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**David Autor**  
Ford Professor, MIT Department of Economic

David Autor is Ford Professor in the MIT Department of Economics, codirector of the NBER Labor Studies Program, and coleader of both the MIT Work of the Future Task Force and the JPAL Work of the Future experimental initiative. His scholarship explores the labor-market impacts of technological change and globalization on job polarization, skill demands, earnings levels and inequality, and electoral outcomes. Autor has received numerous awards for both his scholarship—the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, the Sherwin Rosen Prize for outstanding contributions to the field of Labor Economics, and the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship in 2019—and for his teaching, including the MIT MacVicar Faculty Fellowship. Most recently, Autor received the Heinz 25th Special Recognition Award from the Heinz Family Foundation for his work “transforming our understanding of how globalization and technological change are impacting jobs and earning prospects for American workers”. In 2017, Autor was recognized by Bloomberg as one of the 50 people who defined global business. In a 2019 article, the Economist magazine labeled him as “The academic voice of the American worker.” Later that same year, and with (at least) equal justification, he was christened “Twerpy MIT Economist” by John Oliver of Last Week Tonight in a segment on automation and employment.

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**Tyson Barker**  
Head, Technology and Global Affairs Program, DGAP



Tyson Barker joined DGAP in October 2020 as head of its Technology & Global Affairs Program. He previously worked at Aspen Germany where, as deputy executive director and fellow, he was responsible for the institute’s digital and transatlantic programs. Prior to that, Barker served in numerous positions including as senior advisor in the Bureau for European and Eurasian Affairs at the US State Department and director for transatlantic relations at the Bertelsmann Foundation. He has written for numerous publications on both sides of the Atlantic including *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Politico*, *The Atlantic*, *The National Interest*, and *Der Spiegel*. Barker was a Fulbright scholar in Austria and a Truman National Security Project Fellow. He was a recipient of the Taiwan Cultural Exchange Fellowship and a grant from the Starr Foundation to conduct research on Sino-European relations. Barker has a bachelor’s degree from Columbia University and a master’s degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In addition to his native English, he speaks fluent German and Spanish.

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**Andre Baumann**

Representative of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg to the Government

Dr. Andre Baumann is the representative of the state of Baden-Württemberg to the Federal Government. Dr. Andre Baumann was born in 1973 in Heidelberg and grew up in Schwetzingen, where he still lives today with his family. He studied biology at the University of Marburg, focusing particularly on nature conservation and ecology. Parallel to this, Baumann did a second main study course in law, but did not complete it. The biology graduate received his PhD from the University of Regensburg. In May 2016 he was appointed state secretary in the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector of the state of Baden-Württemberg. He had previously held various posts in environmental associations; most latterly – between 2007 and 2016 – Baumann was full-time state chairman of the NABU Baden-Württemberg, the environmental association in Baden-Württemberg with the largest number of members.



**Michael Betancourt**

Professor of Motion Media Design  
Savannah College of Art and Design

Michael Betancourt is a critical theorist and research artist who has written more than 40 books. This work has been translated into Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, and Spanish, and published in many magazines, including *The Atlantic*, *Make Magazine*, *Millennium Film Journal*, *Leonardo*, *Semiotica*, and *CTheory*. His book *The Critique of Digital Capitalism* (translated into German and Chinese) provides the foundation for a critical understanding of the challenges and impacts artificial intelligence poses for contemporary capitalism. His movies complement this work, and have screened internationally at the *Black Maria Film Festival*, *Art Basel Miami Beach*, *Contemporary Art Ruhr*, *Athens Video Art Festival*, *Syros International Film Festival*, *Festival des Cinemas Differents de Paris*, *Anthology Film Archives*, *Millennium Film Workshop*, the San Francisco Cinematheque's *Crossroads*, and *Experiments in Cinema* among others.

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**Björn Böhning**  
Permanent State Secretary  
Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Germany

Since March 2018 Bjoern Boehning has been State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, where he is responsible for employment and social policy. He is also in charge of the policy field *future of work* related to digitization and automation. From 2011 to 2018 he was Head of the German Federal State Government of Berlin, reporting directly to the Governing Mayor of Berlin. Additionally, he was responsible for the media, film and digitization policy of the Federal State of Berlin. From 2004 to 2011 he was a member of the Executive Board of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) and from 2004 to 2007 Federal Chairman of the SPD's Young Socialists. Bjoern Boehning, born in 1978, holds a Master of Political Science from the Freie Universität Berlin.



**Roger Bootle**  
Chairman, Capital Economics  
Author, *The AI Economy: Work, Wealth and Welfare in the Robot Age*

Roger Bootle is the founder and chairman of Capital Economics, one of the largest macro-economics consultancies in the world. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and a regular columnist for The Daily Telegraph. Roger was a Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Treasury Committee for twenty years from 1997 to 2017. Under Chancellor Kenneth Clarke, he was appointed to the panel of Independent Economic Advisers, the so-called "Wise Men". He was formerly Group Chief Economist of HSBC and a Visiting Professor at Manchester Business School. In 2012, he was named Economics Commentator of the Year and, together with a team from Capital Economics, won the Wolfson Prize. He has also written several books, including his widely acclaimed latest book, *Making a Success of Brexit*, and the prophetic *The Death of Inflation*, published in 1996. His latest book, *The AI Economy – Work, Wealth and Welfare in the Robot Age*, has just been published. He appears frequently on television and radio.

