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- Divisible Goods: fairness axioms, Robertson-Webb model and query complexity, price of proportionality
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Coalition Formation/ Cooperative Game Theory

- Transferable utilities: stability concepts, Shapely value and its applications
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Format: The course will consist of lectures and guest lectures (tbd), professional discussions and short group presentations. Participation in discussions will be a central part of the assessment. Physical attendance is recommended.

Naeher, Anatol-Fiete
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032 **Digital Health Systems**

Seminar/4

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6	**Health Care Economics**		
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Vorlesung/4

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In our course, students apply IT knowledge to engineer digital solutions for real business challenges provided by prominent global companies. We follow the Design Thinking methodology to innovate on wicked problems given by our project partners. Within GTI, HPI students collaborate with students from other leading global universities: HPI is a partner in ME310 (for projects with the Stanford University) as well as part of the SUGAR Network for Design Innovation (for projects with other global universities).
https://hpi.de/uebernickel/teaching/global-team-based-innovation-gti-design-thinking.html
This class is exclusively available to students who have been accepted through our application process.

Exam
- Project work (20%)
  - Individual participation during lectures, group meetings and in project work
  - Stakeholder management
  - Project management (sticking to deadlines, etc.)
- Milestone presentations (20%)
  - GTI 1: Fall & winter presentation
  - GTI 2: Final presentation
- Tangible outcomes (20%)
  - One-Pagers for corporate partners
  - Intermediate prototypes
- Milestone documentations (40%)
  - GTI 1: Fall & winter documentation
  - GTI 2: Final documentation & videos

The estimated workload is 2-3 days per week.

Goals:
Students from Potsdam and leading global partner universities tackle design innovation challenges posed by global corporations. The 9 months (2 semesters) course focuses on the application of IT knowledge for engineering solutions to real business challenges. Further, we put emphasis on teaching students human-centered innovation methods and processes required for designers, engineers, and project managers of the future.
Within the projects, students go through an intense and iterative process of need finding, ideation, and rapid prototyping to create and evaluate new concepts. Company involvement provides the reality check necessary for teams to improve their innovation abilities. The team is supported by a professional coach, corporate liaisons, and faculty advisors.
Projects typically involve systems integration and include a mix of mechanical, electronic and software design. The results of all projects are real prototypes that have a user-centric design, are economically viable and technically feasible.

Uebernickel, Falk
Beermann, Vincent
Enkmann, Jan
Rolfes, Theresa Maria
Cauderay, Virginie
Wuttke, Tobias

9 **Applied Probabilistic Machine Learning**

Seminar/4

Richard, Hugues
Renard, Bernhard Yves

028 **Deep Learning for Molecular Biology**

Seminar/2 — *Renard, Bernhard Yves; Rissom, Francesca; Heyne, Henrike; Nowicka, Melania Maria; Bartoszewicz, Jakub; Maciej*

Rapid advances in both biology—through increased data availability and the insights derived from it—and in methods for handling high-dimensional data, such as deep learning architectures and computational resources, have created exciting opportunities for integrating these fields.

This seminar will examine how state-of-the-art deep learning models, including **CNNs, GNNs, Transformers,** and **Diffusion models**, are applied to **genome, RNA,** and **protein sequence** analysis.
We will explore how these advances are used to address key questions such as the effects of genetic mutations, protein structure and function prediction, and the design of new molecules for therapeutic purposes.
The course will primarily consist of **student presentations** on recent, preselected publications in these areas, followed by in-depth **discussions**.

Biological background is **not** necessary to participate in the seminar, but you will need a basic understanding of deep learning.
Good **English** skills are required to understand and discuss current literature.

