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AI-HUB@LMU



Registration is open for the KI-Symposium 2026

The KI-Symposium 2026 will take place on 9 November in LMU's Große Aula. The [AI-HUB@LMU research community](#) invites researchers and everyone interested in artificial intelligence to an evening of exchange. The programme will feature pitch talks by newly appointed AI professors, contributions on AI and teaching and on entrepreneurship, and the AI-HUB@LMU Prizes for an outstanding master's thesis and an innovative AI-based research project. The programme begins at 18:15.

Registration is [open here](#).

In the News



Machine learning maps disparities in global health aid

A team led by [Prof. Dr. Stefan Feuerriegel](#) of LMU's [Institute of Artificial Intelligence in Management](#) has developed a machine learning pipeline to compare disease-specific development assistance with disease burden. Drawing on a large dataset of aid projects, the researchers identify relative disparities across countries and diseases. Published in Nature Communications, their analysis offers a detailed basis for discussing global health funding priorities.

Read the full article [here](#).



Prof. Dr. Hinrich Schütze elected to Academia Europaea

[Prof. Dr. Hinrich Schütze](#), Chair of Computational Linguistics at LMU, has been elected to Academia Europaea's Informatics section. Plattform Lernende Systeme also features his early work on automatic word-sense discrimination among achievements in German AI research. [In a feature](#) for the German edition of MIT Technology Review, Schütze and [Prof. Dr. Stephan Günnemann](#) of TUM discuss the risks of manipulated data for AI systems

Read the Academia Europaea profile [here](#).

Read the research interview [here](#) (German).



Applications open for the NTU AI-for-X Postdoctoral Fellowship

Nanyang Technological University Singapore invites applications for its AI-for-X Postdoctoral Fellowship. The programme supports early-career researchers using AI to advance research across science, technology, engineering and mathematics, including medicine. It provides up to four years of funding and an SGD 250,000 research grant. Applicants must have received a STEM PhD in 2023 or later and identify an NTU faculty member as a project mentor. Applications close on 30 October 2026.

Learn more and apply here: <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/research/research-careers/ntu-ai-for-x-postdoctoral-fellowship>



LMU researchers on children, social media and AI

In an LMU feature, [Prof. Dr. Sarah Diefenbach](#), [Prof. Dr. Johannes Kinder](#), [Prof. Dr. Ruth Wendt](#), [Prof. Dr. Markus Paulus](#), [Prof. Dr. Zhuanghua Shi](#) and [Prof. Dr. Mark A. Zöller](#) discuss how social media and AI applications affect children and adolescents. Drawing on psychology, computer science, communication studies and law, they address platform design, online risks, attention, media education and legal responsibilities. They also consider how parents and schools can support children's critical use of digital tools.

Read the article [here](#).



PD Dr. Christoph Heilig on AI and the future of theology

In an Eule podcast episode, [PD. Dr. Christoph Heilig](#), who leads the [“Focalization in Early Christian Texts” junior research group](#) at LMU, discusses how AI could change theological research and New Testament studies. In an essay for Merkur, he examines Pope Leo XIV’s AI encyclical and its implications for work, politics and how we understand the role of AI.

Listen to the podcast [here](#) (German).
Read the essay [here](#) (German).

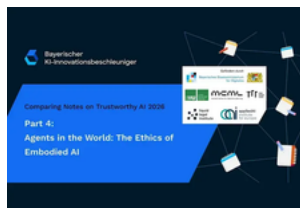


Prof. Dr. Roland Wenzlhuemer on AI’s time dividend in research

In an essay for the September issue of Merkur, historian [Prof. Dr. Roland Wenzlhuemer](#), director of [global dis:connect](#) at LMU, examines how researchers might use the time saved by AI tools. He argues that faster workflows do not automatically create more freedom; the resulting “time dividend” depends on how institutions and researchers choose to use and distribute it. The essay connects AI in scholarship with a wider history of technologies that promised to save time.

Read the essay [here](#).

Events



Panel Discussion: Agents in the World – The Ethics of Embodied AI (05.10.)

A panel in the “Comparing Notes on Trustworthy AI” series explores autonomy, responsibility and trust as AI systems move from generating answers to acting in the world. It brings together perspectives from philosophy, AI ethics, human-AI interaction and data science. Co-organized by [MCML](#) Junior Research Group leader [Dr. Benjamin Lange](#) and [Johannes Reisinger](#), the discussion takes place on 5 October 2026, 17:30–20:00, at the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung in Munich.

Registration is open [here](#).



Conference: PhilML'26 (06.10. to 09.10.)

PhilML'26 brings philosophers and machine learning researchers together at LMU Munich from 7 to 9 October 2026, preceded by a graduate workshop on 6 October. The conference addresses foundational and ethical questions about learning, robustness, explanation, causality, trust and fairness, as well as newer questions raised by foundation models. It takes place in Room A 014 of the LMU main building; the program is available on the conference website.

See the program [here](#).



Munich AI Signature Lecture: Prof. Dr. Shafi Goldwasser (20.10.)

Prof. Dr. Shafi Goldwasser, Turing Award recipient and a leading researcher in cryptography and theoretical computer science, will deliver the next Munich AI Signature Lecture on 20 October 2026. Her lecture, “A Cryptographic Perspective on Machine Learning Trustworthiness Challenges,” addresses questions of trust in machine learning from a cryptographic perspective. It begins at 18:00 in the Plenary Hall of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities and will also be livestreamed.

Learn more [here](#).



Roundtable: Term papers and theses in the age of AI (28.10.)

The next **PrüfenPlus** roundtable “Prüfen im Wandel” will address “Haus- und Abschlussarbeiten in Zeiten von KI – Was darf ich und wie mach ich’s?” **Dr. Sabrina Sontheimer** and **Andreas Bartholomä** will discuss practical and legal questions for teaching and assessment. The meeting takes place on 28 October 2026, 09:30–11:30, in the Senate Hall (E110/106) of LMU’s main building. Registration closes on 23 October.

Learn more and register [here](#) (German)



Workshop: Biotech AI Compass (19.11.)

BioM and Steadforce will host the AI4Biotech Session “Biotech AI Compass: Turn AI ambition into action” on 19 November 2026 in Martinsried. The workshop will help decision makers in biotech and life sciences assess their organisation’s AI readiness, set priorities and develop a practical roadmap. Following the working sessions, Prof. Dr. Carsten Marr of LMU and Helmholtz Munich will join Dr. Anna Bauer-Mehren of Roche for a fireside chat. Participation is subject to a fee.

Learn more and register [here](#).



Conference: Bavarian Conference on AI in Medicine (30.11. to 01.12.)

The second Bavarian Conference on AI in Medicine, “From GPU to Bedside,” will take place from 30 November to 1 December 2026 at the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Munich. AI researchers, clinicians and early-career scientists will discuss developments and practical challenges in medical AI. The programme includes keynotes by Joëlle Barral (Google DeepMind), [Prof. Dr. Moritz Gerstung](#) and [Prof. Dr. Julia Vogt](#), as well as short talks and posters. Registration and abstracts for talks or posters are due by 5 October 2026.

Learn more [here](#).

Poster and submission [details](#).



Call for posters: KI als Gegenüber (04.12.)

The [JFF Institute for Media Research and Media Education](#) invites researchers at all career stages to submit posters for the interdisciplinary conference “KI als Gegenüber” on 4 December 2026 in Munich. The call focuses on interactions with AI systems, particularly young people’s use of chatbots and educational applications in which AI acts as an interaction partner. Poster proposals are due by 5 October 2026. The conference language is German, but contributions in English are welcome.

See the call for posters [here](#) (German).

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