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**Mario Brandenburg**  
Member of the Bundestag (FDP)  
Speaker, AI Enquete Commission

Mario Brandenburg is a technology policy spokesman for the parliamentary group of the Free Democrats in the German Bundestag and the chairman of the Enquete Commission "Artificial Intelligence" as well as a member of the Committee for Education, Research and Technology Assessment and the Committee "Digital Agenda". Before entering the Parliament, Mario Brandenburg studied Business Informatics at the University of Applied Sciences in Karlsruhe and worked for the multinational software corporation SAP.



**Janosch Delcker**  
Technology Journalist

Till the end of November 2020 Janosch Delcker was Politico's Artificial Intelligence Correspondent based in Berlin, where he covered how the rise of AI and automation is changing politics and policy-making across Europe. An award-winning journalist, he joined Politico in 2015 as a political reporter. Since January 2018, he has been overseeing the publication's coverage about artificial intelligence. Prior to that, Janosch worked as a staff reporter for SPIEGEL Online and DW (Deutsche Welle). Other publications include Deutschlandradio, The New York Times, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and The Intercept. Born and raised in Germany, he spent several years working in the United States, one of them as a Fulbright scholar. In 2015, he was awarded with the U.S. Foreign Press Association's national award for his reporting on American politics. Janosch is a graduate of the mid-career M.A. program in political journalism at Columbia University's Journalism School and holds another Master's degree from New York University and a B.A. degree from Humboldt University of Berlin. He is also a graduate of the journalism fellowship (Volontariat) at DW, Germany's international broadcaster.

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**Heinz Dürr**

Chairman of the Heinz and Heide Dürr Foundation

Heinz Dürr is the Honorary Chairman of the supervisory board of Dürr AG, of which he and his family are the major shareholders. Dürr AG is one of the world's leading mechanical and plant engineering firms with outstanding automation expertise, mainly in the market segments automobile manufacturing, mechanical engineering and the woodworking industry. Mr. Dürr was chairman of the Federation of Metal Working Industry in Baden Württemberg, chairman of the executive board of AEG and member of the executive board of Daimler Benz AG. As chairman of the executive board of Deutsche Bahn AG he played a significant role in the shaping of the railway reform in Germany. After that he was commissioner of the Carl Zeiss Foundation. With his wife he founded the Heinz and Heide Dürr Foundation which supports projects in the field of Early Childhood Education, Research and Arts and Culture. Moreover, he holds numerous honorary posts, for instance he is chairman of the advisory board of the Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production.

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**Saskia Esken**

Co-Chair, Social Democratic Party (SPD)  
Member of the Bundestag

Since December 2019, Saskia Esken, together with Norbert Walter-Borjans, has been the Federal Chairperson of the German Social Democratic Party. They form the first directly elected dual leadership of the SPD with equal representation. Esken has been a member of the German Bundestag since 2013. There she represents the constituency Calw/ Freudenstadt, South-West from Stuttgart. Until her election as SPD chairwoman, she was a full member of the Committee on Home Affairs and the Digital Agenda Committee. Until the end of 2019, she was deputy spokesperson for digital policy in the SPD parliamentary group and was responsible for the topics of digital education and eGovernment, IT security and the protection of personal data and privacy. She also participated in the Enquete Commission on Artificial Intelligence and was a member of the Bundestag's Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment from 2013 until 2017. After graduating from high school, Esken worked in various unskilled jobs, such as in the gastronomy, as a driver and typist. In 1991, she completed her training as a certified computer scientist and worked in software development for several years until she took a family break. Esken, who comes from a social democratic family, was socially and politically active from an early age on and initiated the founding of a youth center in her home town. In

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1990, she joined the SPD and became involved in refugee aid and the One-World-Store in her home town. For many years, she was involved in educational policy as a parent representative, most recently as deputy chair of the state parent advisory board of Baden-Württemberg. In addition, she was active for many years as a municipal politician and campaigned regionally for a wide variety of issues, for example as a founding member of the "Calwer Bündnis gegen Rechts" (Calw Alliance against Right) and a citizens' initiative for environmental remediation of the local landfill. In her political work she is driven by the vision of a just future in which all people can lead a free and self-determined life. The convinced user of e-mobility and railway was born in Stuttgart in 1961, is married and mother of three adult children. When her schedule permits, she enjoys to play the guitar and read, or she goes for a walk in the Black Forest.



