Edenhofer, “Climate, War, and Science: Practical Dilemmas and Theoretical Challenges”

08.03.23

Marcel Fratzscher, “Die neue Aufklärung: Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft nach der Corona-Krise”

08.03.23

Tabea Lissner, “From Scientific Models to The Real World: Perspectives on Adaptation and Loss and Damage”

22.03.22

Max Krahé, “Like Water and Oil: Some Thoughts on the Relationship between Capitalism and Democracy”

29.03.23

Maki Sato, “Egg Yolk Metaphysics”

03.05.23

Louis J. Kotzé, “Sustainable Development is not a Social-Ecologically Friendly Principle”

10.05.23

Isabel Feichtner, “Reclaiming Common Wealth: Towards a Law and Political Economy of Land Commons”

26.05.23

Simon Denny, “‘Seed Phrase’: A Podcast about Web3, Blockchain, Decentralization, and Related Topics”

31.05.23

Marcus Tomalin, “The Social Impact of Artificially Intelligent Communications Technology”

14.06.23

Sharika Thiranagama, “The New Interiors of Transformation, Political Mobilization, and Domestic Life Intersect in Surprising Ways”

21.06.23

Markus Gabriel and Daniel Kehlmann, “Chat GPT and the Future of Writing”

Workshops

14.10.22

“Demokratie ohne Werte?” convened by Isabel Feichtner and Tim Wihl

In December 2021, Isabel Feichtner and Tim Wihl published the book *Gesamtverfassung* on Helmut Ridder’s constitutional thinking. This workshop aimed at discussing questions that have been neglected in the volume, but seemed particularly promising in the context of current debates, such as the connection between democracy and values.

08.11. –
09.11.22

“Preserving the Future: Latin America between creation and devastation” convened by Vladimir Safatle

In recent decades, Latin America has experienced at the same time the deepening ecological crisis, the rise of authoritarian neoliberalism, and the creation of innovative institutional and legal frameworks regarding the relationship between human society, nature and development. These issues are not, however, only the expression of challenges specific to a determinate region of global capitalism. Rather, they express potentialities that are internal to our entire global system of production and that can bring about new dynamics of struggles and social transformations. What happens in the periphery of capitalism was often the foreshadowing of what would happen in the central countries. For this reason, the workshop aimed to create a space for the circulation of the voices of Latin American thinkers and activists who spoke about the struggles, inventions, and challenges that occur in the social and political experiences of the periphery of global capitalism. Academics, indigenous thinkers, artists, journalists and politicians were invited to debate some of the main problems of global development, neoliberal destruction and ecological challenges from a Latin American point of view.



20.06. –
23.06.23

“The Role of European Journalism in Polarization Debates” convened by Michael Brüggemann and Mike Farjam

Together with Mike Farjam and Anamaria Dutceac Segesten (Lund University), the workshop served as a collaborative initiative to explore cross-country comparative representations of perceived or false polarization in journalism. This collaborative effort involved a large-scale content analysis spanning over 15 years, examining media portrayals of supposedly polarized and disrupted societies. Additionally, an experimental setting was planned to investigate how journalism’s depiction of a polarized society may influence public perception of the polarization in Europe. This conceptual kick-off workshop laid the groundwork for a collaboration between THE NEW INSTITUTE, the University of Hamburg, and Lund University, promising valuable insights into the role of European journalism in perceived polarization. The University of Hamburg and Lund University have subsequently submitted proposals for research grants in order to finance the project beyond the time frame of the program at THE NEW INSTITUTE.

Online Seminar Series

Socio-Economic Transformation

New Paradigms for Economics

This seminar series featured papers that contribute to a new understanding of the purpose of economics, focused on the mobilization of resources in the pursuit of well-being in thriving societies, now and in the future. New paradigms are based on an underlying critique of orthodox economics in terms of its central characteristics: individualism, socially disengaged behavior, ignorance as risk, utility-based well-being, and progress as economic growth. The new paradigms also involved new approaches to economic policy and business practice, which are also explored within the workshop series.

