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## Research & Awards

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## LMU researchers co-lead new Max Planck School of Biomedical AI

Co-led by LMU researchers, the new Max Planck School of Biomedical Artificial Intelligence will strengthen the link between AI and life science research. Coordinated by [Prof. Dr. Karsten Borgwardt](#), Honorary Professor at LMU and Director at the [Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry](#), the school will train doctoral researchers at the interface of advanced AI methods and biomedical applications. LMU fellows include LMU Chief AI Officer [Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer](#) (Computer Vision and Learning Group, LMU), [Prof. Dr. Volker Tresp](#) (Database Systems, Data Mining and AI, LMU), [Prof. Dr. Ralf Jungmann](#) (Molecular Physics of Life, LMU), and [Prof. Dr. Veit Hornung](#) (Gene Center and Department of Biochemistry, LMU).

Read more [here](#).



## New reIAI fellows strengthen medicine and language AI

The **Konrad Zuse School of Excellence in Reliable AI** (reIAI) has welcomed two new fellows from LMU: AI-HUB@LMU Steering Committee member **Prof. Dr. Björn Eskofier** (AI Supported Therapy Decisions, LMU) and **Prof. Dr. Valentin Hofmann** (Information and Language Processing using AI Methods, LMU). Their work spans key areas of reliable AI, from AI supported therapy decisions in medicine and healthcare to robust and fair large language models for human facing systems. As reIAI fellows, both will contribute to teaching, mentoring, and community activities.

More details [here](#) and [here](#).



## Three awards for SODA researchers at GOR 2026

Members of LMU's **Social Data Science and AI Lab** received three awards at the GOR 2026 conference in Cologne, highlighting AI related research in survey methodology and data quality. **Jan Simson**, **Fiona Draxler**, **Prof. Samuel Mehr** (former SODA member), and **Prof. Dr. Christoph Kern** received the Best Paper Award for work on participatory input across machine learning design choices. **Dr. Leah von der Heyde** was honored with the PhD Thesis Award for research on survey quality in the age of AI. **Anna Fuchs** received the Master's Thesis Award for work on using large language models in survey design.

Read more [here](#).



## Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter becomes AAAS Fellow

AI-HUB@LMU Spokesperson [Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter](#) (Social Data Science and AI Lab, LMU) has been elected a Fellow of the [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#). The recognition honors her contributions to survey methodology, data metrics, and standards that improve the quality of official statistics. Her work sits at an important intersection for AI research, linking data quality, data protection, and data infrastructure with socially responsible data science. The award highlights the relevance of rigorous data foundations for trustworthy AI.

Learn more [here](#).



## Dr. Mariia Seleznova receives Emmy Noether Grant for AI methods

LMU postdoc [Dr. Mariia Seleznova](#) (Mathematical Foundations of AI, LMU) has been awarded an Emmy Noether Grant by the [German Research Foundation](#) (DFG). Her project "RMT4DL: Random Matrix Theory for Deep Learning" is part of the DFG AI initiative. The Emmy Noether Programme enables excellent researchers to lead their own independent junior research group, as an important step towards full academic independence.

Learn more [here](#).

## In the News

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## Prof. Dr. Florian Englmaier on structured AI adoption in companies

In an interview with LMU Newsroom, [Prof. Dr. Florian Englmaier](#) (Organizational Economics, LMU) outlines how companies can use generative AI effectively by treating adoption as a structured process of experimentation. Rather than focusing only on whether AI works, he argues that organizations should test how it works, for whom, and under which conditions. He points to gains in software development, production, and internal collaboration, while also stressing the need for training, suitable evaluation metrics, and careful attention to data protection.

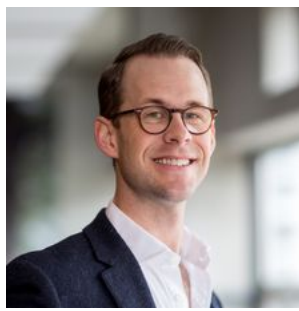
Read the full interview [here](#).



## Dr. Sebastian Kubon on AI fakes and historical memory

In two separate articles for Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung, AI-HUB@LMU Steering Committee member [Dr. Sebastian Kubon](#) (Historical Seminar, LMU) discusses how AI generated fake images, videos, and so called AI slop are reshaping the public understanding of history online, as well as the history of faking images, and what opportunities might be found in AI-generated historical content.