In the seminar, each participant will give a presentation about a predefined topic within the research area and a short report. The final grade consists of the following parts:

- Oral presentation (60%)
- Written report (30%)
- Participation (10%)

Goals:

- Identify **current topics** and **open challenges** in the field of artificial intelligence for molecular biology
- Improve your understanding of **best practices in scientific research**
- **Effectively communicate** complex scientific topics in this field and lead a discussion
- Improving **presentation** and **writing skills**

The first three sessions will be in lecture format, providing an introduction to key biological concepts and a refresher on deep learning architectures. Following these sessions, students will give oral presentations on select scientific articles including a brief introduction to specific topics. These articles can be chosen from a list that will be presented during the initial meetings.
The seminar will be conducted on-site (with a hybrid option if needed).
Please register on the course's Moodle page for further information.

Max. number of participants: 10

1 **Mobilkommunikation**

Vorlesung/Übung/4 — For details, please check Moodle. — *Karl, Holger*

5 **Biostatistics & Epidemiological data analysis using R**

Vorlesung/4 — *Konigorski, Stefan*

8 **Advanced Machine Learning Seminar**

Seminar/4 — *Lippert, Christoph*

4 **Big Data Systeme**

Vorlesung/4 — *Rabl, Tilmann; Boissier, Martin; Salazar Diaz, Ricardo; Strassenburg, Nils*

020 **Data Processing on Modern Hardware**

Projektseminar/4 — *Rabl, Tilmann; Weisgut, Marcel*

023 **Computational Methods: Getting Data from the Internet (APIs and web scraping)**

Seminar/2 — *Bolsover, Gillian*

069 **Einführung in die Transkriptomik**

Vorlesung/Übung/ 2

Kretzmer, Helene

The transcriptome reflects which genes are actively being transcribed into RNA, offering insights into cellular processes, regulatory mechanisms, and responses to environmental changes or disease states. By analyzing the transcriptome, researchers can identify differentially expressed genes, uncover novel transcripts, and understand the functional consequences of genetic variations. This knowledge is essential for advancing our understanding of complex biological systems, developing targeted therapies, and improving diagnostic and prognostic tools in precision medicine.
In this course, we will cover the concepts of transcriptomics, including Illumina sequencing as well as the essential computational steps in processing transcriptomic data, from quality control and alignment to normalization and quantification of gene expression. The lecture will also introduce key bioinformatics tools and pipelines used for differential expression analysis, functional annotation, and pathway analysis as well as introduce the underlying statistics.
In addition, we will discuss the challenges of interpreting transcriptomic data, including dealing with large datasets, understanding biological variability, and integrating transcriptomic data with other omics datasets. The lecture will include some exercises that focus on applying the covered method to real-life data. In the course, we will work with bash and R.

Content of teaching

- Understand the principles of transcriptomics
- Ability to process and analyze transcriptomic data
- Conduct differential gene expression and functional analysis
- Interpret the results in a data and question specific context

Prerequisites

- Fundamentals in calculus and basic programming knowledge (Python or R are a plus)
- Basic biological knowledge
- Knowledge of English (The lecture will be given in English, but you can ask questions in German and submit German solutions etc.)

Health Data Security (HDAS)

Konzepte und Methoden (HPI-HDAS-K)

3 **Network Security in Practice**

Seminar/Praktikum /4

Najafi, Peyman
Cheng, Feng

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Lehmann, Anja

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Classen, Jiska

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Dayanikli, Dennis Kenan

0 **Cyber Security Management**

Vorlesung/Übung/ 4

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Technologien und Werkzeuge (HPI-HDAS-T)

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Spezialisierung (HPI-HDAS-S)

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Vorlesung/Übung/ 4

Doerr, Christian

Professional Skills (PSK)

Kommunikation (HPI-SSK-KO)

5 **Academic Writing for Science**

Seminar/2

"Scientific writing is not a science. It does not contain laws obtained through derivations and experiments. Scientific writing is a craft. It consists of skills that are developed through study and practice. Moreover, scientific writing is not mystical. In fact, scientific writing is straightforward. Unlike other forms of writing … scientific writing has two specific goals: to inform readers and to persuade readers."
– Michael Alley, "*The Craft of Scientific Writing"*
"Things should be made as simple as possible, but not any simpler."
– Albert Einstein
The course, "Academic Writing for Science" aims to take the mystery out of scientific writing by providing knowledge and practice in the skills necessary to produce a well-written scientific paper in English. Our focus is on those qualities crucial to the positive reception of written work within the scientific community.
Class members are required to give a short presentation based on their assessment of a writing excerpt (maximum 2 pages) from a scientific text of their choice.