**Martin Ford**  
Author and Futurist

Martin Ford is a futurist and the author of three books on artificial intelligence and its implications, including *The New York Times* Bestselling *Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of a Jobless Future* (winner of the Financial Times/McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award and translated into more than 20 languages). His TED Talk on the impact of artificial intelligence and robotics on the economy and society, given on the main stage at the 2017 TED Conference, has been viewed over 3 million times. Martin is also the consulting artificial intelligence expert for the new Robotics and AI ETF from Lyxor/Societe Generale (Ticker ROAI), which is focused specifically on investing in companies that will be significant participants in the AI and robotics revolution. He holds a computer engineering degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and a graduate business degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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**Ulrike Franke**  
Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations



Dr. Ulrike Franke is a policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). Her areas of focus include German and European security and defence, the future of warfare, and the impact of new technologies such as drones and artificial intelligence. Franke has published widely on these and other topics, among others in Die Zeit, FAZ, RUSI Whitehall Papers, Comparative Strategy, War on the Rocks, Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik, and regularly appears as commentator in the media. She co-hosts the Sicherheitshalber Podcast, a German-language podcast on security and defence. She holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Oxford – in her PhD thesis, she studied the use of drones by western armed forces. She also holds a BA from Sciences Po Paris and a double summa cum laude MA degree from Sciences Po Paris (Affaires internationales/Sécurité internationale) and the University of St. Gallen (International Affairs and Governance). Franke is a policy affiliate at the Governance of AI project at Oxford University's Future of Humanity Institute. She was also part of UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counterterrorism Ben Emmerson's research team, examining drone use in counterterrorism contexts. Prior to this she worked as a part-time research assistant at the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) in London.

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**Carl Benedikt Frey**  
Oxford Martin Citi Fellow, University of Oxford  
Author, *The Technology Gap:  
Capital, Labor, and Power in the Age of Automation*

Carl Benedikt Frey is Oxford Martin Citi Fellow at Oxford University where he directs the programme on the Future of Work at the Oxford Martin School. After studying economics, history and management at Lund University, Frey completed his PhD at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in 2011. He subsequently joined the Oxford Martin School where he founded the programme on the Future of Work with support from Citigroup. Between 2012 and 2014, he was teaching at the Department of Economic History at Lund University. In 2012, Frey became an Economics Associate of Nuffield College and Senior Fellow at the Institute for New Economic Thinking, both University of Oxford. He remains a Senior Fellow of the Department of Economic History at Lund University, and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). In 2019, he joined the

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World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on the New Economic Agenda, as well as the Bretton Woods Committee. In 2013, Frey co-authored "The Future of Employment: How Susceptible Are Jobs to Computerization", estimating that 47% of jobs are at risk of automation. With over 5000 academic citations, the study's methodology has been used by President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisors, the Bank of England, the World Bank, as well as a popular risk-prediction tool by the BBC. In 2019, the paper was debated on the Last Week Tonight Show with John Oliver. Frey has served as an advisor and consultant to international organizations, think tanks, government and business, including the G20, the OECD, the European Commission, the United Nations, and several Fortune 500 companies. He is also an op-ed contributor to the Financial Times, Scientific American, and the Wall Street Journal, where he has written on the economics of artificial intelligence, the history of technology, and the future of work. His academic work has featured in over 100 media outlets, including The Economist, Foreign Affairs, New York Times, Time Magazine, Le Monde, and Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. In addition, he has frequently appeared international broadcast media such as CNN, BBC, PBS News Hour, Al Jazeera, and Sky News. His most recent book, The Technology Trap, was selected a Financial Times Best Books of the Year in 2019.

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**Wendy Hall**  
Regius Professor of Computer Science  
University of Southampton



Wendy Hall is Regius Professor of Computer Science, Associate Vice President (International Engagement) and is an Executive Director of the Web Science Institute at the University of Southampton. She became a Dame Commander of the British Empire in the 2009 UK New Year's Honours list, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering. Dame Wendy was co-Chair of the UK government's AI Review, which was published in October 2017, and is the first Skills Champion for AI in the UK. In May 2020, she was appointed as Chair of the Ada Lovelace Institute.

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**Isabella Hermann**

Research Coordinator of the Project "Responsibility: Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence", Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Dr. Isabella Hermann is political scientist with a specialization in International Relations. Her general research interest focuses the question of how discourses on new technologies determine global power structures. Specifically, she explores the science fiction genre as a contribution to the discussion of new technologies, sociopolitical value systems and global politics. Currently, Isabella acts as research coordinator of the interdisciplinary research group "Responsibility: Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence" at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Berlin.

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**Henning Hoff**

Executive Director, Internationale Politik Quarterly

Dr. Henning Hoff is executive editor of *Internationale Politik Quarterly* (formerly *Berlin Policy Journal*) and editor-at-large of *Internationale Politik*, both published by the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP). He joined DGAP in 2011, after nearly a decade as foreign correspondent in London, where he worked for German and international media, including DIE ZEIT/ZEIT online, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, International Herald Tribune, and TIME. He is also co-founder and director of the WELTKIOSK publishing company (London/Berlin) which specializes in international journalism. An international historian by training, he holds a PhD in Contemporary History from Cologne University, Germany (2001).

