

FUTURE LEARNING: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, EUROPEAN PATHWAYS

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

SCHEDULE

9:15 - 9:30 WELCOMING

Prof. Enkelejda Kasneci,
TUM Center for Educational Technologies

9:30 - 10:00 SPOTLIGHT TALKS

Amanda Bickerstaff, AI for Education, USA
Dr. Teo Chew Lee, NTU, Singapore

10:00 - 11:00 PANEL 1 LEADING EDUCATION IN THE AGE OF AI

Prof. Thomas Hofmann, President TU Munich
Amanda Bickerstaff, AI for Education, USA
Dr. Teo Chew Lee, NTU, Singapore
Prof. Dominik Petko, University of Zurich
Moderation: Prof. Enkelejda Kasneci, TU Munich

11:30 - 12:30 PANEL 2 RESPONSIBLE AI FOR EDUCATION: CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

Daniele Esposito, Google for Education
Valerie Focke, OpenAI
Prof. Gjergji Kasneci, TU Munich
Andrea Martin, IBM
Moderation: Prof. Jeanne Rubner, TU Munich

12:30 - 14:00 POSTER SESSION & NETWORKING

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Prof. Thomas Hofmann, President TU Munich SPEAKER

Prof. Thomas F. Hofmann has been President of the Technical University of Munich (TUM) since October 2019. Prior to this, he served as Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation for ten years. With a PhD in food chemistry and as an internationally recognized scientist, he held professorships at the University of Münster and at TUM, where he was appointed full professor of Food Chemistry and Molecular Sensory Science in 2007. As president, he is committed to outstanding research, international networking, social responsibility, and the consistent advancement of young talents. Under his leadership, TUM is advancing its development into an entrepreneurial university that builds bridges between science, business, and society and actively tackles the major challenges of the future.

Amanda Bickerstaff, AI in Education, USA SPEAKER

Amanda Bickerstaff is the Co-Founder and CEO of AI for Education. A former high school biology teacher and EdTech CEO, she brings over 20 years of experience in the education sector. With a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that AI can offer, she is a sought-after keynote speaker and leading authority on AI and education. Through her work, Amanda has reached hundreds of schools and thousands of educators worldwide, committed to helping them maximize their potential through the responsible and equitable adoption of AI.

Dr. Teo Chew Lee, NTU, Singapore SPEAKER

Dr. Chew Lee is the Deputy Centre Director at the Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice, National Institute of Education, NTU. Her research focuses on Knowledge Building pedagogies and learning analytics to support idea-centric classroom discourse and collective knowledge. A key strand of her work lies in translating technology innovation into meaningful educational practice. She founded the Knowledge Building Community Singapore and leads the KB Design Studio, both of which serve as platforms for mobilising innovative pedagogies into practice.

Prof. Dominik Petko, University of Zurich SPEAKER

Dominik Petko is Professor for Teaching and Educational Technology (Allgemeine Didaktik und Mediendidaktik) at the Institute of Education, University of Zurich, Switzerland. Before that, he acted as Vice-Rector for Research and Development at the Schwyz University of Teacher Education in Switzerland. His research focuses on the use of digital technology in teaching and on effective approaches to teacher education, especially at upper secondary schools. His projects explore the complex interplay of innovative technologies, teachers' knowledge and beliefs, teacher education, and the educational context of student learning. He serves on numerous policy and practice advisory boards, including the Education Council of the Canton of Zurich.

Prof. Enkelejda Kasneci, TU Munich MODERATION

Enkelejda Kasneci is a Liesel Beckmann Distinguished Professor for Human-Centered Technologies for Learning. From 2019 until 2022, she was Professor for Human-Computer Interaction at the University of Tübingen. As a BOSCH scholar, she received her M.Sc. degree in Computer Science from the University of Stuttgart in 2007. In 2013, she received her PhD in Computer Science from the University of Tübingen and was awarded with the Südwestmetall Research Prize. She was a Margarete-von-Wrangell Fellow from 2013 to 2015 and assistant professor at the University of Tübingen from 2015 to 2019. Her research evolves around Human-Centered Technologies and AI systems for everyday life, and especially in the context of learning. From 2016-2021 she served as Junior Fellow to the German Informatics Society.

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Daniele Esposito, Google for Education SPEAKER



Daniele has spent over 15 years at Google, building and leading high-performing teams across Cloud Computing, Online Marketing, and Hardware. Leveraging this deep technological background, he now focuses on the transformative power of AI within Google for Education for the DACH region. He is particularly passionate about how AI-driven personalization can address educational inequity and enhance pedagogical outcomes. His mission is to drive sustainable innovation within the educational ecosystems of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland to ensure every learner has the tools to succeed. Before joining Google, Daniele was a Management Consultant at Accenture.

Valerie Focke, OpenAI SPEAKER



Valerie Focke leads the Go-to-Market effort for international Education & Government at OpenAI, based out of London. In this capacity, she works closely with governments, tertiary education and K-12 to best support their desired learning and institutional outcomes through the use of ChatGPT and the OpenAI platform. Prior to joining, Valerie worked extensively in the Education and technology sectors at Coursera, Box and Gartner, prior to which she was at McKinsey.

Prof. Gjergji Kasneci, TU Munich SPEAKER



Prof. Dr. Gjergji Kasneci is Professor of Responsible Data Science at the Technical University of Munich, where he works on transparency, robustness, bias, and fairness in machine learning, with a strong focus on responsible AI and algorithmic accountability. Before joining TUM in 2023, he served as Honorary Professor and head of the Data Science and Analytics group at the University of Tübingen (2018–2023) and previously held research and leadership roles at Microsoft Research Cambridge, the Hasso Plattner Institute, and SCHUFA Holding AG, where he was CTO from 2017 to 2022.

Andrea Martin, IBM SPEAKER



Andrea Martin is the CTO Ecosystem & Associations for the IBM DACH region (Germany, Austria, Switzerland). Her responsibility is ensuring value creation by coordinating IBM's technological contribution to the ecosystem and associations. As an IBM Distinguished Engineer, she has held various roles in her career (e.g. Innovation Studio Leader EMEA, CTO DACH, President of the IBM Academy of Technology). Andrea joined IBM in 1992 after earning her Master's degree (diploma) in Applied Mathematics from the University in Karlsruhe, Germany. In her roles, Andrea uses her experience and global network, currently focusing on digital transformation, innovation, AI and especially AI ethics. These topics provide valuable input for her activities as an expert in the AI Advisory Board of the Free State of Bavaria, the German Wissenschaftsrat as well as in the Commission for AI of the German Parliament (from 2018-2020).

Prof. Jeanne Rubner, TU Munich MODERATION



Jeanne Rubner is the first Vice-President Global Communication and Public engagement at TUM. She has been a science journalist for several decades and started her career as an editor at Süddeutsche Zeitung in Munich. From 2012 to 2022 she headed the science and education desk at Bayerischer Rundfunk. Jeanne Rubner holds a Ph.D. in artificial intelligence from TUM's Physics Department and has been teaching science communication at the Hochschule für Politik since 2017. She is author of several books on science, politics, and education. She was awarded the Universitas Prize for Science Journalism from the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer Foundation and the Medal for Science Writing from the German Physical Society.

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