Participants learn what comprises clear, concise, and effective written expression. We practice identifying and resolving problems in areas that are often obstacles to good writing. In this sense, we target language and punctuation.
In new course content, participants also learn how to structure and design sentences and paragraphs for the most effective presentation of written work. The principles we learn will help improve *all* professional and academic writing.

Performance Measurement:
In-class participation, performance, and progress. A mid-term test and a final test, based on points covered in the course and writing exercises. The final grade is based on the average of the midterm and final exams points. The oral presentation is a pre-requisite to completion of the course.
Participation in class discussions plays an important role in this course, as does holding the oral presentation and completing writing activities.

Fuerstenberg, Anja
Nemeth, Sharon

038 **Communicating Technology Successfully - Developing Communication Strategies**

Blockseminar/2

Lux, Nadine
Fuerstenberg, Anja

The seminar is designed for students in the five master's degree programs in Digital Engineering who want to communicate their research topics in a structured manner and present them successfully. The main focus is on comprehensible communication of specialized knowledge to different target groups in different media. The seminar is designed to enable participants to:

- prepare communication strategies for complex topics from science, research and development for various target groups, and communicate transfer projects successfully
- apply a methodical toolbox with simple communication and strategy tools and
- to coach and support each other in the conception and implementation of communication tasks in a collegial exchange

Day 1 - Basics of Science and Technology Communication

Input on science and technology communication; overview of typical characteristics and problem areas, good practice examples
Input & exercise: target groups and goals, formulating messages, communicating knowledge
Input: Elevator pitch training - idea pitch for group work (day 2 and day 3), input on set-up and structure
Exercise: Preparing idea pitchs for day 2 (individual and partner exercise)

Day 2 - Idea Pitch & Communication Strategies

Warm-up: speech and voice training
Idea pitch: Presentation of project ideas, selecting topics and forming teams for the elaboration of the communication strategies
Input: Elements of communication strategies, examples of communication concepts
Exercise: Stakeholder analysis for own projects and definition of communication goals and target groups (group work)
Input & exercise: Comprehensible language, formulating core messages (group work)
Input: Communication measures, instruments, and formats
Exercise: Rapid prototyping for technology communication of own projects (group work)

Day 3 – Planning of communication activities

Input: Technology communication, examples of various media channels, including digital communication, social media, audio-visual communication, press and media work
Continuation of exercise: Rapid prototyping of own projects (group work) - focus on one measure, e.g. for social media, and its implementation (communication examples)
Presentation of prototypes - communication concepts for technology communication (group work, part 1 of graded exam)
Reality check & feedback from trainer and peers
Wrapup and briefing for the written assignment

The block seminar can be taken either as a supplement to the seminar "Communicating Technology Successfully - Developing Content and Formats " or independently.

Exam:

Idea pitch, development and presentation of first ideas for communication strategies for technology communication (50%)
Written assignment (max. 12 pages), elaboration of the communication strategies for technology communication presented in the seminar (50%)

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Blockseminar/2

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- communicate complex topics from science, research and development in a way that is appropriate for the target group and pass on knowledge in a comprehensible way
- apply methods for format development and
- to coach each other and to support each other in communication tasks in collegial exchange during conception and implementation.

The block seminar can be taken either as a supplement to the seminar "Communicating Technology Successfully - Developing Communication Strategies " or independently.

Day 1 - Basic knowledge of format development for science and technology communication

Input on the topic of science and technology communication; overview of typical characteristics and problem areas, best and worst practice examples
Input & exercise: understanding audiences and target groups
Exercise: text formats - comprehensible language, tips and tricks for writing
Input & exercises: Trends in research communication - social media, websites, community participation & citizen science
Input & exercise: hands-on research - Visitor centers, science centers, fairs, events & co.