13.09.22

Arun Maira, “A New Science for Global Governance”

11.10.22

Karla Hoff, “The Other Invisible Hand: The Power of Culture to Promote Progress, or to Stall It”

08.11.22

Marc Fleurbaey, “Efficiency and Equity in a Socially-Embedded Economy”

06.02.23

Yan Chen, “Group Identity and Opinion Formation: With Applications to Political Polarization”

18.04.23

George Ellis, “Economics, Society, and the Pre-eminent Role of Value”

Measuring Prosperity

This seminar series explored the possibilities of aligning the measurement of economic performance beyond GDP and the measurement of business performance beyond shareholder value. It aimed at advancing debates on aligning measurement with a holistic understanding of prosperity at the macro and micro levels, promoting convergence across international research organizations on performance measures, and providing new research insights, extending the theoretical and empirical analysis of economic and business performance.

19.09.22**Per Espen Stoknes**, “Earth for All – A Survival Guide for Humanity”

24.10.22**Sabina Alkire & Karma Ura**, “Multidimensional Well-Being and Poverty Measures as Policy Tools – Insights from Bhutan”

28.11.22**Vincent Siegerink**, “Measuring the Non-Financial Performance of Firms through the Lens of the OECD Well-Being Framework”

27.03.23**Romina Boarini**, “Measuring Well-Being Beyond GDP: The OECD Approach”

26.06.23**Robert Smith**, “Moving Beyond GDP through Comprehensive Wealth Accounting”

Digital Empowerment

This seminar series was dedicated to ideas improving the rules of digital governance to better empower and protect individuals and democracy in an environment distorted by the power of obscure, mass data aggregation and influencer-paid surveillance capitalism. The benefits from the digital revolution are not immutably tied to the current digital governance regimes. The central challenge of digital governance regimes lies in finding ways of making these regimes humanistic without sacrificing the technological benefits.

08.09.22

Alejandro Pisanty, “Analytical Frameworks: Are the Internet and Society Mutually Commensurable?”

28.11.22

Julia Pomares, “Digital Transformation in the City of Buenos Aires”



Public Events/Conferences

26.10.22

Partner Event with Felix Jud / Book Presentation – *Der Mensch als Tier* (Ullstein 2022) with author Markus Gabriel, moderated by Marilena Berends

28.02.23

Session at CEPS Ideas Lab – “Empowering Digital Citizens: Making Humane Markets Work in the Digital Age.” THE NEW INSTITUTE’S Global Initiative for Digital Empowerment (GIDE)

17.03.23

Partner Event with Felix Jud / Book Presentation – *Gekränkte Freiheit* (Suhrkamp 2022) with co-author Oliver Nachtwey and Rahel Süß, moderated by Marilena Berends.

04.04.23

“Let’s talk books!” (public event format at the Bookstore) – *The Triumph of Broken Promises* (Harvard UP 2022) by Fritz Bartel, introduced by Georg Diez and Max Krahé.

23.05.23

“Let’s talk books!” (public event format at the Bookstore) – *Als ich mich auf den Weg machte, die Erde zu retten. Eine Reise in die Nachhaltigkeit* (Scorpio 2023), introduced by the author Martin Häusler and guest Michael Braungart.

25.05.23

Partner Event with Felix Jud / Panel Discussion – Side event to the German Non-Fiction Book Prize (awarded by Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels). Panelists: Julika Griem (jury member), Stefan Koldehoff (jury member), and Kübra Gümüşay (activist, author). Moderated by Florian Zinnecker (journalist, *DIE ZEIT*)

31.05. –
02.06.23

Conference – “Beyond Liberalism: Commons, Constitutionalism, and the Common Good” in cooperation with the Katholische Akademie Berlin and the Max Planck Institute for Public International Law in Heidelberg, convened by Isabel Feichtner

15.06. –
16.06.23

Conference – “Money as Democratic Medium 2.0”
Money, governance, and public welfare are intimately connected in modern society. The way political communities make money and allocate credit is an essential vector of material life. It critically shapes economic processes – channeling liquidity, fueling productivity, and influencing distribution. This conference was held to encourage discussion and debate on money’s design and its reform towards a world that is as just as it is (economically) productive, THE NEW INSTITUTE, fellows of THE NEW INSTITUTE and Hamburg Institute for Social Research, in collaboration with Universität Würzburg and Harvard Law School.



4.

