

**Heisenberg-Vernetzungstreffen**  
**4-5 December, 2025**  
**Gustav-Stresemann-Institut Bonn**

**Thursday, 4/12/2025**

12:00-13:30 Arrival, Registration and Lunch

**13:30-13:40 Opening Remarks and Welcome (Katja Becker, DFG)**

**13:40-15:00 Aktuelles aus der DFG (Katja Becker, Michael Lentze, DFG)**

15:00-15:30 Coffee and Tea

**15:30-16:20 Disciplinary Dialogues among Heisenberg Fellows**

- Engineering and Computer Sciences (Jana Hutter)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (Andreas Kapsner, Grischa Vercamer)
- Life Sciences and Medicine (Philipp Altmann, Antonios Douros)
- Natural Sciences (Alexey Potapov, Gündog Yücesan)

**16:30-18:00 Parallel Workshops or Talks**

• **Appointment Negotiations (Katharina Helmig, Deutscher Hochschulverband)**

*The workshop will show how an ideal negotiation is prepared and conducted after an offer has been made. Which points of negotiation will be discussed, and how can these be tactically incorporated into the negotiations? Typical negotiation outcomes from real-life experience will also be presented.*

*Speaker: RA (Syndikusrechtsanwältin) Katharina Helmig, Justitiarin für Hochschul- und Beamtenrecht im DHV.*

• **Helmholtz, Leibniz, Max Planck, Fraunhofer – Experiences with Career Paths at Non-University Research Institutions (Diego Rybski)**

*Non-university institutes represent an alternative research sphere in Germany. These institutions differ from universities in many respects, but they still depend on them. Non-university institutions can be interesting for researchers because they usually have tenured staff below the professor-level. This workshop is intended to facilitate the exchange of experiences.*

• **Your Heisenberg Grant: (Almost) Everything You Need to Know (Nils Föhles, DFG)**

*How do I make the most of my Heisenberg grant? – This session offers an insight into the various programme's options. It covers topics such as changing the Heisenberg funding type, the mid-term evaluation, using flexible research funds, the combination with other funds etc. It is directed at all Heisenberg grantees and especially at those being new to the German academic system.*

**18:00-19:00 Discovering Heisenberg Research: Poster Walk**

*Present your research and discover the work of the other Heisenberg fellows. No poster? Bring an object, image, or video instead to spark discussion about your ideas and findings.*

**19:00 Dinner**

*Tables will be designated with signs for different disciplines or opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange.*

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## Friday, 5/12/2025

09:00-11:00: Individual Appointments with DFG Staff

### 09:00-10:30 Parallel Workshops or Talks

- **ERC Funding (Byron Schirbock, KoWi)**

*The info session provides an overview about funding opportunities of the European Research Council (ERC), in particular on the application and evaluation procedures for ERC Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy Grants, and taking into account the new requirements of the ERC Work Programme 2026.*

- **Open Exchange and Networking among Heisenberg Fellows (Guido Grossmann)**

*This exchange offers an informal yet focused opportunity for Heisenberg Fellows to share experiences on professorship negotiations, engage in scientific discussion, and initiate interdisciplinary collaborations that strengthen the Heisenberg Community.*

- **How the DFG Works (Anna Böhme, Christoph Kümmel, DFG)**

*What makes the DFG unique as a funding organisation, and how does it actually operate? In this session, we'll explore these questions – and welcome yours as well.*

10:30-11:00 Coffee and Tea

### 11:00-12:30 Global Challenges in Science: Impulse Lecture by Aimee van Wynsberghe on “AI and Sustainability” and Plenary Discussion

*Sustainability is one of today's defining global challenges, engaging researchers across the natural, life and social sciences, engineering, and the humanities.*

*We are pleased to welcome Aimee van Wynsberghe, Alexander von Humboldt Professor for Applied Ethics of Artificial Intelligence at the University of Bonn, who will share her perspective in an impulse lecture.*

*The plenary discussion after her lecture will be moderated by David Fußhöller (Science Communication Coaching).*

*The discussion aims to explore how AI affects and challenges the sciences and the humanities, how scientific research can contribute to more sustainable futures, and what shared responsibilities researchers have in shaping them.*

*The audience is invited to participate in a lively exchange of views, best practices, and new ideas.*

### 12:30-12:40 Farewell (Ulrike Eickhoff, DFG)

12:40 Departure with Packed Lunch

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