Day 2 - Communicating science and technologies

Input & exercises: Media and public relations
Easy listening: Audio formats, radio & podcasts
Visualizing research: Image formats, clips and documentaries
Discussing science: Interview situations and public dialogues
Input & presentation training: My (research) project in 120 seconds; input on composition and structure (individual and partner exercise)
Input & exercise: oral presentations, body language, preparing scripts; feedback from trainer and peers

Day 3 – Developing formats for digital Science and Technology Communication

Input on format development in science and technology communication
Input & exercise: Digital storytelling for the communication of own projects (group work), storyboards & conception
Presentation of format ideas (group work, part 1 of graded exam)
Reality check and feedback from trainer and peers
Wrapup and briefing for the written assignment

Exam

- Presentation “My (research) project in 120 seconds”, development and presentation of a digital (storytelling) format for own research and/or technology communication (group work) (50%)
- Written paper (max. 12 pages), elaboration of the ideas for technology communication presented in the seminar (50%)

040 **Führungskompetenz - über die harten Auswirkungen der Soft Skills**

Blockseminar/2

Heidemann, Michael Karl
Unger, Eugen
Fuerstenberg, Anja

Fachliche Kompetenzen werden in Unternehmen als selbstverständlich vorausgesetzt. Das Seminar geht von der These aus, dass mit jedem Karriereschritt in der Hierarchie auch die Anforderungen an soziale Kompetenz (Kommunikationsfähigkeit, Konfliktfähigkeit, Werteorientierung) steigen.
Modul 1 - Referent Michael Karl Heidemann
Führung in Veränderungsprozessen: Unternehmenskultur gestalten
Verantwortung in Unternehmen zu tragen, heißt heute vor allem, Veränderungsprozesse zu initiieren, zu begleiten und erfolgreich zu machen. Welche Herausforderung bedeutet das für Führungskräfte? Wodurch ist die Unternehmenskultur eines Unternehmens bestimmt? Welche Faktoren spielen grundsätzlich eine Rolle, welche sind im Alltag wirksam? Lässt sich die Führungskultur eines Unternehmens beeinflussen und wenn ja – wie? Im ersten Modul der Reihe wird eine grundsätzliche, an der Führungsverantwortung orientierte Sicht auf das Thema entfaltet.

- Was ist Unternehmenskultur?
- Welche Bedeutung hat sie für den Erfolg des Unternehmens?
- Kann man Menschen verändern?
- Kann man Unternehmen verändern?
- Kulturelle Aspekte im Change Management
- Führung als Identitätsstiftung
- Herausforderungen in Veränderungsprozessen
- Autonomie und Heteronomie im Führungsalltag

Modul 2 - Referent Eugen Unger
Führungsalltag: Führungssituationen und Führungskommunikation
Führung beruht, wie alles soziale Handeln, auf Verhaltensmustern, die weitgehend automatisch, also unbewußt ablaufen. Das eigene Handeln an selbst entwickelten Qualitätsmaßstäben zu orientieren, bedeutet demnach Bewusstsein zu schaffen. Die Teilnehmer reflektieren ihr Führungsverständnis, indem sie sich mit ihren eigenen Annahmen und daraus resultierenden Verhaltensstrategien auseinandersetzen. Auf diese Weise bietet das Format einen diskursiven Rahmen für relevante Führungsthemen des Alltags und fördert damit ein klares Rollenverständnis als Führende.

- Selbstverständnis als Führungskraft
- Rollenanforderungen zwischen Zielen und Bedürfnissen
- Anerkennung, Kritik und Potentialentwicklung
- Führungskommunikation bewußt gestalten
- Feedbacksicherheit
- Motivation und Demotivatoren
- Zusammenspiel der Führungsinstrumente

Exam: Die Leistungserfassung erfolgt im Rahmen einer mündlichen Prüfung (Kolloquium).

