



HGGS SUMMER FORUM 2026

ImA(I)gining the Future: How Digital Technologies Rewrite Our World

July 16–17, 2026

Heidelberg Institute of Medical Psychology, Bergheimer Straße 20, 69117 Heidelberg

Thursday, July 16, 2026

TIME	SESSION
8:30–9:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
9:00–9:15	Welcome Address — Eva Marie Heimers
9:15–10:45	Introduction: Karla Alvarado Romero Keynote Lecture <i>“AI Violence: Speaking Machines and the Sovereignty of Speech”</i> Prof. Dr. Sahana Udupa (LMU Munich)
10:45–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:30	Panel 1 — Imagining AI Futures: Narratives, Visions and Power Panel Chair: Yuan Wang <i>Four presentations (15 min each) and 40 min discussion</i> <i>“Imagining AI as the Future: The Need for Theorizing a Research Agenda”</i> (15 min) Selim Basoglu (University of Bremen) <i>“Always Superintelligence? Quiet Futuring and the Construction of AI Futures on LessWrong”</i> (15 min) Carolyn Müller (University of Bremen) <i>“Tracing Semantic Trajectories in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder”</i> (15 min) Kamil Piwowar (University of Frankfurt) <i>“How Can Competition in AI Markets Help Us Build a Better Future? Challenges, Opportunities, and Implications for Competition Law”</i> (15 min) Sinan Barış Yaşar (Heidelberg University) <i>Discussion (40 min)</i>
12:40–13:40	Lunch at Conference Venue
13:40–15:10	Fishbowl Discussion — Prof. Dr. Sahana Udupa (LMU Munich)

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15:10–15:25	Coffee Break
15:25–16:40	Panel 2 — Inequality, Gender, and Digital Violence Panel Chair: Anna-Zoë D. Herr <i>Three presentations (15 min each) and 30 min discussion</i> <i>“Living with AI: A Nigerian Perspective”</i> (15 min) Deborah Dike (University of Bayreuth) <i>“Beyond Consent: Deepfake Technologies and the Reproduction of Gendered Digital Abuse”</i> (15 min) Julija Šuligoj (University of Ljubljana) <i>“AI and Women’s Rights: Islamic Jurisprudence on Deepfakes”</i> (15 min) Birte Spreckelsen (FU Berlin) <i>Discussion (30 min)</i>
16:40–16:55	Coffee Break
16:55–18:25	Introduction: Eva Marie Heimers Workshop <i>“Who Knows? Rethinking Knowledge and Academia in the Age of AI”</i> Eunice Yin Yung Chiu (Heidelberg University)
18:25–18:40	Reflection in the Plenum
19:00	Conference Dinner—Restaurant Tati

Friday, July 17, 2026

TIME	SESSION
8:30–9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00–10:30	Introduction: Anna-Zoë D. Herr Keynote Lecture <i>“Will the Future Be Different?”</i> Prof. Dr. Tobias Rees (CEO & Founder, limn.ai)
10:30–10:45	Coffee Break
10:45–12:30	Introduction: Mariia Korneeva Workshop <i>“Teamwork and AI — Ways of Implementing AI in Group Tasks”</i> Dr. Thomas Renkert (Heidelberg School of Education) & Dr. Florian Nieser (Heidelberg University)
12:30–13:30	Lunch at Venue
13:30–14:45	Fishbowl Discussion — Prof. Dr. Tobias Rees (CEO & Founder, limn.ai)
14:45–15:00	Coffee Break
15:00–16:40	Panel 3 — Learning, Knowledge, and Professional Transformation in the Age of AI Panel Chair: Karla Alvarado Romero <i>Four presentations (15 min each) and 40 min discussion</i> <i>“The Influence of Artificial Intelligence on the Development of Epistemic Intersubjectivities in University Students”</i> (15 min) Alejandro Daniel Castellón Gorena (Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz, Bolivia) <i>“Digitalization and Cognition: Effects of Digital Technologies on the Executive Functions of Cuban Adolescents and Young People”</i> (15 min) Brando Mesa (University of Havana) <i>“Redefining Power and Creativity in AI-Integrated Vocational Classrooms”</i> (15 min) Hammed Lawal (University of Bayreuth)

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	<i>“Translation and AI: Voices from the Profession”</i> (15 min) Emina Rekanovic (University of Ljubljana) <i>Discussion</i> (40 min)
16:40–16:50	Coffee Break
	Panel 4 — Algorithmic Mediation, Visibility, and Digital Subjectivity Panel Chair: Gamze Altınyaprak <i>Three presentations (15 min each) and 30 min discussion</i> <i>“Living for Visibility: Phenomenology of the Like in Algorithmic Environments”</i> (15 min) Nicole Villanueva (Heidelberg University)
16:50–18:05	<i>“The God at the Endpoint: AI Presence, Withdrawal, and the Liquidation of Truth in the Smooth Appearance of Digital Mediation”</i> (15 min) Sebastian Höger (Heidelberg University) <i>“Seeing and Being Seen: Augustine and the Limits of Digital Visibility”</i> (15 min) Heindrikje Kuhs (Heidelberg University) <i>Discussion</i> (30 min)
18:05–18:20	Conclusions and Closing Ceremony