Ideas for a Future Worth Living
What is it that makes an apple a healthy snack? What makes a nursing robot the ultimate caregiver? And what makes a passenger capsule a trustworthy means of transportation? Today’s engineers are considering people’s needs and the benefits for society as early as the development stage of their innovations. In this issue, you can find out why this is so important.

At the Round Table on the topic, TUM President Thomas F. Hofmann discussed with four TUM Alumni how responsibility can be instilled in young engineers. Additionally, we will introduce you to a TUM team that is developing a transport pod that travels at just under the speed of sound. In the second part of the issue, you will find, as usual, TUM events to which we would like to extend a warm welcome to you as alumni.

We look forward to catching up with you and wish you an inspiring read.
As many events had to be postponed or cancelled at short notice due to the coronavirus pandemic, this KontakTUM issue does not provide an index of events and offers. Updated information can always be found here:

Alumni & Career events and online services: www.community.tum.de/en/events

TUM calendar of events: www.tum.de/en/about-tum/news/events

University operations at TUM during the pandemic: www.tum.de/en/about-tum/news/coronavirus

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HOSTED BY TUM PRESIDENT THOMAS F. HOFMANN

THE KONTAKTUM ROUND TABLE
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Good afternoon Mr. President, nice to have you here. Where have you just been?

Prof. Dr. Thomas F. Hofmann: In another Zoom meeting (laughs). At the moment, one online meeting is chasing the next. The digital daily schedule is intense and exhausting. I miss the personal exchange face to face. That’s why it was nice to see my Vice Presidents in person again recently. In the process, we realized that for weeks we had only been exchanging information digitally.

During your inaugural speech in October 2019, you emphasized the importance you place on engaging directly with all university members. Hofmann: Yes, that is something I now really miss. But I’m trying to cover a lot digitally – for example, by holding the TUM Presidential Student Lunch as a virtual event. This is a format in which I meet with our students at lunchtime to discuss their individual visions for the future and their expectations of “their TUM”. Or a meeting like this one, at which I get together with our alumni. This is a source of inspiration, new strength and motivation for me, and is very important to me personally.

For the Round Table on Engineers for the Future, TUM President Thomas F. Hofmann invited four alumni who are deeply involved with this issue on a daily basis – whether it is as a globally recognized researcher in Robotics, as an entrepreneur, as President of VDI – The Association of German Engineers, or as a doctoral student in the Hyperloop research program. They talk about how they personally experience social responsibility as engineers, how creative thinking can be promoted and why diversity plays a key role here.

An ultra-fast transport pod that nobody wants to get into. A power plant whose electricity nobody buys. A robot nurse that nobody trusts. Nowadays, our engineers are able to develop the most exciting of innovations, but if no one wants them, they are pretty much useless. That is why it is important to think about whether or not – and how – each new technology can be introduced in a socially acceptable way.

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In the development process, you are working closely with the future users. What does that look like exactly?

Haddadin: Pretty straightforward. We let them interact with the robot. In the beginning, the seniors often approach it with a rather negative attitude, but once they have interacted with the robot assistant for a while, it clicks and we get very good feedback from them. They tell us what they like, what they don’t like so much; and which of their problems we developers may not have thought of at all. As a result, we know exactly what our next step needs to be. In the process, we have gained much more than we initially had expected.

Hofmann: Good afternoon, Professor Haddadin. We were just talking about research at the interface of disciplines. You are currently developing a robot assistant for the elderly, which is also able to perform ultrasounds, for example.

Prof. Dr. Sami Haddadin: Yes, its name is GARMI, it has two arms and can assist elderly people in their everyday activities. It uses artificial senses to learn, for example, how to help them stand up, make meals or clear the table. Also, doctors can communicate with it, connect via video call, make a remote diagnosis and even carry out sensitive rehabilitation interventions using Teletouch.

Hofmann: It is the people who make our university successful. This applies to university management just as much as to research, teaching and innovation at TUM. And we have now incorporated this into our mission statement. In line with our missions Responsible Research and Innovation, our research and innovation processes are aligned with the values, needs and expectations of society. We don’t develop innovations just for the sake of technology, but for the benefit of the people and their environment. Human-Centered Engineering is therefore our guiding principle. How does this impact on the education of engineers in practical terms?