041 **Intrapersonelle & Interpersonelle Kompetenzen**

Blockseminar/2

Leidenfrost, Jana
Fuerstenberg, Anja

049 **Managing stakeholders – The psychology and neuroscience of successfully influencing others**

Blockseminar/2

Frank, Franziska
Fuerstenberg, Anja

This seminar focuses on influencing skills and humility to measurably increase the likelihood for getting stakeholders on board – without having to pull the outdated hierarchy card (real or borrowed).
The first two classroom days will focus on the needs of those that are to be influenced. We will look at two types of rules: those that follow from our social needs and those that stem from the automatisms of our brain. Understanding and practicing them gives participants a set of tools, which they can employ in any work or life situation. We will look at the science behind the rules, use case examples that demonstrate their effectiveness and allow time to apply the rules to own situations.
The third classroom day looks at the person of the influencer and how their humility has measurable positive effects on employees, the organisation and themselves. We will visit concepts such as psychological safety, empowerment, error management, collaboration, accountability – all of which are fostered by a humble leader. Research has defined humility in such a way that 97 percent of leaders and employees find this a desirable virtue and wish to learn the ego-free view from the balcony. Yet there are stumbling blocks on the path to humility. We will look at how these can be avoided and how the benefits of humility be reaped across any nationality, age and gender.

The course will aim at the following learning objectives:

Students familiarize themselves with both the psychology and neuroscience of influencing and learn to apply the concepts to different situations. The ability to navigate different stakeholder needs and achieve synergy with their own needs is fostered.
Students develop an understanding of the value of humility. They grasp how the concept has nothing to do with weakness, being overly modest or hiding one's light under the bushel but that it is a chosen strength for every role that they have consciously taken on. They see where they stand and learn how to strengthen humility in themselves and others.
Students receive tools, a set of influencing cards for own use as well as numerous concepts that allow them to prosper as leaders while at the same time increasing their understanding of their own patterns of reactivity.

Core themes addressed are:

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Blockseminar/2

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Management und Leitung (HPI-SSK-MLE)

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Projektseminar/4

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2 **Founder Fundamentals I**

Vorlesung/2

Pawlitschek, Frank
Hahn, David

040 **Führungskompetenz - über die harten Auswirkungen der Soft Skills**

Blockseminar/2

Fachliche Kompetenzen werden in Unternehmen als selbstverständlich vorausgesetzt. Das Seminar geht von der These aus, dass mit jedem Karriereschritt in der Hierarchie auch die Anforderungen an soziale Kompetenz (Kommunikationsfähigkeit, Konfliktfähigkeit, Werteorientierung) steigen.

Modul 1 - Referent Michael Karl Heidemann

Führung in Veränderungsprozessen: Unternehmenskultur gestalten

Verantwortung in Unternehmen zu tragen, heißt heute vor allem, Veränderungsprozesse zu initiieren, zu begleiten und erfolgreich zu machen. Welche Herausforderung bedeutet das für Führungskräfte? Wodurch ist die Unternehmenskultur eines Unternehmens bestimmt? Welche Faktoren spielen grundsätzlich eine Rolle, welche sind im Alltag wirksam? Lässt sich die Führungskultur eines Unternehmens beeinflussen und wenn ja – wie? Im ersten Modul der Reihe wird eine grundsätzliche, an der Führungsverantwortung orientierte Sicht auf das Thema entfaltet.

- Was ist Unternehmenskultur?
- Welche Bedeutung hat sie für den Erfolg des Unternehmens?
- Kann man Menschen verändern?
- Kann man Unternehmen verändern?
- Kulturelle Aspekte im Change Management
- Führung als Identitätsstiftung
- Herausforderungen in Veränderungsprozessen
- Autonomie und Heteronomie im Führungsalltag

Modul 2 - Referent Eugen Unger

Führungsalltag: Führungssituationen und Führungskommunikation

Führung beruht, wie alles soziale Handeln, auf Verhaltensmustern, die weitgehend automatisch, also unbewußt ablaufen. Das eigene Handeln an selbst entwickelten Qualitätsmaßstäben zu orientieren, bedeutet demnach Bewusstsein zu schaffen. Die Teilnehmer reflektieren ihr Führungsverständnis, indem sie sich mit ihren eigenen Annahmen und daraus resultierenden Verhaltensstrategien auseinandersetzen. Auf diese Weise bietet das Format einen diskursiven Rahmen für relevante Führungsthemen des Alltags und fördert damit ein klares Rollenverständnis als Führende.

