



AI-HUB@LMU Newsletter

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GROUPS RESEARCHING AI
AND ITS APPLICATIONS AT LMU MUNICH

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Last chance: Register for the KI-Symposium

Only a few days left until our annual KI-Symposium.

Join us on 10 November 2025 at 18:15 in LMU's "Große Aula" for opening words from AI-HUB spokesperson [Prof. Dr. Gitta Kutyniok](#), LMU president [Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Matthias Tschöp](#), StMWK Head of Office [Stephanie Jacobs](#) and [Dr. Christian Scharpf](#), Head of Labour and Economic Affairs, State Capital of Munich, [Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer](#)'s keynote, a panel moderated by AI-HUB spokesperson [Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter](#) involving LMU's new vice presidents for Entrepreneurship ([Dr. Phillipp Baaske](#)), Digital Strategy ([Prof. Dr. Julia Dittrich](#)) and Innovation in Education and Teacher Training ([Prof. Dr. Jochen Kuhn](#)), as well as pitch talks by newly appointed LMU AI professors and the awards ceremony for this year's AI-HUB prizes. After the event we invite everyone to a reception in the Lichthof.

Read more [here](#) and [register now](#).



LMU appoints Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer as Chief AI Officer

On 1 October 2025, LMU appointed [Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer](#) as its Chief AI Officer. As one of LMU's Chairs of Artificial Intelligence and Head of the Computer Vision & Learning Group, Prof. Dr. Ommer is internationally recognized for bridging AI with the humanities and life sciences. In his new role, he will consolidate and expand LMU's research and transfer activities in AI.

Read LMU's [announcement](#) for the full details.



Prof. Dr. Björn Eskofier heads new Institute for AI in Medicine at LMU Klinikum

[LMU Klinikum](#) has established the Institute for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine to bundle and accelerate hospital-wide AI activities. From 1 October 2025, the institute is led by [Prof. Dr. Björn Eskofier](#) and will research and test AI for clinical use. A new E-Health Core Facility, including a motion analysis lab, wearable biosignal systems, as well as immersive VR and IMU setups, will serve both clinics and other university chairs. [Prof. Dr. Markus M. Lerch](#) (CEO of LMU Klinikum) welcomes the move and expects greater impact and visibility for the clinic's medical AI.

Read the full press release [here](#).



Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter receives the Waksberg Award

Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter, AI-HUB spokesperson and Head of LMU's SODA Lab, has been selected for the Waksberg Award by the American Statistical Association. The award honors outstanding contributions to survey statistics and recognizes Prof. Dr. Kreuter's leadership at the interface of survey methodology, data science, and social research, including fostering a new generation of data science-savvy survey researchers. As part of the award, she will deliver the Waksberg Invited Address at the 2026 Statistics Canada Symposium.

Learn more [here](#).



Looking back (and ahead): Women in Data Science Conference

For the fifth year in a row, the Women in Data Science Munich Conference showcased outstanding contributions by women across data science. Talks and panels spanned uncertainty in machine learning and investigative data journalism. Speakers included Marie Piraud, Head of the AI consultant team at Helmholtz AI, and Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter, AI-HUB spokesperson and head of the Social Data Science and AI Lab at LMU. The event once again underlined the depth and breadth of expertise in our community and the importance of visible role models for future generations.

Save the date for next year's conference (27 October 2026) and learn more about WiDS Munich [here](#).



Prof. Dr. Mario Haim on AI search summaries and credibility

Prof. Dr. Mario Haim, Professor for Computational Communication Research at LMU and member of the AI-HUB@LMU steering committee, contributed to a Tagesschau feature on the shift from classic search results to AI generated summaries. He notes that while traditional search ranking factors are mostly known, it remains unclear which providers are integrated into AI answers. This lack of transparency opens the door to experimentation by content providers and carries the risk that less credible sources gain visibility while trustworthy outlets are pushed aside. His analysis highlights the need for clear criteria and accountability in AI mediated information access.

Read the [full article](#).