PROJECT:
THE NEW HANSE

Over the past two years, **The New Hanse**, in collaboration with the Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg, investigated the relationship between urban digital infrastructures and access to and deployment of data for the public interest with tangible data-driven pilot projects that address real world challenges for the City of Hamburg. **The New Hanse** aimed to showcase the potential of a citizen-centered digital green city in a close collaboration between administration, science, industry, and civil society.

With a pilot project in the field of mobility data and by building legal as well as technical instruments to govern these data sources collectively, **The New Hanse** wanted to create blueprints for other European cities and explore new concepts for the transformative use of data.

The City of Hamburg thereby became a civic laboratory for more democratic and sustainable futures.

The intertwined relation between digital and “analog” urban space, and the debates and regulation surrounding both provided a starting point for practical and theoretical investigations and interventions.

THE NEW INSTITUTE and the Director of the project, Francesca Bria, designed this project in order to support the City of Hamburg in becoming the European capital of green digital transformation and to tell a different story about the futures of (European) cities.

In 2023, the project came to an end with the release of a final project report, *Governing Urban Data for the Public Interest*. This report represents the culmination of **The New Hanse**'s efforts and offers actionable guidelines for European cities seeking to harness the power of data for the public good.



The key recommendations outlined in the report are:

- 1. Shift the Paradigm Towards Democratic Control of Data:** Advocate for a policy that defaults to making urban data accessible, requiring private data holders to share in the public interest.
- 2. Provide Legal Clarity in a Dynamic Environment:** Address legal uncertainties by balancing privacy and confidentiality needs with the public interest in data accessibility, working collaboratively with relevant authorities at the national and the EU level.
- 3. Build a Data Commons Repository of Use Cases:** Streamline data sharing efforts by establishing a standardized use case repository with common technical frameworks, procedures, and contracts.
- 4. Set Up an Urban Data Intermediary for the Public Interest:** Institutionalize data sharing by building urban data intermediaries to address complexities, following principles of public purpose, transparency, and accountability.
- 5. Learn from the Hamburg Experiment and Scale it Across Europe:** Embrace experimentation as a vital step, even if outcomes are uncertain, to adapt processes for future innovations. Experiments at the local level can inform policy and scale nationally and across Europe.

Embracing these recommendations will empower cities to leverage the power of digital technology and data to make our cities greener and better serve the needs of citizens.

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Francesca Bria is one of Europe's leading digital policy experts. An innovation economist, she works at the intersection of technology, geopolitics, economics, and society. Before taking on her current role as President of the Italian Innovation Fund, she was Chief Digital Technology and Innovation Officer of the City of Barcelona and Advisor on Next Generation Internet and Innovation Policy to the European Commission. She also led major European research and innovation projects, such as the DECODE project, an effort to reclaim citizens' data sovereignty, and D-CENT, a Europe-wide project on digital democracy and economic empowerment based at Nesta, Britain's innovation agency for social good. Francesca is Honorary Professor at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose at University College London, where she teaches on digital sovereignty and people-centered smart cities. She is also Senior Advisor on Digital Cities and Digital Rights to the UN. In 2018, *Forbes* magazine voted her among Europe's Top 50 Women in Tech.

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Geoff Mulgan is a social entrepreneur, policymaker, and author, who has worked at different times in civil society, government, the technology sector, and academia. After nine years running Nesta, an innovation foundation in the UK, in 2020 Geoff took on the position of Professor of Collective Intelligence, Public Policy, and Social Innovation at University College London. Prior to joining Nesta, Geoff had roles in the UK government, including Director of the Government's Strategy Unit and Head of Policy in the Prime Minister's Office. At the moment, he is also WEF Schwab Fellow and is working with the UNDP, Demos Helsinki, and various national governments.

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5.

COOPERATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

We actively promote cooperation and collaboration with partners from academia, civil society, politics, and business. Below is a selection of institutions with which we have collaborated in the academic year 2022–2023.

The Centers

Preceding the founding of THE NEW INSTITUTE in Hamburg, Erck Rickmers founded four centers in 2016 and 2017 at different universities.