Hofmann: On the way to becoming resourceful engineers, our students will of course still need in-depth specialist knowledge, but they will increasingly need to combine their expertise with that of other disciplines. That’s why we are designing our teaching in a way that allows students to explore how their subject might interact with other disciplines, and to take advantage of exciting opportunities at the interfaces with, for example, Informatics and Medicine.

Professor Dr. Sami Haddadin is joining us. The alumni is one of the world’s leading experts in Robotics and Director of the Munich School of Robotics and Machine Intelligence at TUM, and holds the Chair of Robotics and Systems Intelligence. Before his move to TUM and appointments at Stanford University and MIT in the USA, Prof. Haddadin held the Chair of the Institute of Automatic Control at Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover from 2014 to 2018.

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Catharina van Delden is CEO and founder of innosabi, one of the leading providers of software for Agile Innovation. In 2020, she received the TUM Entrepreneur of Excellence award from TUM President Thomas F. Hofmann. The award honors significant and committed entrepreneurs who serve as role models.

Catharina van Delden: I can only agree to how important an interdisciplinary team can be for a business. My three co-founders and I are all from different faculties, even though we are all from TUM. We have four very different personalities, different perspectives, contrasting approaches. That was often challenging, but today I would say that this interdisciplinarity was the cornerstone of our success.

How so?

van Delden: For any kind of innovation and unconventional thinking, it is pivotal to be willing to look beyond your own nose, to be open, to make space for new things and to remain curious. Only then can we be truly visionary. I personally get the best ideas when interacting with other people. I love meeting new people, getting to know other people’s perspectives and different ways of life. This helps me to develop my own new ideas. In the same way, our software is helping companies to look beyond their own walls and find people in their environment with whom they have not previously had a business relationship when developing their products and services.

You are supporting companies in incorporating user opinions into product development at an early stage. Why is that important?

van Delden: A product has to be technically flawless, but above all it should be tailored to the user. If it doesn’t match, people won’t buy it. That’s how the market works. That’s why you need a holistic approach when developing new products, one that doesn’t only consider the technical aspects. You should be asking yourself the question: Why am I doing what I’m doing? For whom am I developing this product?

Kefer: If you intend to be a member of any social, public or political body today, you need a lot more than knowledge of technology, because otherwise you won’t be heard. In this context, I always remember the saying: “Not everything that is technically possible is worth striving for or socially desirable.” There are some projects that forced us to realize that social and political acceptance are indeed strong influencing factors. An example here is nuclear power. Society’s rejection of nuclear power and the commitment of engineers have led to the emergence of many alternative approaches to generating power. Time will tell whether these will prevail. In any scientific research into discourse with society. These events are held, for example, at the TUM Institute for Advanced Study or the Munich Center for Technology in Society.

Our fifth guest is Dr. Volker Kefer. The TUM Alumni holds a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering and has been President of VDI – Association of German Engineers since 2019. Previously, he served as a member of the Board of Management at Deutsche Bahn for several years.

Hello, Dr. Kefer. We were just talking to Ms. van Delden about the fact that a product is actually only any good if it meets someone’s need. What do you think that means with regard to the skills of an engineer?

Dr. Volker Kefer: I believe that the technical content of an engineer’s education is key and extremely important. He or she simply has to know what they are doing. Beyond that, however, I see a few additional requirements for engineers that have become much more important recently. I’m talking about a whole range of skills that are necessary to perform certain jobs. For example, jobs that require convincing people, communicating on a large scale, or participating in decision-making processes.

Could you give us an example?

Kefer: I believe that engineers, i.e. people with a technical education, should be on the management boards of large or important companies. But they will only be able to do this job properly if they have an understanding of how to run large companies. In other words, leadership, the communication involved and the ability to develop sound decision-making within a team are just as important as personal integrity, the ability to work under pressure, dealing with stress and so on.

And outside the executive level?

