

Communication Lab for Exchange between Research and Media

ComLab#Live Welcome to the Future

8 September 2023, Networking and Public Event

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Festsaal, Luisenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin

Welcome to the future! Science and media thrive on one quintessential thing: curiosity. Both professions share wonder, explore new territory of thought and action, and can inspire collective visions of the future.

What will our lives look like in 50 years? Research and science reporting have a huge potential in shaping scenarios of the future at a time where change is happening fast. But how to narrate a future based on risky research and disruptive technologies that come with wicked ethical problems and yet might alter the course of our societies? Time to face the future together.

After three years of digital exchange, it's finally time to meet face to face with all the ComLab alumni, friends, and supporters of the programme. The Communication Lab – a joint project of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the International Journalists' Programmes – invites you to the first live event and networking carousel in Berlin.

What do we have in store for you? An excellent opportunity to ...

- Meet fellow ComLab alumni from both science and media and find your next (potential) science story / ways to present your research.
- Engage with like-minded people from all over the world, who also have a keen interest in communicating science in a new, fresh, and exciting way.
- Discuss current trends in science and reporting with renowned international experts and bring in your perspectives at our round tables on the future of bioengineering, green technologies, and AI.
- Join our public debate on the role of politics in science and journalism.

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The times indicated refer to Berlin time
(Central European Summer Time)

13:30 **CHECK - IN**

14:00 **OPENING**

Welcome Remarks

Stephanie Siewert, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
Martina Johns, International Journalists' Programmes

ComLab Gallery Walk

Matchmaking Wall

Ellery Studio

15:00 **NETWORKING CAROUSEL**

Networking Table "AI: Truth, Authenticity and Authorship"

Hosts:

Felix Biessmann, Einstein Center Digital Future

Judith Faßbender, AI & Society Lab, Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet
and Society (HIIG)

Jens Radü, DER SPIEGEL

Moderation: Alexandra Eul, freelance journalist

Networking Table "Bioethics: Designing Life in the Age of Bioengineering"

Hosts:

Susanne Donner, freelance journalist

Hannah Schickl, Berlin Institute of Health, The Gene Technology Report

Simone Spuler, Max Delbrück Center

Moderation: Martina Merten, health care journalist

Networking Table "Climate Innovation: Narrating a Green Future"

Hosts:

Faisal Abbas, University of Bonn

Felix Creutzig, Climate Change Center Berlin-Brandenburg

Tobias Krüger, IRI THESys / Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Lebogang Mokoena, University of Potsdam

Ulrike Winkelmann, taz

Moderation: Carl Smith, ABC / MPI.labor, Free University of Berlin

Roundtable Reports

16:30 **BREAK/OPEN SPACE**

ComLab Gallery Walk
Matchmaking Wall

17:00 **FLASH TALK**

Jane McGonigal, Institute for the Future

18:30 **PUBLIC DEBATE:** Activist Science? The Politicization of Research and Reporting

Zulfikar Abbany, Deutsche Welle

Ralf Beste, Federal Foreign Office

Leonie Sontheimer, Netzwerk Klimajournalismus

Moderation: Stephanie Siewert, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

19:30 **CLOSING & RECEPTION**

21:00 **END OF RECEPTION**