THE NEW INSTITUTE's Center for Social Critique at Humboldt University Berlin

THE NEW INSTITUTE's Center for Environmental Humanities at Ca' Foscari University Venice (until March 2025)

Humanities and Social Change Center at the UN Santa Barbara (phased out in June 2022)

Humanities and Social Change Center at the University of Cambridge (until April 2024)

Yehudit and Yehuda Elkana Fellowship Program

The Yehudit and Yehuda Elkana Fellowship invites researchers who have served the free exchange of knowledge and open space for academic controversies to spend three to six months at THE NEW INSTITUTE in Hamburg or at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. This initiative was launched in cooperation with the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, with additional support from the Volkswagen Foundation and Möllgaard Stiftung (Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft).

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Helmut-Schmidt-Zukunftspreis

In 2023, together with the Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung and *DIE ZEIT*, THE NEW INSTITUTE awarded the second Helmut-Schmidt-Zukunftspreis, given annually for innovative achievements in the fields of democracy, society, and technology. Former Finnish President Sanna Marin was the award recipient in 2023, and the prize was awarded on May 4 at Hamburg's Thalia Theater.

Global Solutions Summit 2023

THE NEW INSTITUTE and its *Socio-Economic Transformation* area cooperated with the Global Solutions Initiative, Berlin, to organize the annual Global Solutions Summit. The Summit, held at ESMT Berlin, is directed at the G20, the G7, and other global policy institutions. It hosts multistakeholder discussions on issues that require global cooperation and is attended by high-level representatives from academia (incl. Nobel laureates), politics (incl. the Federal Chancellor), business (incl. CEOs), and civil society organizations. The sessions are research-based and solution-oriented. The cooperation enabled THE NEW INSTITUTE to present its work in an internationally recognized high-level policy forum. The Global Solutions Summit was attended by more than 1,000 participants from all G20 countries and beyond.

Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

On January 23-24 2023, the research group of *Foundations of Value and Values* brought together leading academics, business leaders, policymakers, and politicians at a summit in Oxford. It discussed the foundations of value and values needed to address the global challenges, opportunities, and threats that we face in the 21st century. The summit featured an array of conceptual issues within value research delivered by academic thinkers from different disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and life sciences. They set the scene for discussions on three main themes: measurement, digital governance, and place-based regeneration. The sessions drew on research undertaken in Oxford at the Blavatnik School of Government, the Oxford Internet Institute, and the Saïd Business School, and in Germany at Fraunhofer IMW in Leipzig, Global Solutions in Berlin, and THE NEW INSTITUTE in Hamburg.



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MEDIA

The goal of the media team is to reflect and promote the Institute's thinking, enrich it with external perspectives, and introduce the fellows and their research to the public. The team aims to facilitate programmatic content production and to serve as a gateway to local and global communities. In this context, art is integral to the Institute's visual language and conceptual self-understanding. Through art, we aim to open up spaces for reflection and to create networks of like-minded creative practitioners and thinkers.

In the academic year 2022-2023, a significant objective was conceptualizing upcoming institutional publications, supporting fellow publications and events, and disseminating institutional newsletters. In addition, the team recorded fellow activities and distributed audio and video footage of selected events.

Newsletter

In November 2022, we began publishing **The Update**, our institutional newsletter. Through this format, we share information within and beyond THE NEW INSTITUTE. **The Update** contains a wide range of content: updates on activities, events, partnerships, new fellows, and curated reading recommendations. We were pleased to see our subscriber community grow from 8,192 to 9,641 international readers in 2023.

Podcast

In the Fall of 2022, the first season of the podcast “Seed Phrase” was released, followed by the second season in Spring 2023. It addressed technology, art, politics, money, and power intersect – and how, through their convergence, the much-discussed Web3 could frame new spaces of possibility. The podcast was hosted by the fellow Simon Denny and recorded on-site in Hamburg. He invited one guest per episode – from the tech sector, civic society, business, and/or the arts – delving into a wide breadth of topics: how we can use technology better; how art is reflecting the challenges of the digital world; how blockchain is both a problem and a promise; how decentralization actually works; how the commons provide the framework for a different economy; and how NFTs might figure into these considerations. In addition to THE NEW INSTITUTE’s website, the podcast was available on numerous streaming platforms.