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Volker Kefer is the President of VDI – The Association of German Engineers. From 1975 to 1977, he studied Electrical Engineering at Technical University of Erlangen, then went on to study Mechanical Engineering at TUM. Following his diploma in Engineering, he began his professional career as a design engineer at Siemens in Erlangen. In 1989, he earned his doctorate as part of a research project at the Institute for Thermal Power Plants at TUM. Until 2006, Volker Kefer worked for Siemens AG in Erlangen in various management positions in Germany and abroad. Most recently as Division Manager for Sales, Engineering, and Manufacturing of Regional Rail Vehicles worldwide. From 2008 to 2016, he worked for Deutsche Bahn AG, including as Group Board Member for Infrastructure, Services and Technology from 2013 to 2016 and additionally as Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of DB AG from 2015 onwards. Many remember him as a formative figure in the large-scale project Stuttgart 21, in which he was involved in the conciliation talks. Volker Kefer has been President of VDI since 2019. About a year after leaving DB, he started to support young entrepreneurs. Since 2018, he has been mentoring, among others, the TUM start-up KONUX founded by TUM Alumni and CEO Andreas Kunze.

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Is it possible to learn to communicate more clearly?

Kefer: Communication is something that needs to be practiced and it should be part of university education. If someone aims to present a complicated issue to a broader audience in a way that is comprehensible, they have to be able to significantly simplify things. Unfortunately, nothing is more challenging than explaining a difficult issue in three sentences. As engineers, we tend to always point out some kind of caveat. When we are asked “Is that correct?” we say “Yes, provided such and such applies or as long as so and so exists as a qualifier.” Most people either don’t understand such relativization or even find it dubious. It gives the impression that the engineer is not quite sure either. If someone is really good, they dare to say yes or no in the end, knowing full well that there are limiting conditions and caveats. That is the whole secret.

Ramírez: This is true. When I was a student at the Center for Digital Technology and Management, we had seminars on presentation technique. Our lecturer gave us a topic that was not part of our field of study and asked us to give a short ad hoc presentation on it. I had been given an offhanded topic and, as a technologist, of course had no idea. I thought very carefully about what I wanted to say, but to be honest felt that I was superficial and that a lot of half-knowledge was involved. However, after the presentation and to my great incomprehension, the course instructor said to me, “Dear Sami, when you speak, you feel like fools in comparison.” I found that very hard to believe, because I perceived myself to be utterly uninformed. At the same time, I realized that I obviously had to work on my way of communicating. In the meantime, I have to and am also lucky to have many opportunities to communicate a lot, but it’s still not easy for me. I often try to get feedback from my children and my wife beforehand on whether what I am saying can be understood.

Ms. Ramirez, have you experienced challenges like this too when presenting the Hyperloop project to the public?

Ramírez: It is completely new technology and there is indeed some apprehension. Many people think that humans cannot tolerate the speed. There is this anecdote that in the past people were warned against traveling by train because it was believed that the rapid movements would cause mental unrest in passengers. At that time, the speed was 60 kilometers per hour at best. The TUM Hyperloop does more than 460 kilometers per hour (laughs). We actually have to deal with the fact that we as engineers ourselves don’t yet know everything about the implications of the technology. That’s why it’s only natural for us to look at aspects of feasibility, sustainability, cost-effectiveness and, of course, health compatibility as early as in the development phase. If we make this clear, we are able to meet most people where they are at.

How was it that TUM’s Hyperloop project was so successful? After all, numerous teams from all over the world have participated in the competitions.

Ramírez: We benefited tremendously from the knowledge that was available at TUM and had massive support from professors and industry partners. But I think that our freedom in the development stage was also a particularly crucial factor. Nobody told us what to do. We always had the freedom to decide for ourselves. A lot of things we didn’t know, a lot of things were new to us, but we always had this freedom to try everything ourselves. That was pretty nice and gave us self-confidence in our own abilities.

Do you think there should be more freedom like this for students at the university?

Ramírez: Comparing TUM with other universities, for example, in the U.S., we’re doing pretty well. Universities in the U.S. are very expensive and students can’t afford to take a semester off and devote themselves fully to
Haddadin: I would support recognizing such projects as course work. We are now setting up a new international master’s program in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, which will be largely project-based. Let me illustrate this by using the Cybathlon as an example. This is a competition for people wearing prostheses who, supported by state-of-the-art technical assistance systems, compete against each other in solving everyday tasks. Project teams are challenged to develop their own completely novel prostheses and equip the competitors. This is relatively complex and also costs a lot of money. We have now decided to cover those costs so that our students have the opportunity to participate. And we have made it possible at TUM for the project to be officially recognized as course work.