Annual Conference of Germany's platform for AI from acatech with Prof. Dr. Gitta Kutyniok

At the annual conference of the [Plattform Lernende Systeme](#) of [acatech](#) under the motto "KI & WIR", AI-HUB@LMU spokesperson [Prof. Dr. Gitta Kutyniok](#) delivered an impulse talk, "What modern AI must achieve and how mathematics provides the foundations." She emphasized reliability/trustworthiness and AI's energy footprint, presenting theory-driven paths, including the Bavarian-Saxon joint [gAI](#) project for energy-efficient and reliable AI. She also joined the panel "Reliable and Efficient: Approaches to Future-Oriented AI Technologies", which also focused on reliability, explainability and energy sustainability of AI.

Learn more on the [conference website](#).



Can LLMs understand regional dialects?

AI-HUB steering committee member [Prof. Dr. Barbara Plank](#) and colleagues from LMU's [MaiNLP Lab](#) appeared on a Bayerischer Rundfunk broadcast last month to discuss how large language models deal with regional language dialects. Prof. Dr. Plank discussed how LLMs can struggle with linguistic nuances in particular dialects, but also highlighted how AI models might themselves affect how language-use evolves in the future.

Listen to the full episode [here](#).

Events



Interdisciplinary Workshop on Preferences in AI

The [Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy](#) at LMU is hosting an interdisciplinary workshop on preferences in artificial intelligence. The event brings together perspectives from philosophy, computer science, and the social sciences to examine how preferences are modeled and learned, and what this means for decision making, alignment, and fairness in AI systems. Sessions will address foundational questions as well as applications from recommender systems to social choice. The workshop invites researchers interested in the theory and practice of preference-based AI.

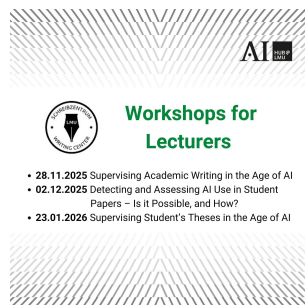
Learn more and register [here](#).



AI & I: Practical AI Agent Workshops for LMU Students

The **LMU Career Service** offers AI & I, a hands-on seminar series on AI agents for students from all disciplines. Across seven modules participants will learn what AI agents are, how to work with data formats like JSON, build their first agent, apply agents to data analysis, deepen technical skills, discuss ethics, and program a small team of agents. Individual sessions run as 4-hour Zoom webinars on 24 April, 29 May, 26 June, 17 July, 30 October, 20 November, and 4 December 2026 and each module can be booked individually. The workshop series is offered in cooperation with **Microsoft**, **Ecodynamics**, the **AI-HUB@LMU**, the **LRZ**, and the **Artificial Intelligence Center Hamburg**.

Learn more about each session and register [here](#).



AI and Student Writing: Workshops for LMU Lecturers

The **LMU Writing Centre** offers three focused online workshops this winter semester to support responsible teaching and supervision in the age of generative AI. Sessions cover supervising academic writing in the age of AI on 28 November 2025, detecting and assessing AI use in student papers on 2 December 2025, and another (english-language) session on supervising students' theses in the age of AI on 23 January 2026. Each 3-hour-long workshop is held via Zoom and is designed for lecturers who want practical guidance on setting clear rules, evaluating AI use, and integrating AI considerations into writing supervision.

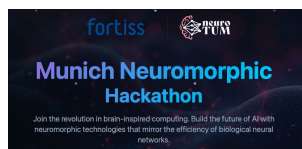
Learn more and register [here](#).



Data Quality Workshop: Unstructured Data & the Need for Metrics

BERD@NFDI and **KODAQs** invite researchers and practitioners to a one day workshop on unstructured data and the need for quality metrics. The program explores frameworks, challenges, and applications with a focus on AI and official statistics in business and economics. The event takes place on 22 January 2026 and features AI-HUB spokesperson **Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter** among its scientific committee.

Find out more [here](#).



Munich Neuromorphic Hackathon

In mid-November **fortiss** in collaboration with the Bavarian-Saxon **gAI**n initiative and supported by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts will host a hands on hackathon on real neuromorphic hardware, which promises significantly higher energy efficiency than classical GPUs. 20 participants will receive access to hardware and expert mentorship, explore novel system architectures and processes, and solve real industry challenges over the course of five days.

Learn more on the [event page](#).

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