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The Update

15.07.2023



What we do, what we plan, what we think

01 Rethinking capitalism

The call for program chairs closed in June and attracted a host of interesting candidates. The question of a different form of capitalism will be the focus of the 2024/25 academic year – over the summer we will draft the first calls for fellows; be sure to learn more about this here soon.

What are the main questions? To what extent is the ecological crisis a signifier of capitalism? Which emerging reforms and experimental practices hold promise? What would it take to scale them? Where does the law hold us back – and how would it have to be rewritten?

02 Exit the polycrisis

What is hope in dark times? The Club of Rome has always championed both research into the origins and the nature of the present crisis, mainly the conflict between nature and humans and the effects of capitalism on the climate – and we are very happy to announce that [Minna Salami](#), Program Chair at THE NEW INSTITUTE, will join the Club of Rome as a [member](#).

What is the challenge? Minna will work with the other members on “holistic solutions to complex global issues and promote policy initiatives and action to enable humanity to emerge from multiple planetary emergencies” as the Club of Rome puts it, and contribute her perspective, which she will develop in her

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LIBRARY

The library aims to facilitate knowledge creation within the Institute. It does this by curating a customized collection of print and digital resources that reflects the current work at the Institute. Our ambition is to ensure that topical, relevant titles are already in stock before they are requested. This collection is also shaped to inspire fellows to look beyond the focus of their own research.

To ensure the best possible substitute for the academic fellows' accustomed research environment, the library has again joined the DFG's DEAL contract in 2023 to guarantee the fellows seamless access to articles from Springer and Wiley journals. The library catalogue can be used and consulted by fellows at any time and from anywhere online.

Additionally, the library provides any kind of requested information and helps acquire access (e.g. arranging archive visits). It also offers thematic research and proactively suggests resources to fellows that might be suitable for their projects. As an internal service for staff, the library compiles a weekly press review with relevant coverage of fellows' work and appearances in various print and online media.

Serving also as an interface to a broader public as well as Hamburg's civil society, the library organizes book-related public events. In 2023, these included book presentations/talks and an event accompanying the presentation of the German Non-Fiction Book Prize.

The library further coordinates cooperation with the Felix Jud Bookstore, which opened in November 2022 and is located in the building ensemble. Together we organize numerous public event formats, mostly featuring fellows, including the series "Let's talk books!" (open conversations about recent non-fiction books) and a curated bookshelf series, allowing fellows to present books that have influenced their thinking.

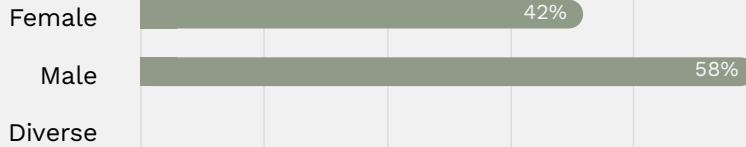
The library team has continued to expand its networks and cooperations, through intensifying contacts with institutions from which we frequently borrow books for the fellows, as well as exchanging expertise with colleagues from related libraries. In addition, the library is a member of the *dbv* (German Library Association) and is particularly involved in the section for special libraries as well as in the Hamburg chapter. To increase impact in Hamburg and to reach a wider non-academic audience, the library began pursuing a collaboration with the *Hamburger Bücherhallen* (public libraries), including plans to organize events with fellows that fit the public library's thematic series in 2024. Additionally, we will be involved with the national library congress *BiblioCon*, which will take place in Hamburg in 2024.



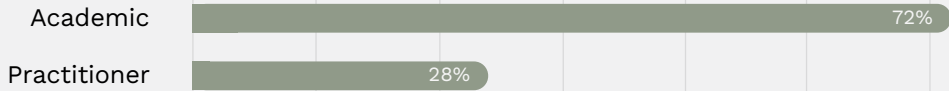
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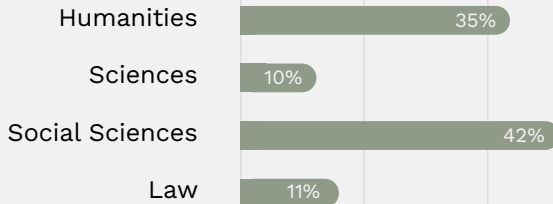