Ramírez: That is so cool.

Haddadin: I know, right? (laughs).

van Delden: I have to say that I have always found TUM to be very progressive in this regard – especially when it came to the development of our business idea and the support we received during the start-up process. We got a lot of practical help in setting up our company, but the most important thing for me was that we had the freedom to develop our ideas and continuously received positive encouragement. When I started studying, I didn’t have any intention of starting a business, but at TUM I was shown that entrepreneurship was a realistic path to take.

Hofmann: This is a core aspect of the entire topic we have been discussing today. We need to encourage our young talent to go their own way and implement their individual visions. As a university, we can and should lend them a helping hand. We can do this by encouraging free thinking across disciplinary divides and by not just letting students memorize what’s in the standard textbooks. We need to point out where there are exciting interfaces between disciplines. And we need to take away their fear of failure and also encourage them, for example, to start their own business if that’s where their path takes them. I believe that this kind of promoting creativity, new ways of thinking, and entrepreneurial spirit, is a key element of the ability to innovate.

We would like to thank you very much for the interesting conversation.

The online meeting is over. One by one, the participants say goodbye to the panel.

In the wake of the meeting, the fascinating discussion and the wide range of opinions stimulate further reflection. The participants agreed on how important it is for them personally to take social responsibility and that technology should not be developed just for its own sake. TUM is taking a forward-looking approach to this issue. Many new projects will be launched in the coming months and weeks. TUM wants to transcend boundaries – between disciplines as well as between science and society.
This is how TUM implements responsibility.

Autonomous driving systems, sustainable solutions for urban energy and robots that support us in our everyday lives: At TUM, research on important issues of the future is being conducted at all levels. People, with their thoughts and behaviors, always take center stage here.

Find out more about TUM’s Mission Statement in the latest brochure at mediatum.ub.tum.de/1584084.
How do pedestrians behave when it comes to autonomous vehicles? How should a nursing robot be designed in order for people to appreciate it as a caregiver? Nowadays, there are many questions that can no longer be answered by just one field of research. This is why TUM is relying on strong interdisciplinary cooperation. The TUM.Mobility platform with more than 40 professors conducting research on sustainable mobility, for example, pools the university’s expertise in the field of Mobility. TUM’s great strength here is the close collaboration among disciplines from Engineering, Natural Sciences, Economics and Social Sciences.

Vehicle automation has been identified as a game-changer in transportation, promising to significantly reduce traffic fatalities while improving mobility. To achieve this goal, it is vital to understand how the users of such vehicles interact with them and utilize them in their everyday lives. This is what the EU project SHAPE-IT is dedicated to investigate. A total of fifteen doctoral students in Europe are researching these topics together with experts from academia and industry; two of them from South Africa and Taiwan at TUM Professor Dr. Klaus Bengler’s Chair of Ergonomics. The overall goal is to develop safe and user-centered automated vehicles that are also suitable for urban environments.

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Much More Than Just Technological Developments

The Munich Cluster for the Future of Mobility in Metropolitan Regions (M Cube), under the leadership of TUM, will pursue this goal. It will be launched in October 2021 and will receive up to 45 million euros in funding over a nine-year period. The regional network brings together an interdisciplinary research team and partners from business and society to work on solutions to the major challenges facing the mobility sector. “We cover a broad spectrum of players – from NGOs and the City of Munich to high-tech start-ups and three DAX-listed companies. Our approach therefore covers much more than just technological developments,” Sebastian Pfotenhauer, one of the heads of the M Cube strategy team, says.

Rethinking Research

EXAMPLE 1
Robotics – Ethically Appropriate

The use of innovations such as surgical and nursing robots will be accompanied by a large number of ethical, social, political and legal challenges. These need to be addressed early in the research and development processes. The Responsible Robotics project led by TUM Professor Dr. Ruth Müller aims at establishing interdisciplinary methods that allow for this to happen. More specifically, she is right now investigating the social, ethical and legal dimensions of GARMI, the robotic assistant, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Alena Buyx and Prof. Dr. Sami Haddadin. On the basis of this research, recommendations and methods for the responsible design of future developments will be drafted.

