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BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW: DESIGNING FOR CHANGE

Preliminary program – subject to change // We will follow up with more information to help you prepare for each session.

”If we know that alternative futures are possible then we can start thinking about better ones.” - Cory Doctorow

PROGRAM as of 09/10/2025

October 2025 – January 2026

FRIDAY **24 October 2025** 9:00 am – 1:30 pm IPAI Spaces, Im Zukunftspark 11/13, 74076 Heilbronn	**EXCURSION: IPAI FOUNDATION HEILBRONN** Join us for an inspiring visit to the **IPAI Living Room**, the foundation’s AI visitor center, where we’ll explore Heilbronn’s vibrant innovation ecosystem at the crossroads of humans and technology. A special highlight awaits with the exhibition ***Ecologies of Becoming*** by internationally acclaimed artist **Sougwen Chung** – recently named one of TIME’s 100 most influential voices in AI.
FRIDAY **07 November 2025** 09:00 am – 1:00 pm Office of the Rectorate Seminar Room, Ground Floor Azenbergstraße 16 70174 Stuttgart	**INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN THINKING** Input & Workshop: Learn how to solve complex problems through empathy, iteration, and collaboration, tools every discipline can use. With **Spela Setzen**, Change Labs University Stuttgart & **Lisa Kohler**, School for Talents, University of Stuttgart

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FRIDAY **21 November 2025** 09:00 am – 1:00 pm Office of the Rectorate Seminar Room, Ground Floor Azenbergstraße 16 70174 Stuttgart	**BEING HUMAN IN THE AGE OF SMART MACHINES** In this hands-on workshop we'll explore the interplay between humans, the societies we live in, and the technologies we have created. With **Spela Setzen**, Change Labs University Stuttgart & **Lisa Kohler & Julia Simon**, School for Talents, University of Stuttgart
FRIDAY **12 December 2025** 09:00 am – 1:00 pm Office of the Rectorate Seminar Room, Ground Floor Azenbergstraße 16 70174 Stuttgart	**HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN** Based on concrete examples, we will look at the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence and what it means to trust, or not trust, technology. At the same time we will focus on understanding more about how we can leverage AI for good, and how technology can create positive societal change. With **Ghada Ibrahim**, Digital Innovator
FRIDAY **16 January 2025** 09:00 am – 1:00 pm Office of the Rectorate Seminar Room, Ground Floor Azenbergstraße 16 70174 Stuttgart	**RE-INVENTING DEMOCRATIC FUTURES** Together, we will read Mark Fisher's text "The slow cancellation of the future", and discuss how we can return to the idea of a future worth envisioning. With **Apl. Prof. Dr. Felix Heidenreich**, University of Stuttgart International Center for Cultural and Technological Studies IZKT
FRIDAY **30 January 2025** tba	**EXCURSION: NEW WAYS OF LIVING TOGETHER** Adapter e.V. is a non-profit initiative with the goal of encouraging citizens to take part in shaping how we live in our cities. Together with members of their team, we will visit a project in or around Stuttgart to get a feeling for a space in which new forms of living are experimentally tested and explored. More details tba.