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**Yvonne Hofstetter**

Professor of Digitization and Society  
Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences

Yvonne Hofstetter, 1966, lawyer and essayist, started her career in information technology in 1999 as a product manager for distributed artificial intelligence (AI) systems. In 2009 Hofstetter founded TERAMARK Technologies GmbH, a company for Big Data analytics. In 2020 she co-founded 21strategies, which uses AI to process information about currency markets. Hofstetter has been a sought-after keynote speaker on the subject of digitization and society since 2014. She positioned in national print media about the technological consequences of AI. Her books "Sie wissen alles" (2014) and "Das Ende der Demokratie" (2016) have both been published by C. Bertelsmann Verlag. In 2019, her latest book "The Invisible War" was issued with Droemer Knauer publishing house. In 2018, Hofstetter was awarded the 53rd Theodor Heuss Award for her commitment to democracy. Today, she serves as honorary professor at the Center for Ethics and Responsibility at the University of Applied Sciences Bonn-Rhein-Sieg.



**Tobias Jerzewski**

Program Officer, Aspen Institute Germany

Tobias Jerzewski is a Program Officer at the Aspen Institute Germany where he co-leads the Digital Program. He has been with Aspen Germany for more than four years working on German, European and transatlantic tech policy, AI, cyber and security issues and also contributing to Aspen's Transatlantic and Leadership Programs. He studied European Affairs at SciencesPo Paris and the Free University Berlin focusing on Poland's role within the EU, the European neighbourhood policy and Franco-German Relations. He also has a particular passion for Hannah Arendt's work with a special emphasis on her case for Federalism and the challenges of modern democracy. Tobias volunteers as Vice President with The Policy Corner, a platform who seeks to empower students and young professionals to raise their voices on current policy challenges.

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**Casper Klynge**

Vice President, European Government Affairs Microsoft Corporation

Since March 2020, Casper Klynge is Microsoft's Vice President for European Government Affairs with responsibility for all of Microsoft's government affairs and public policy work across the continent. Casper leads a team of government affairs professional based in Brussels and across Europe tasked with strengthening relations with the EU institutions as well as with European governments to ensure Microsoft is a constructive partner in supporting policy makers in Brussels and European capitals achieve their goals. Casper reports directly to president Brad Smith and serves on the senior leadership team of Microsoft's Corporate, External and Legal Affairs group. Prior to joining Microsoft, Casper had a long career in the public sector serving most recently as Denmark's (& the world's first) Ambassador to the global tech industry (2017-2020) heading a diplomatic representation based in Silicon Valley and with staff in Copenhagen and Beijing. Before leading Denmark's 'TechPlomacy'-initiative, Casper served as Ambassador to Indonesia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea & ASEAN (2014-2017) and to the Republic of Cyprus (2013-2014). In 2010-2011, Casper was the Deputy Head of NATO's Provincial Reconstruction Team in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. From 2003, he worked out of Brussels in various positions under the European Union's High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, followed by an appointment as Head of Mission of the EU's civilian crisis management planning mission in Kosovo (2006-2008). Casper holds a M.Sc. in Political Science supplemented by executive education from Stanford University. He is a 2009 Marshall Memorial Fellow and was in 2018 named among the World's 100 most influential people in digital government. Casper is married and the father of two sons.

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**Olivia Knodt**  
Program Officer, Aspen Institute Germany

Olivia Knodt is a Program Officer at the Aspen Institute Germany where she co-leads the Digital Program. She joined Aspen Germany in January 2019 and works on a range of topics including AI, tech policy, and the future of work. Prior to this, she worked as a consultant specializing in tech regulation. Knodt previously held positions as Research Assistant and Project Manager in the Europe Program of the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Berlin (2014-2017), and at the Hertie School, where she served as Research Associate to the Dean. Knodt holds a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University, a Master of Public Policy from the Hertie School and a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.



**Jana Koehler**  
Scientific Director of the Algorithmic Business and Production Research  
Department  
German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)

Prof. Dr. Jana Koehler holds the chair of Artificial Intelligence at Saarland University and is the Scientific Director of the Algorithmic Business and Production Research Department at DFKI. Her research interests focus on AI methods for flexible and optimized processes in manufacturing and business. She studied Computer Science and Philosophy of Science at Humboldt University in Berlin and earned her doctorate at Saarland University. From 1990 to 1996 she worked at DFKI and subsequently habilitated at the Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg. She also worked for Schindler AG and IBM Research Zurich. From 2010 to early 2019, she was Professor of Computer Science at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. She is a member of the German Computer Science Society GI and a life-time member of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence AAAI.

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**Pavel Konečný**  
CEO, Neuron Soundware

Pavel Konečný graduated in cybernetics and biomedical engineering. He began his career in the IT consulting company Accenture, where he participated in more than 35 technological and strategic projects for 25 clients on 3 continents. He was considered one of the most innovative members of the team who designed the innovation every day. Colleagues were frequently asking why he didn't try to start his own business, but they got the same answer for 10 years: "I'm waiting for the computers to be so powerful that artificial intelligence can be used efficiently." The time has come 4 years ago when Neuron soundware was established - a Czech start-up that listens to machines and using artificial intelligence can predict failures and malfunctions of machines.