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Enabling Autonomous Driving

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A FUTURE-ORIENTED MODEL FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

“Mobility is a paramount factor for the prosperity, quality of life and sustainability of our society,” says Prof. Dr. Sebastian Pfotenhauer, Co-Director of the Munich Center for Technology in Society (MCTS) at TUM. “Right now, we are facing tremendous challenges here, such as overburdened infrastructures, climate change, urbanization and, last but not least, social justice.” At the same time, technologies such as high-performance electric drive systems and the advancement of Artificial Intelligence, complemented by new digital business models such as Mobility-as-a-Service and ride-sharing, are profoundly changing the mobility sector. New forms of mobility, however, need to be integrated into existing infrastructures and into the design of livable spaces.
TUM has made it its mission to educate its students in such a way that they are equipped to apply their skills in the best possible way in future fields relevant to society. To this end, the degree programs are designed to include opportunities and prompts for interdisciplinary teaching and research. TUM also attaches great importance to innovative and compelling teaching concepts. In 2020, it was awarded the Genius Loci Award for Excellence in Teaching. TUM impressed the jury in particular with a well-structured teaching concept and the corresponding practical measures.

Rethinking Teaching

Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

Interdisciplinary degree programs at TUM combine several subjects in order to study, for example, sustainable technologies or the relationship of technology and the Natural Sciences to society. The master’s program Responsibility in Science, Engineering and Technology, for instance, inquires how social, ethical and environmental consequences of scientific and technological change can be regulated or how expert knowledge can be democratized. Graduates of the master’s program in Renewable Resources are not only familiar with the central aspects of the value-added process of renewable resources, but also acquire knowledge of consumer behavior and the political and economic framework, to name just a few.

EXAMPLE 1

Interdisciplinary Project X

The module Interdisciplinary Project X of the TUM Chair of Ergonomics offers a new format bringing together students from different disciplines in interdisciplinary project teams. The open scope of the task, the human-centered way of working, and the individual skill sets of the team members result in a wide variety of solutions: a product service system that supports real board games with participants in different locations, a mobile doctor’s office with contact-free diagnostic possibilities, a transparent acoustic distance meter for customers in retail stores – all solutions for acute social problems that were designed, constructed, and evaluated by students in close exchange with the users and by using creative methods.

EXAMPLE 2

Module Course of Philosophy

What do we want the relationship between man and machine to look like? What is a fair economic order? What are the ethical limits of Medicine? Whoever is attending university today will sooner or later also have to deal with the ethical dimensions of their actions. As of winter semester 2019, TUM students can attend courses offered by the Munich School of Philosophy (HFPH). TUM students are free to choose from the range of topics offered by HFPH – ranging from basic introductions to the big questions of human existence to concrete ethical problems in their field of study. The volume of module courses can also be chosen flexibly, starting with a lecture and ending with the supplementary academic certificate “Philosophicum”.

EXAMPLE 3

Teaching

“Breaking down the historical departmental structure is tantamount to a revolution in the German university system. Together the TUM Family is now setting out on an exciting journey into the future.”

TUM President Thomas F. Hofmann
TUM is one of the most successful start-up universities in Europe and in this way wants to contribute to bringing innovations to society – especially those that sustainably improve people’s lives and coexistence. To this end, TUM is supporting start-ups primarily in four future-oriented fields: Information and Communication Technology, Medical Engineering, Cleantech and Life Sciences. They offer added value for society and potential for economic growth.

**EXAMPLE 1**

**Robots for Scaffolding**

TUM Alumni Leonidas Pozikidis and Artem Kuchukov (both Master Advanced Construction and Building Technology 2017) have successfully launched their start-up KEWAZO. Developed by the co-founders in collaboration with TUM Alumni Sebastian Weitzel (Master Informatics 2017), Ekaterina Grib (Master Consumer Affairs 2017), Eirini Psalliada (Master Informatics 2017) and Alimzhan Rakhmatulin (Master ESPACE 2018), the intelligent robotic system improves work on construction sites and in industrial facilities. In scaffolding, transporting materials with their robotic elevators saves up to 44 percent of labor costs and improves the safety of construction sites.