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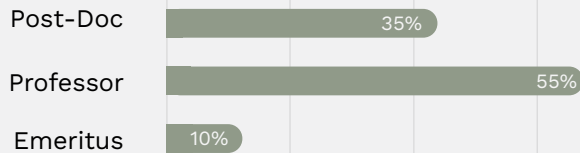
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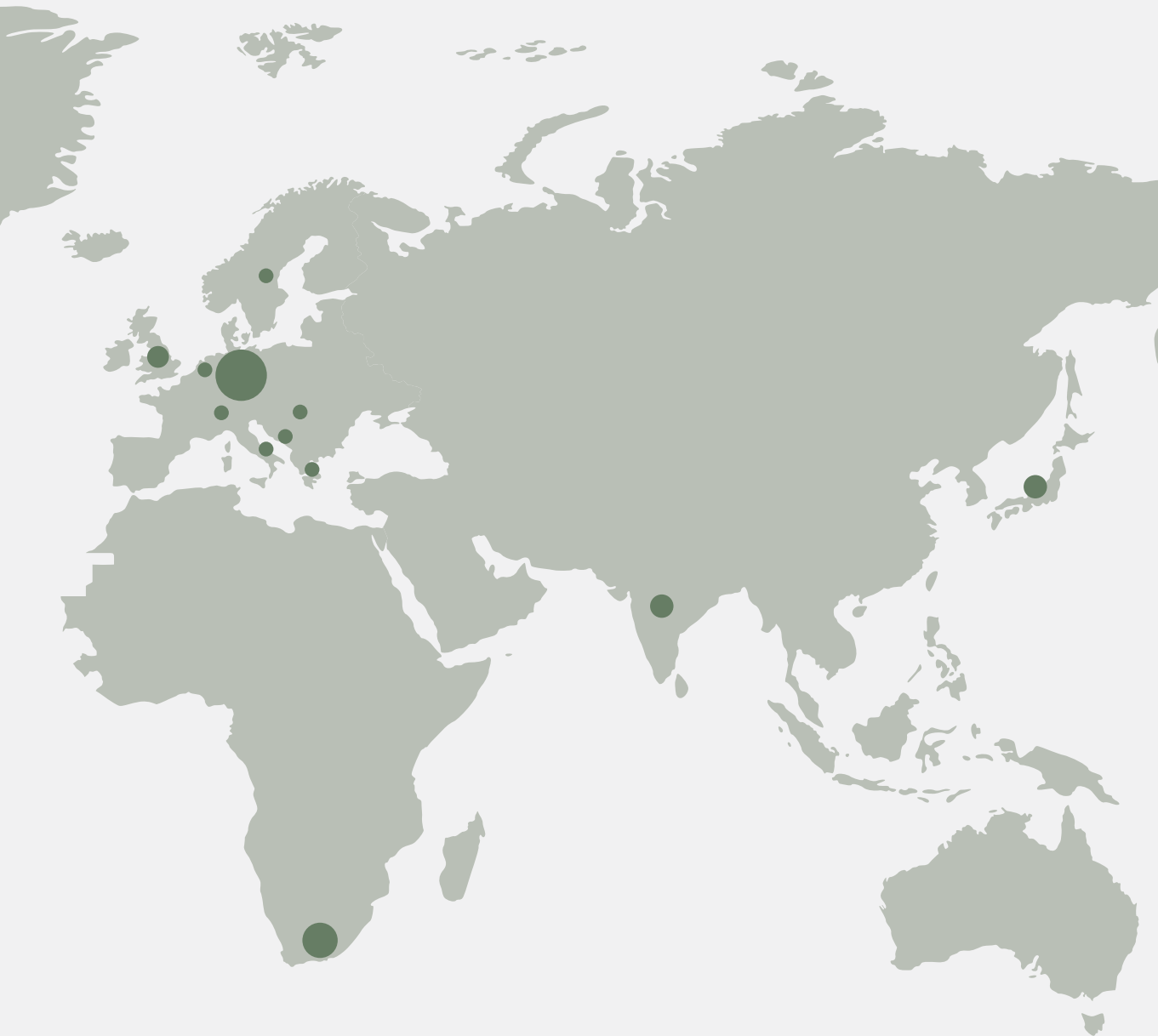
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Italy	1	
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Switzerland	1	
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