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**Janina Kugel**  
Board of Directors, Konecranes  
Senior Advisor, BCG; Senior Advisor EQT Group  
Former CHRO, Siemens AG

Janina Kugel is a Non-Executive Board Member, Senior Advisor and Speaker. Prior to this, she has been Chief Human Resources Officer and a member of the Managing Board of Siemens AG with global responsibility for Human Resources, including the areas of Diversity, Learning and Education, Social Innovation, and Environmental Protection, Health Management and Safety (EHS). Janina started her career as a management consultant at Accenture. During this period, she worked for international companies throughout Europe and the United States, mainly focusing on process reengineering, restructuring and organizational design. After moving into industrial organizations, she held several management and leadership positions at Siemens in the areas of Business Strategy and Human Resources. At Osram Lighting Janina served as Chief Human Resources Officer, where she had global responsibility for Human Resources, Executive Development and Diversity. Janina is a non-executive board member of Konecranes Oy, Finland and the German Pension Benefit Guaranty Association. She is an active supporter of various national and international diversity initiatives. She is also a member of the international Advisory Board of Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany and IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain. She is serving as board member of several government initiatives such as the Innovation Council (Federal Ministry of Digitization) and the "Council of future of work" (Federal Ministry for Labor and Social Affairs). Janina holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Mainz, Germany, and the University of Verona, Italy. As a mother of two, she lives with her family in Munich. When time allows, she enjoys jogging, playing tennis as well as the piano.

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**Michaela Küffner**  
Chief Political Editor, Deutsche Welle (DW)

Michaela Küffner is Deutsche Welle's Chief Political Editor, keeping a close eye on the increasingly volatile political landscape in Germany and what it means for Europe and beyond. Michaela's daily challenge is to explain the inside political story of Germany to the outside world. She also reports on Angela Merkel's foreign trips when traveling with the German chancellor. Trained as a journalist in Britain, Michaela started her journalistic career with BBC World's 'HARDtalk' and "the world today" programmes. After returning to Germany she also started travelling extensively as an election observer for the EU and the OSCE/ODIHR. In 2006 she co-founded the Berlin-based NGO "Democracy Reporting International". Michaela has been focusing on German politics for the past five years. She is convinced that the most interesting times in German politics for more than a decade have just begun.

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**Rüdiger Lentz**  
Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany

Rüdiger Lentz is the Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Germany. From 2009 until September 2013, he served as the Executive Director of the German-American Heritage Foundation and Museum in Washington. Before that, he worked for over three decades as a TV correspondent and magazine journalist for *Der Spiegel*, ARD Television, RIAS Berlin, and Deutsche Welle. During his time as Bureau Chief in Washington, he was a Visiting Lecturer at Harvard University, the School of Foreign Service in Washington, DC, and a regular guest on CNN and C-Span. Lentz has been a long-time member of the Atlantik-Brücke and is a founding member of the German American Business Council (GABC) in Washington, DC.

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**Andreas Liebl**  
Managing Director at UnternehmerTUM  
appliedAI Initiative

Dr. Andreas Liebl, Managing Director of UnternehmerTUM GmbH, is responsible, among other things, for setting up the appliedAI initiative with partners such as Google and NVIDIA. With 50 partners, the initiative is already one of the largest initiatives in Europe in the field of applied artificial intelligence and answers the organisational, technological and strategic questions of companies with regards to the application of AI. Before joining UnternehmerTUM, he worked for McKinsey for five years and did his PhD at the Entrepreneurship Research Institute at the Technical University of Munich. In his doctoral thesis, he accompanied 120 start-ups for one year and examined their corporate culture and identity.

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**Anna Lukasson-Herzig**  
Founder and CEO, Nyris

Anna Lukasson-Herzig is the founder and CEO of nyris, a visual search engine that gives people a more natural way to find what they are looking for. Based in Berlin and Dusseldorf, Nyris serves leading companies across all industries, currently running in 54 countries and representing every continent. Anna studied Engineering at the RWTH Aachen.

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**Leif-Nissen Lundbæk**  
Co-Founder and CEO, XAIN AG

Leif-Nissen Lundbæk (Ph.D.) is Co-Founder and CEO of the technology company XAIN AG. His work focuses mainly on algorithms and applications for privacy-preserving artificial intelligence. In 2017, he founded XAIN together with Professor Michael Huth and Felix Hahmann. The Berlin-based company solves the challenge of combining AI with privacy with an emphasis on Federated Learning. XAIN won the first Porsche Innovation Contest and has already worked successfully with Porsche, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, and Siemens. Before founding XAIN Leif-Nissen Lundbæk has worked with Daimler and IBM. He studied Economics at the Humboldt University in Berlin, received his M.Sc in Mathematics at Heidelberg University, an M.Sc. with distinction in Software Engineering at The University of Oxford and obtained his Ph.D. in Computing at the Imperial College London.