**EXAMPLE 2**

**Surgical Navigation System**

Stella Medical has developed a surgical navigation system for spine stabilization operations. The system uses computer vision technology to enable precise placement of pedicle screws in vertebrae and provides a user-friendly, manageable and cost-effective alternative to existing solutions. The idea for Stella Medical emerged in the context of the MedInnovate Graduate Program, an interactive laboratory course at TUM’s Chair of Computer Aided Medical Procedures & Augmented Reality. The interdisciplinary team is composed of alumni and students from the fields Informatics, Industrial Design and Finance and Information Management and is accompanied by a surgeon on staff at the university hospital TUM Klinikum rechts der Isar.

**EXAMPLE 3**

**Electric Air Taxi**

Their all-electric air taxi is intended to make its mark on the future of mobility: it is quiet, zero-emission, fast. The start-up Lilium was founded in 2015 by TUM Alumni Daniel Wiegand (Master Energy and Process Engineering 2015) and Patrick Nathen (Master Energy and Process Engineering 2012, Doctorate 2019), Sebastian Born (Master Product Development and Engineering Design 2012) and Matthias Meiner (Diploma Mechatronics and Information Technology 2014). With its vertical take-off and landing jet, Lilium caused quite a stir right from the start. A total of 36 propellers mounted on the wings power the jet. Rechargeable batteries supply the energy. Based on its technology and the success of the latest round of financing, the company has now been valued at over one billion US dollars.
TUM embraces its responsibility to develop innovations for the benefit of the people and society, also on an international level. As a core member of an alliance of leading European technical universities, it has therefore initiated the establishment of the EuroTeQ Engineering University. Not only will the program be open to students from the partnering universities, it will also enable lifelong learning for engineers and the skilled crafts and trades, and will foster mutual understanding of sustainable value creation and systems in a holistic manner.

Who?
The initiative has emerged from the EuroTech Universities Alliance: Technical University of Denmark (DTU), École Polytechnique (L’X), Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) and TUM have brought two more strong partners on board: Tallinn University of Technology (TallTech) and the Technical University in Prague (CTU). As part of its European Universities program, the EU will be funding the project over the next three years with around five million euros from Horizon 2020. The project will also integrate two EuroTech members that are not located in the EU, the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology.

What?
The partners will establish a joint Engineering Sciences study program across different disciplines as well as across national and institutional boundaries, reaching well beyond the scope of individual technologies. Within the program, all target groups will be taught on the basis of individually designed curricula and new digital formats, and will undergo continuous training in the spirit of lifelong learning. Through a EuroTeQ Teaching Fund tender starting in spring 2021, new teaching formats are to be developed and tested in a bottom-up approach. Specific project weeks have been scheduled for as early as fall: Here, students and professionals will work on issues and challenges they have identified themselves.

Why?
Purpose of the alliance is to look at technology developments in a new, holistic way. “Today, it is impossible to think about mobility without considering its impact on the climate, and Robotics and Artificial Intelligence cannot be successful without the trust of the people,” says TUM President Thomas F. Hofmann. “In addition to technical depth, a modern education in Engineering has to provide students with a broader educational horizon, an entrepreneurial mindset and socio-political sensibility.”

For whom?
To promote this approach throughout Europe, the degree programs will not only be offered to students enrolled in the partnering universities but will also be open to interested parties who do not yet have an academic degree but play important roles in value creation and communication processes. In addition, the alliance will bring its students together with trainees from technical professions as well as with a wide range of stakeholders from industry, associations and various sectors of society in order to investigate the challenges of the 21st century and to develop projects for potential solutions. Already, the project has the support of 45 partners. In the ecosystem Munich, these include BMW, Siemens, In neon, the Bavarian Chamber of Civil Engineers and VDI – The Association of German Engineers.

