

Cambridge-LMU Strategic Partnership Days

26–27th October 2026 at LMU Munich

Programme (as of 28 September 2026)

Monday, 26th October 2026

Location: LMU Main Building, Senatssaal (E110), Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1

Kick-off

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:00 – 12:00 **Higher Education in Transition: British and German Perspectives**

- Dr. Eva Hartmann, University Associate Professor & Leader of the Cambridge Critical Higher Education Research (CCHER) Group, Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge
- Dr. Anna Lohse, Head of International Networks, LMU Munich

Opening Ceremony

Location: Center for Advanced Studies, Seestraße 13

16:30 – 17:00 **Registration**

17:00 – 18:15 **Opening Session**

Welcome Address by LMU Munich's University Leadership

- Prof. Dr. Francesca Biagini, Vice President for Mathematics, Computer Science, Statistics and International Affairs, LMU Munich

UK-Bavaria Science and Technology Partnerships

- Stephanie Jacobs, Director General, Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts
- Dr. Mark Dittmer-Odell, British Consul-General, Munich

Opening Remarks by LMU–Cambridge Academic Directors

- Prof. Chris Young, Master of St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Ackermann, Chair of Private Law as well as European and International Commercial Law, LMU Munich

Keynote Address "What can Statistics and Science bring to Government?"

- Prof. Sir John Aston, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Cambridge

Closing Remarks

18:15 – 19:15 **Networking Reception**

Tuesday, 27th October 2026

Location: LMU Main Building, Senatssaal (E110) and Speerträger, Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1

10:30 – 11:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

11:00 – 12:30 **Insights and Emerging Areas of Collaboration in the LMU-Cambridge Strategic Partnership: Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Science and Climate Research**

- Welcome and Moderation: Prof. Dr. Francesca Biagini / Prof. Dr. Thomas Ackermann

Strengthening UK–German Research Collaboration: Lessons from the DNA4RENOMS ERC Synergy Grant

- Prof. Dr. Tim Liedl, Professor of Experimental Physics

Perspectives on Advancing AI Research through an Institutionalized Approach

- Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer, Chief AI Officer of LMU Munich and Head of the Computer Vision & Learning research group
- Maja Klimaschewski, Director of the Office of the Free State of Bavaria in the United Kingdom
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Seidl, Chair of Database Systems, Data Mining and AI and Director of Munich Centre for Machine Learning (MCML)
- Dr. Thomas Meier, Science Manager for Collaborations and PhD Coordinator at the Munich Centre for Machine Learning (MCML)

Time for Reflection and Discussion

12:30 – 13:15 **Networking Lunch**

13:15 – 14:45 **Interdisciplinary Sustainability and Environmental Research at LMU**

- Prof. Dr. Ralf Ludwig, Chief Sustainability Officer of LMU Munich and Professor for Applied Physical Geography
- Prof. Dr. Julia Pongratz, Chair of Physical Geography and Land Use Systems
- Prof. Dr. Henrike Rau, Professorship in Social Geography with a Focus on Sustainability
- Lena Engel, Managing Director of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society

Time for Reflection and Discussion

Excellence Clusters at LMU Munich: Munich Centre for Quantum Science and Technology (MCQST)

- Dr. Tatjana Wilk, General Manager of MCQST
- Prof. Dr. Monika Aidelsburger, Research Group Engineered Quantum Systems
- Prof. Dr. Dmitri K. Efetov, Chair of Experimental Solid-State Physics, Quantum Materials, Quantum Many Body Systems, Quantum Sensing
- Prof. Dr. Milan P. Allan, Quantum Materials

Time for Reflection and Discussion

14:45 – 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 – 16:15 **UK-German Funding Opportunities: Interactive Information Session**

- Dr. Melanie Meermann-Zimmermann, Head of Research Funding, LMU Munich
- Dr. Daniel Wunderlich, Assistant Director at the Research Office EU and International Funding as well as Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Non-Schools, University of Cambridge
- Dorothea Fendel, Programme Officer International Affairs, Team Europe/Central Asia, German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Ailsa Kienberger, Head of Education, British Council Germany
- Dr. Anna Abelmann-Brockmann, Scientific Coordinator, Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR)

16:15 – 17:00 **Networking and Closing**