Explore the articles [here](#) and [here](#).



## Prof. Dr. Sven Nyholm on meaning and the AI laziness trap

In a recent conversation on the Ethical Machines Podcast with Reid Blackman as well as in a #digdeep podcast episode, AI-HUB@LMU Steering Committee member [Prof. Dr. Sven Nyholm](#) (Ethics of AI, LMU) discusses themes including meaning, human excellence, responsibility, and the idea of AI as a laziness trap. He frames AI as a philosophical and ethical challenge, asking who bears responsibility when AI systems fail and who receives credit when things go well. He also discusses the question of whether AI makes life better or mainly more convenient, while pointing to the risk that increasing convenience can reduce opportunities to develop human skills.

Listen to both episodes [here](#) and [here](#).

## Cooperations

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## BioM and LMU experts strengthen support for AI and digital health spin-offs

LMU and [BioM](#) have agreed to work together more closely to identify and support research projects with spin off potential in life sciences, medicine, and digital health. The collaboration links LMU researchers with BioM's sector specific infrastructure, advisory services, and investor network, including the MAxL incubator in Martinsried. AI is part of the initiative's focus, alongside next generation diagnostics and data driven applications in digital health. [Prof. Dr. Ralf Huss](#) (BioM) and [Dr. Philipp Baaske](#) (LMU VP for Entrepreneurship) frame the cooperation as a way to translate research into practical solutions more quickly and strengthen biotech and healthtech entrepreneurship in Bavaria.

Learn more [here](#).



### KI Café: micro applications for AI in everyday teaching (23.04.-16.07.)

**PROFiL** at LMU is offering a four part online event series on practical uses of artificial intelligence in teaching. The sessions run from 23 April to 16 July 2026 and cover the foundations of generative AI, effective prompt strategies, application scenarios, and the legal framework. Each session can be attended independently, but participation is open only to LMU employees.

See details [here](#).



### Panel discussion: The role of data in the age of AI (29.04.)

**BERD@NFDI** is hosting a panel discussion at LMU on 29 April 2026 on the role of data in the age of AI. The event addresses a central AI question: while foundation models and chatbots receive most of the attention, their performance still depends on data quality, data availability, and the strategic use of data. The discussion brings together perspectives from academia, industry, and journalism. LMU is represented by **Prof. Dr. Göran Kauermann** (Applied Statistics in Social Sciences, Economics and Business, LMU) and a reception will follow the discussion.

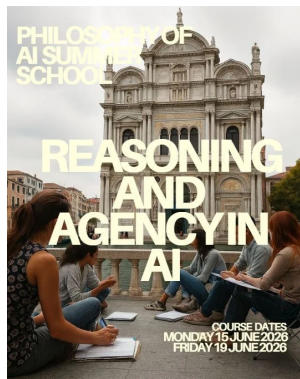
Register [here](#).



## Workshop: LMU AI Incubator for Startups (04.05.)

Hosted at LMU's [Center for Advances Studies](#), the workshop "LMU AI: Incubator for Startups" will take place on 4 May 2026. Organized by LMU's Vice President for Entrepreneurship together with the AI-HUB@LMU and its Task Force "AI and Transfer", the event is aimed at professors, postdoctoral researchers, and advanced doctoral candidates interested in founding a company. Short pitch talks by LMU researchers and startup founders will address personal experiences, legal frameworks, critical success factors, and entrepreneurial challenges in building AI driven ventures. The workshop is part of the CAS research focus "[Next Generation AI](#)".

Full details [here](#).



## Summer school: Philosophy of AI (15.06.-19.06.)

The 2026 Philosophy of AI Summer School will be co-hosted by researchers from LMU together with the Institute of Philosophy at the University of London and the University of Hong Kong. The five day programme will take place at the [Venice International University](#) and focuses on "Reasoning and Agency in AI". It is aimed primarily at PhD students, postdocs, and early career researchers in philosophy, while also welcoming applicants from adjacent disciplines, qualified MA students, and participants from industry. The programme combines invited teaching sessions with structured discussion, research feedback, and poster presentations, highlighting foundational questions at the intersection of philosophy and artificial intelligence.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

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