- Selbstverständnis als Führungskraft
- Rollenanforderungen zwischen Zielen und Bedürfnissen
- Anerkennung, Kritik und Potentialentwicklung
- Führungskommunikation bewußt gestalten
- Feedbacksicherheit
- Motivation und Demotivatoren
- Zusammenspiel der Führungsinstrumente

Exam: Die Leistungserfassung erfolgt im Rahmen einer mündlichen Prüfung (Kolloquium).

Heidemann, Michael Karl
Unger, Eugen
Fuerstenberg, Anja

043 **Leading Yourself and Others in a Virtual World**

Blockseminar/2

Drath, Karsten
Fuerstenberg, Anja

1. Leading Self
- Leading Self
- How does Resilience work?
- Risk- and Protective Factors
- Victim- or Shaper mode
- Interview “Leaders Talk”
- My development plan

2. Leading Others
- Management vs. Leadership
- Six Leadership Styles by Daniel Goleman
- Self Assessment: My leadership signature
- How leaders grow
- Interview “Leaders Talk”
- My development plan

3. Leading Virtually
- Leading virtual teams
- Success factors
- Self-Assessment Leading Virtually
- Interview “Leaders Talk”
- Virtual Inspiration Challenge
- My development plan

Exam:
COURSE HOMEWORK
Due 14 days after end of course:
• Hand in individual reflection journal (structured course handout with guiding questions)
• Structured essay: “My Development Plan”
GRADING
• Reflection Journal (50%)
• My Development Plan (50%)

106 **Management Essentials**

Blockseminar/2

Kearney, Eric
Fuerstenberg, Anja

The students learn about the most important aspects of managing organizations and of managing people in organizations and how to apply this knowledge to concrete challenges.

This course offers an overview of the main topics of management. We will first cover the basics of management *of* organizations (strategic leadership) and will then turn to management *in* organizations (people management). With regard to the latter, the topics include leadership and motivation, employee satisfaction, personnel selection, training and development, and employee evaluation and compensation. Management knowledge is essential for all those who at some point wish to start their own companies or strive to occupy leadership positions in organizations.

Conveyed competencies:
- Knowledge-related competencies: strategic management; methods in management research; personnel selection; job and work design; training and development; motivation; satisfaction; leadership; personnel evaluation; personnel compensation.
- Methodological competencies; case study analysis; presentation techniques.
- Social competencies; group work and discussions.

Exam: The grade will be calculated on the basis of a group presentation (30%) and a written assignment (70%). Both the group presentation and the written assignment will focus on management aspects in organizations that the students select themselves. Further details will be provided at the beginning of the course.

049 **Managing stakeholders – The psychology and neuroscience of successfully influencing others**

Blockseminar/2

Frank, Franziska
Fuerstenberg, Anja

This seminar focuses on influencing skills and humility to measurably increase the likelihood for getting stakeholders on board – without having to pull the outdated hierarchy card (real or borrowed).
The first two classroom days will focus on the needs of those that are to be influenced. We will look at two types of rules: those that follow from our social needs and those that stem from the automatisms of our brain. Understanding and practicing them gives participants a set of tools, which they can employ in any work or life situation. We will look at the science behind the rules, use case examples that demonstrate their effectiveness and allow time to apply the rules to own situations.
The third classroom day looks at the person of the influencer and how their humility has measurable positive effects on employees, the organisation and themselves. We will visit concepts such as psychological safety, empowerment, error management, collaboration, accountability – all of which are fostered by a humble leader. Research has defined humility in such a way that 97 percent of leaders and employees find this a desirable virtue and wish to learn the ego-free view from the balcony. Yet there are stumbling blocks on the path to humility. We will look at how these can be avoided and how the benefits of humility be reaped across any nationality, age and gender.