EUROTECH UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE
In 2006, TUM founded the EuroTech Universities Alliance together with the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). Today, the alliance is a strategic partnership between six of the best technical universities. Together, they have set themselves the goal of finding technical solutions to the major challenges of modern societies. With its cross-cooperation, the alliance contributes to achieving the goal of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe. The alliance combines the complementary strengths of its partner universities to jointly drive initiatives of high impact for society and industry in an international context. From left to right: Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU, since 2006), Technische Universität Eindhoven (TU/e, since 2008), École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL, since 2011), École Polytechnique (L’X, since 2018), Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (since 2019) and TUM (since 2006).
It is probably one of the most high-profile projects currently underway at TUM. Nine doctoral candidates and around 80 students are collaborating with TUM scientists to develop their vision of a passenger cabin that will travel almost at the speed of sound. But it’s not just about speed: The team of inventors is also investigating how the Hyperloop can become a safe, affordable and sustainable means of transport for the future.
The Hyperloop is the concept of a transport system in which an ultra-high-speed train travels in a partially evacuated tube almost at the speed of sound. Based on this idea, SpaceX founder Elon Musk announced a competition, the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition. Student teams from all over the world were called upon to compete with their own designed and built pods – the capsules carrying passengers through the tube. A student initiative at TUM took up the challenge and was able to leave the competing teams trailing in its wake in every single one of the four races. With a speed of 482 kilometers per hour, the pod from Munich set the current record at the last competition in July 2019.

...and the call for a challenge.

The goal of the TUM Hyperloop research program is to develop a carbon-neutral, ground-based transportation system that meets the need for ultra-fast connections between mobility hubs.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE STUDENTS...

Increasing speed was not the only goal for the students. “We want to develop a means of transport that has a future and is socially acceptable. In short, we don’t just want to build a fast tin can. We also want it to be comfortable and appealing, safe, affordable and sustainable,” says TUM Alumni Gabriele Semino (Bachelor Physics 2016, Master 2019), who has been involved almost from the beginning. The students’ dedication was convincing: In 2020, the TUM Hyperloop research program was launched at TUM’s Department of Aerospace and Geodesy.

The program is being funded by the Bavarian government’s Hightech Agenda Bayern. In an initial phase, concept analyses will be carried out to evaluate the feasibility and potential of the concept for Germany. To this end, a 24-meter test tube and a prototype capsule will be built on a 1:1 scale. This will incorporate expertise from various disciplines, such as Materials Science, Civil Engineering and Propulsion Systems.

An Interdisciplinary Success

“Our 85 members are from 29 different countries and many different faculties. If we are to be truly innovative in our development, we need the expertise of each and every one discipline,” Gabriele Semino says, “and we also need to keep our focus on the benefits for society and the people.”
**SIMULATION**
The Hyperloop team is creating computational tools and models to evaluate the system holistically, providing input for decisions in the development process.

**FULL-SCALE**
The Hyperloop team is building a scalable, 24-meter-long, full-scale demonstrator to validate the design and collect data for models and future iterations.

**FEASIBILITY**
The Hyperloop team is analyzing the system’s potential, taking into account financial, market, environmental and safety aspects.

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**STEPS TOWARDS THE GOAL**

**STEP 1**

**STEP 2**

**STEP 3**

**AND THE SAGA CONTINUES...**

Following the success of the past Hyperloop competitions, the next research project involving TUM students is now underway. In his “Not-a-Boring Competition,” SpaceX founder Elon Musk is challenging teams from all over the world to bore a 30-meter-long and 50-centimeter-wide tunnel as quickly and precisely as possible.

A team of TUM students has now joined forces with the aim of once again succeeding in this competition by building the world’s fastest tunnel-boring machine. A major motivation here is the students’ desire to work on a sustainable future in which less time is wasted in traffic. “We believe that building tunnels is a forward-thinking technology and we want to help shape it with our innovation. Tunnels enable us to become better connected and increase the quality of urban life,” says Jona Roßmann of the team TUM Boring – Innovation in Tunneling.

The team has already qualified for the finals of the competition to be held in California in the summer of 2021. The TUM Boring – Innovation in Tunneling initiative consists of a team of over 60 highly motivated students from 16 different departments of TUM, LMU and the Munich University of Applied Sciences. It is sponsored by Bund der Freunde der TUM.