**Eva Maydell**  
Member of the European Parliament  
EPP Coordinator for the Special Committee  
on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age

Eva Maydell (née Paunova) is a Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group/GERB) and President of European Movement International, the largest organisation of associations and civil societies in Europe. Maydell's priorities focus on enhancing skills-creation and the use of innovation and technologies, supporting entrepreneurs and investments in Europe. In the European Parliament, she is a member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy as well as the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. She is a member of the Delegation for relations with Japan as well as the Delegation for relations with the US. Eva Maydell is among the most active members of the EP. Currently, she is EPP rapporteur on the Data Strategy. She was the main Parliament rapporteur on the Regulation on charges on cross-border payments as well as worked on several legislative files, part of the Digital Single Market Strategy – the e-Privacy Regulation, the Directive for the supply of digital content, the Regulation on portability, Digitising European industry and the European cloud initiative. She was also rapporteur for the EPP Group on the implementation of the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the New Skills Agenda and the Influence of technology on the future of the financial sector (FinTech). Eva has been awarded the European Parliament's MEP of the Year Award twice. She has also been included in *FT's* own 'New Europe 100' ranking of CEE's emerging change-makers, European *Forbes'* 30 Under 30 list and others.

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**Anja Mihr**

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Anja Mihr is founder and Program Director of the Center on Governance through Human Rights at Humboldt-Viadrina Governance Platform in Berlin. She is currently DAAD Visiting Professor in the Politics and Security Program at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She has held professorships for democratization, public policy, international relations and human rights. Among others, she was substitute professor at the Willy-Brandt School of Public Policy at Erfurt University in Germany and Associate Professor at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands. Anja has worked for the German Institute for Human Rights, the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) and is also independent consultant for human rights to the German Parliament and Transitional Justice to a number of German, UN and EU agencies and ministries. In addition, she carried out a number of Visiting Professorships for Human Rights, Law and Politics such as at Peking University Law School in China, the Minerva Center for Human Rights at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at SIPA at Columbia University in New York. Since September 2018 Anja serves a 5 years term in the Scientific Committee of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) in Vienna, and has been elected chair of the committee in 2018. She has also been the European Program Director for the European Master Degree in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) at the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights in Venice (EIUC) and was later appointed Head of the Rule of Law department at The Hague Institute for Global Justice in The Hague. Starting as an assistant professor with the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights at the University of Magdeburg in 2002 in Germany, she was later a research director at the Humboldt University of Berlin carrying out a number of research project under the audition of the European FP 7 Program, the Volkswagen Foundation, NWO and DFG on Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Democratization. Anja received her Ph.D in Political Sciences from the Freie University (FU) of Berlin in 2001. She also served as Chair of Amnesty International Germany.

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**Stormy-Annika Mildner**

Head of Foreign and Economic Policy  
Federation of German Industries (BDI)

In January 2014, Dr. Stormy-Annika Mildner (M.Sc.) became head of the department "Foreign Economic Policy" at the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI), Federation of German Industries. Until December 2013, she was a member of the Executive Board of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), a policy-oriented think-tank based in Berlin. Her fields of interest include international trade and finance as well as commodity markets. Before joining the SWP, she worked for the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), where she headed the program "Globalization and the World Economy" (2000-2002). From 2005 to 2006, Ms. Mildner was a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy Institute of the Free University of Berlin. In spring 2010, she was a visiting fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies in Washington, where she is still a non-resident Senior Fellow. In fall 2011 she was a visiting fellow at the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Academy in Washington. Ms. Mildner conducted her Bachelor studies in economics and North American studies at the Free University of Berlin and earned a Master of Science in international political economy from the London School of Economics (2000). She wrote her PhD thesis at the Free University of Berlin on the economic and political rationale of export credit finance in the United States. During her PhD studies, she attended the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) of Yale University (2002-2003). From January 1, 2021 on Ms. Mildner will serve as the new Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Germany.



**Annette Mühlberg**

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Annette Mühlberg works as head of the project team „digitization“ for the United Services Union (ver.di) in Berlin and is vice chair of the German Internet Governance Forum e.V. (i.Gr) as well as member of the Platform Cooperative Consortium. She was chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee of ICANN and member of the Enquête-Commission on “Internet and Digital Society“ of the German Bundestag. Since 2014 Annette Mühlberg co-organizes an annual ver.di-congress on digitization – recently on the topic “Artificial Intelligence: Who is in control?”. ver.di published several position papers on AI (in German), e.g.: “Künstliche Intelligenz - Gemeinwohl als Maßstab, Gute Arbeit als Prinzip“.

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**Günther H. Oettinger**

Former European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society  
Former Minister-President, Baden-Württemberg

Günther H. Oettinger was European Commissioner for Budget & Human Resources since January 2017. From November 2014 to December 2016, he held office as European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society after being European Commissioner for Energy from February 2010 to October 2014 and lastly also Vice-President of the European Commission in 2014. From 2005-2010, he was Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg (Germany) and, since 1984, a member of the regional Parliament ("Landtag"). He was the leader of the CDU Landtag group from January 1991 to April 2005. A lawyer by training, Günther H. Oettinger became actively involved in politics during his adolescence. He is a member of the Federal Executive Committee and of the Steering Committee of the CDU Deutschland.