The course will aim at the following learning objectives:

Students familiarize themselves with both the psychology and neuroscience of influencing and learn to apply the concepts to different situations. The ability to navigate different stakeholder needs and achieve synergy with their own needs is fostered.
Students develop an understanding of the value of humility. They grasp how the concept has nothing to do with weakness, being overly modest or hiding one's light under the bushel but that it is a chosen strength for every role that they have consciously taken on. They see where they stand and learn how to strengthen humility in themselves and others.
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016 **Unternehmenssimulation Strategisches Management**

Blockseminar/2

In dieser Veranstaltung erarbeiten sich die Teilnehmer zunächst im Selbststudium die Grundlagen strategischen Managements, festigen diese Kenntnisse im Rahmen eines Fallstudienseminars (Diskussion von Praxisfällen) und transferieren sie schließlich im Rahmen einer zweitätigen interaktiven Unternehmenssimulation („Berlinsim - digitale Transformation“) in die (simulierte) Führungspraxis.
Schwerpunktthemen
Strategisches Entscheiden unter Unsicherheit, strategische Umweltanalyse, Unternehmensanalyse, Wettbewerbsstrategie (Kostenschwerpunkt, Differenzierung, Stuck-in-the-middle, Hybridposition), Gesamtunternehmensstrategie (Parenting Advantage; Portfolio-Management), Strategieimplementation, Strategische Kontrolle

Exam
Leistung in der Unternehmenssimulation (50%; Kriterien werden zu Beginn der Veranstaltung bekannt gegeben), Hausarbeit (Reflexion der eigenen Entscheidungspraxis aus der Simulation vor dem Hintergrund der Modelle und Methoden des strategischen Managements; 50%; ggf. als Gruppenhausarbeit)

Entwicklung und Verankerung eines branchenunabhängigen robusten mentalen Modells strategischer Unternehmensführung

Fallstudiendiskussion, Unternehmenssimulation (Gruppenentscheidungen, Einsatz strategischer Analysetools, Coaching), Erfahrungsbasiertes Lernen, Selbststudium.

Braun, Tobias
Dabitz, Robert
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2 **Wayfinder: Self- and Leadership Development (D-School)**

Projekt/Seminar/2

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8 **Product Builder**

Seminar/4

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Design Thinking Advanced (HPI-SSK-DTA)

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0 **Design Thinking Studio: Sustainability**

Projekt/Seminar/6

Nicolai, Claudia
Grundnigg, Thomas

7 **Design Thinking Studio: Open Innovation**

Projektseminar/6

Nicolai, Claudia
Juarez Rodriguez, Maria-Jose
Osman, Sherif Hussein Ibrahim

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Design Thinking Basic (HPI-SSK-DTB)

0 **Foundations for Design Thinking**

Projekt/Seminar/6

Foundations for Design Thinking ist ein 16-wöchiges Programm, in dem die Teilnehmer grundlegende Kenntnisse, Fähigkeiten und Fertigkeiten erwerben, um die Prinzipien des Design Thinking anzuwenden und so kreatives Selbstvertrauen aufzubauen. Während des Programms, das von April bis Juli und von Oktober bis Januar läuft, arbeitest du in verschiedenen Teams unter der Leitung unserer erfahrenen Design Thinking Coaches. Wir streben ein unterstützendes und integratives Umfeld an, das Geschlechtsidentitäten, kulturellen Hintergrund und Berufserfahrung berücksichtigt.
Das Programm gibt Einblick in verschiedene Aspekte des Design Thinking und bietet die Möglichkeit, grundlegende Werkzeuge, Methoden und Denkweisen zu erlernen, die erfolgreiche, lebenszentrierte Innovationen fördern. Du tauchst in einen experimentellen Lernansatz ein, der auf Teamarbeit basiert.
Da unser Programm auf verschiedenen Perspektiven aufbaut, suchen wir Studierende und Absolvent:innen aller Disziplinen und Fachrichtungen – von Architektur, Pädagogik, IT Systems Engineering und BWL bis hin zu Zukunftsforschung.