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**Sara Polak**

Founder, Anthropologica; Co-Founder, Innovation Disrupt  
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Sara is an Oxford-educated archaeologist and evolutionary anthropologist, who has spent the last 7 years working in technology startups in London, USA, and New Zealand. After almost a decade in the UK she returned back to her home country to work in the local startup, innovation, and artificial intelligence scene and strives to make Czech Republic into a global AI and innovation superhub. She is an Aspen Young Leader as well as a Bakala Scholar, and works on several projects the main being prg.ai, Startup Disrupt, and Czech.global, as well as numerous pro bono initiatives such as science popularisation programmes (Science To Go) and various hackathons as they happen throughout the year. Her dream is to popularise and digest big, heavy tech topics for the general public and through this achieve the bridging of the huge gap between ethereal cutting-edge technologies and the average person in the street to achieve effective adoption of innovations in society.

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**Tobias Rees**

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Tobias Rees is Reid Hoffman Professor of Humanities at Parsons/The New School in New York; Founding Director of the Transformations of the Human program at the Berggruen Institute in Los Angeles; and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute For Advanced Research (CIFAR). Previously he held positions at the University of Zurich/Switzerland; at McGill University in Montreal/Canada, where he served as William Dawson Chair; and at the Universities of California at San Francisco and at Berkeley. Prof. Rees is a globally recognized expert on contemporary philosophy, art, and technology. His research focuses on how events — the sudden or slow and accumulative emergence of the unanticipated — undermine established ways of thinking + doing and transform the previously taken for granted into questions no one has answers for. He has worked with many companies — including Adobe, google, and Facebook — and has served as advisor to many North American and European Universities on how to re-invent the human sciences and has collaborated with curators and museums around the world. Alone and together with colleagues Rees has sought to build new conceptual and institutional possibilities for rendering visible the philosophical, aesthetic, and political stakes of contemporary technology and science.



**Nadine Schön**

Member of the Bundestag (CDU)

Nadine Schön is a directly voted Member of the German Bundestag, first elected in 2009. Since 2014, she has served as deputy chair of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, responsible for family affairs, senior citizens, women and youth and digital agenda. Prior to the Bundestag, she was Member of Parliament in Saarland from 2004 to 2009. She there served as spokeswoman on higher education and science policy of the CDU parliamentary group and was member of several committees including economic affairs, science and mine safety; internal affairs, data protection and sport; justice, constitutional and legal affairs, scrutiny of elections, European affairs and affairs of the Interregional Parliamentary Council.

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**Dagmar Schuller**  
CEO and co-founder, audEERING

Dagmar M. Schuller, CEO and co-founder of audEERING, conducts research in the field of AI, machine learning and big data for more than a decade. Her goal is to bring trendsetting ideas into real-life concepts, thus enabling businesses to intelligently enhance their products and processes and – ultimately – personal lifestyles. At audEERING she shapes the strategy, business development and operations. With a lot of passion and dedication she led audEERING from an UG to a multi-million company. Prior to her work as CEO of audEERING, Dagmar Schuller was working as Management Consultant for Ernst & Young in Vienna and New York and as Senior Vice President for an international investment of Hubert Burda Media.

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**Andy Stern**

Co-founder, Workers Benefit Fund  
President Emeritus, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Andy Stern retired in 2010 as the president of the 2.2-million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the largest union of health care, doctors, nurses, janitors, child care, home care, hospital, and state workers, which grew by more than 1.2 million workers during his tenure, turning traditionally underpaid service work into jobs that can help support a family. Called a "courageous, visionary leader who charted a bold new course for American unionism," Mr. Stern has been featured on 60 Minutes, CNN and on the covers of the New York Times Magazine, Fortune, Business Week, as well as being named the Fox Power Player of the Week. Mr. Stern was a Presidential Appointee on the Simpson-Bowles Commission, was a Senior Fellow at Columbia University and now at the Economic Security Project. His first book A Country That Works was published in 2005, and his second in 2017----Raising the Floor: How a Universal Basic Income Can Renew Our Economy and Restore the American Dream.



**Johann Strauss**

Director, Technology Alliances, Dell Technologies

Johann leads the Technology Alliances and Solutions business for Dell Technologies in EMEA. Major focus of this organization is creating solutions with an ecosystem of partners in Artificial Intelligence and Cloud-Native Applications. His background includes 30 years of experience in the international ICT industry with profit and loss responsibility at various leading technology companies. Johann holds a master's degree in Engineering and Computer Sciences.

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**Mustafa Suleyman,**  
Vice President AI Policy, Google

Mustafa Suleyman, CBE, is Vice-President of AI Policy at Google. He co-founded DeepMind, a leading AI company, which was acquired by Google in 2014 and where he was Chief Product Officer and head of Applied AI for 10 years. Mustafa serves on various boards, among them the Board of The Economist.



**Jaan Tallinn**  
Founding Engineer, Skype and Kazaa  
Co-founder, the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Existential Risk and  
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Jaan Tallinn is a founding engineer of Skype and Kazaa. He is a co-founder of the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Existential Risk ([cser.org](http://cser.org)), Future of Life Institute ([futureoflife.org](http://futureoflife.org)), and philanthropically supports other existential risk research organizations. Jaan is on the Board of Sponsors of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists ([thebulletin.org](http://thebulletin.org)), and has served on the High-Level Expert Group on AI at the European Commission, as well as on the Estonian President's Academic Advisory Board. He is also an active angel investor, a partner at Ambient Sound Investments ([asi.ee](http://asi.ee)), and a former investor director of the AI company DeepMind ([deepmind.com](http://deepmind.com)).

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**Hinrich Thölken**

Director for Climate and Energy Policy and Digital Transformation  
German Federal Foreign Office

Ambassador Hinrich Thölken is Director for Climate and Energy Policy and Digital Transformation in the German Federal Foreign Office. He previously served as Germany's first Digital Ambassador. In his current position he leads the Foreign Office's work on Climate and Energy Diplomacy, and continues to work on Digital Diplomacy. Previously he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN Organizations in Rome. His other foreign postings include Paris, Washington D.C., Windhoek and Kinshasa. From 2010 to 2015 he led Germany's initiatives on the implications of Climate Change and enhanced competition for Natural Resources on Foreign and Security Policy. He also served as head of communication and media relations for the Helmholtz Association, Germany's largest research organization. Hinrich Thölken studied medicine in Germany and in the United Kingdom and holds a Medical Degree (M.D.) of the University of Heidelberg. His research work in Pharmacology was widely published, i.a. in "Nature". After two years as medical research officer at Heidelberg University Medical School he joined the German Foreign Service in 1989.



**Andrew W. Wyckoff**

Director, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

Andrew W. Wyckoff is the Director of the OECD's Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) where he oversees OECD's work on innovation, business dynamics, science and technology, information and communication technology policy as well as the statistical work associated with each of these areas. His experience prior to the OECD includes being a program manager of the Information, Telecommunications and Commerce program of the US Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), an economist at the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and a programmer at The Brookings Institution. He has served as an expert on various advisory groups and panels which include joining the Global Board of Trustees of Digital Future Society (DFS), being a Commissioner on the Lancet/FT Governing Health Futures 2030 Commission, the International Advisory Board of the Research Council of Norway and Head of OECD's Delegation at the G20 and G7 meetings on ICT and Digital Economy. Mr. Wyckoff is a citizen of the United States, holds a BA in Economics from the University of Vermont, and a Master of Public Policy from the JFK School of Government, Harvard University.

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**Johannes Vogel**  
Member of the Bundestag (FDP)

Johannes Vogel has been a Member of the German Bundestag since 2017 and is the Spokesman for Labour Market and Pension Policy as well as the Chairman of the Working Group on Labour and Social Affairs of the Free Democratic Party's (FDP) parliamentary group at the German Bundestag. Furthermore, he is the Vice-Chairman of the inter-party German-Chinese Parliamentary Group at the German Bundestag. Previously, he worked in an executive position at Germany's Federal Employment Agency for three years, including a period as the Chairman of the Management Board of its Solingen-Wuppertal unit and as the Head of Strategy and Business Development of the International and Specialized Services (ZAV), the Agency's international department. He already served as a Member of the German Bundestag between 2009 and 2013. Johannes Vogel joined the FDP in 1999. Within the FDP, he was a Member of the Rheinisch-Bergischer Kreis County Council until 2009 and, from 2005 to 2010, Federal Chairman of the Young Liberals (youth section of the FDP). Since 2007, Johannes Vogel has been a Member of the Federal Executive Board of the FDP and, since 2014, Secretary-General of the FDP in North-Rhine Westphalia. As Secretary-General, he was responsible for the FDP's federal state election program 2017 as well as a participant in the negotiation of the CDU-FDP-Coalition Treaty in order to constitute the current federal state government in North-Rhine Westphalia. He has also been the head of the FDP election campaign in North Rhine-Westphalia, which achieved the best result for the FDP in the history of the federal state and was the first political election campaign to receive the "effie-award" in gold.

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Karen Yeung is a Professor of Law, Ethics and Informatics at Birmingham Law School and the School of Computer Science at the University of Birmingham. Her research lies in the regulation and governance of, and through, new and emerging technologies, with a particular focus on the legal, ethical, social and democratic implications of a suite of technologies associated with automation and the 'computational turn', including big data analytics, artificial intelligence (including various forms of machine learning), distributed ledger technologies (including blockchain) and robotics. She is actively involved in several technology policy and related initiatives at the national, European and international levels, including as a former member of the EU High Level Expert Group on AI and the Council of Europe's Expert Committee on human rights dimensions of automated data processing and different forms of artificial intelligence (MSI-AUT). Karen occupies a number of strategic and advisory roles for various non-profit organisations and research programmes concerned with responsible governance of technology. Her recent academic publications include *Algorithmic Regulation* (co-edited with Martin Lodge) Oxford University Press (2019) and *The Oxford Handbook of Law, Regulation and Technology* (co-edited with Roger Brownsword and Eloise Scotford) in 2017. She is on the editorial boards of the *Modern Law Review*, *Big Data & Society*, *Public Law and Technology and Regulation*.