Foundations findet ausschließlich vor Ort an der HPI School of Design Thinking und wird im Wintersemester 2024-2025 mit 6 ECTS bewertet. Die Teilnehmeranzahl ist begrenzt auf maximal 60 Personen. Das Programm ist ein 100%iges Vor-Ort-Programm. Um das Abschlusszertifikat und ECTS-Punkte zu erhalten, ist eine regelmäßige, pünktliche und physische Teilnahme an allen Programmtagen erforderlich.

Das Programm beginnt am 20.09.2024 mit dem "Experience Day". Im Wintersemester 2024-2025 finden vom 15.10.2024 bis 28.01.2025 insgesamt 20 Programmtage (meist dienstags und freitags) vor Ort an der HPI School of Design Thinking statt. Alle Programmtage sind von 9:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr. Im Februar arbeiten die Studenten an ihren Projektdokumentationen.

Englisch version:
Foundations for Design Thinking is a 16-week program where participants get the basic knowledge, skills, and capabilities to apply the principles of Design Thinking to build creative confidence. During the program, which runs from April – July and October – January you will work in different teams led by our experienced Design Thinking Coaches. We aim for a supportive and inclusive environment that considers gender identities, cultural background, and professional experience.
The program gives insight into different aspects of Design Thinking and provides the opportunity to learn basic tools, methods, and mindsets that foster successful human-centered innovations. You will dive into an experimental learning approach that is based on teamwork.

Foundations take place on site at the HPI School of Design Thinking and will be graded with 6 ECTS in the winter semester 2024-2025. The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 60 people. The program is a 100% on-site program. Regular, on-time, physical class attendance is required on all program days to be awarded Completion Certificate and ECTS points

Since our program is based on different perspectives, we are looking for students and graduates from all disciplines - from Architecture, Pedagogy, IT systems Engineering or Business to Futurology.
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Nicolai, Claudia
Lata, Lukasz

3	**Global Design Thinking-Workshop (D-School)**		
	Projekt/Seminar/2	Die Global Design Thinking Workshops sind ein Programm, das über die reine Einführung in Design Thinking als Prozess hinausgeht. In diesem Programm erleben die Teilnehmer:innen Design Thinking als einen lebenszentrierten Ansatz und arbeiten in verschiedenen Teams an komplexen Innovationsproblemen, unterstützt von internationalen Design Thinking-Coaches. Wir kombinieren diese Arbeit an einem konkreten Innovationsprojekt mit Reflexionen zu einem spezifischen Fokusthema. Der nächste Global Design Thinking Workshop findet im März 2025 statt Our Global Design Thinking Workshops are a education concept that goes beyond the mere introduction to Design Thinking as a process. In this program participants experience Design Thinking as a life-centered approach by dealing with complex innovation problems in diverse teams and supported by international Design Thinking coaches. We combine the work on a concrete innovation project with reflections on a specific focus topic. The next Global Design Thinking Workshop will take place in March 2025!	*Nicolai, Claudia* *Osman, Sherif Hussein Ibrahim* *Juarez Rodriguez, Maria-Jose* *Klonower, Janet*
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Brückenmodule

Principles of IT Systems (HPI-DHBM-IT)

2	**Introduction to IT Systems**		
	Vorlesung/4		*Schapranow, Matthieu-Patrick* *Lippert, Christoph*

Fundamentals of Programming (HPI-DHBM-PR)

3	**Fundamentals of Programming for Digital Health**		
	Vorlesung/4		*Arnrich, Bert*

Introduction to Principles in Medicine (HPI-DHBM-PM)

0 **Health and Disease Core Competencies**

Vorlesung/4 *Heyne, Henrike*
Antao, Esther
Wieler, Lothar

Fundamentals of Healthcare Systems (HPI-DHBM-HS)

1 **Healthcare Fundamentals and Digital Health Trends**

Vorlesung/4 *Antao, Esther*
zu Putlitz, Jaspar
Wieler, Lothar