More info at go.tum.de/083653
Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many of the following events are scheduled as online events. In the case of in-class events, these may have to be postponed or cancelled at short notice. We kindly ask you to check the respective website in advance to see if there are any changes to the event.
In the fall of 2019, students and doctoral candidates at TUM have formed the HORYZN group. Some of them are from the Department of Aerospace Engineering, others from Chemistry, Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Informatics or Business Administration. Their common goal: to build a vertical take-off and landing aircraft. They have spent an entire year developing the prototype. The result is impressive: Silencio Gamma is the largest vertical take-off and landing aircraft ever built at TUM that is capable of flying. What makes HORYZN special is the fact that its drone has wings: four hover motors are mounted on the wings, and two more on the wingtips. This makes it easier to control and thus safer. The drone is intended for use in the medical sector, for example to transport blood products, medicines or defibrillators.

A video on the project is available at: go.tum.de/813823
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CAREER LOUNGES

Precious Insider Knowledge

Insider knowledge is always worth its weight in gold. This is what the TUM Network thrives on. At the Career Lounges during the TUM Career Days, experienced TUM Alumni share their knowledge and insights. They open the panel on a certain topic, talk about their professional and personal life and invite you to exchange experiences. Why not take the opportunity to get to know different career paths and expand your network?

WEBINAR

Gehalt verhandeln


WEBINAR

Netzwerken mit Social Media

Networking and zielgerichtetes Selbstmarketing sind die Basis für einen guten Start und die erfolgreiche Positionierung im Job. Wichtig dabei ist es, sich auf unterschiedliche Menschen einzustellen, um mit diesen eine Beziehung aufzubauen und erfolgreich zusammenzuarbeiten. Die Portale XING und LinkedIn sind hilfreiche Tools, die Sie für Ihre Karriereplanung heranziehen können. Sie open the panel on a certain topic, talk about their professional and personal life and invite you to exchange experiences. Why not not take the opportunity to get to know different career paths and expand your network?

WEBINAR

Rechte und Pflichten im Job

Wenn Sie einen Arbeitsvertrag unterschrieben haben, sollten Sie sich im Klaren darüber sein, welche Rechte und Pflichten sowohl Ihnen als auch Ihrem Arbeitgeber zustehen. Der Arbeitsvertrag sollte alle relevanten Bausteine enthalten, die Ihnen wichtig sind und die Sie bereits im Vorfeld beantworten müssen. Für jedes Arbeitsverhältnis ist heute ein Arbeitszeitvertrag von großer Bedeutung. Sie erfahren in diesem Webinar auch, wie ein gutes Zeugnis aussehen sollte und welche Tücken der Zeugniscode hat.

WEBINAR

CAREERS IN CONSULTING

(IN GERMAN)

Career prospects for the consulting industry are deemed to be promising. But how can you make a successful entry? TUM Alumni share their insights into the job market and talk about the current challenges.

WEBINAR

DOCTORATE – AND THEN WHAT? (IN GERMAN)

A wide range of career opportunities are available to you after your doctorate. However, we recommend that you already set the course for your further career during the first phase of your doctorate. Alumni from academia and industry who have completed their doctorates offer tips as to how to launch your individual career.

WEBINAR

Mutual Growth

ADVICE FROM COLLEAGUES

Mutual Support

ADVENTURE MANAGEMENT

People in leadership positions have a lot of questions, too! A group of managers has formed amongst the TUM Alumni, which regularly meets to exchange ideas and information - this semester this will once again happen online. Whether you want to talk about managing staff or new challenges you are facing in your everyday work-life: the members share their issues with each other and benefit from talking to like-minded people, sharing their experience and ideas. Inexperienced people who have only recently taken on a management position are welcome, as well.

WEBINAR

TUM CAREER DAYS

Online Events for Your Career

This summer semester, the TUM Career Days will once again take place in the virtual space. Webinars and other online formats will provide you with comprehensive information on topics related to careers, applications, and career entry.

WEBINAR

CAREER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Mutual Support

Are you looking for a career that suits you? Do you have questions about a specific industry? Are you interested in changing jobs? The Career Assistance Network of the TUM Family aims to connect alumni and students. career-relevant questions can be clarified, or industry and business contacts can be established in a mutual exchange. This protected TUM Community group offers space for confidential exchange and the opportunity to get in touch with each other and discuss career-related topics.

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NEW OFFER

Alumni Group Stuttgart

Since fall 2020, the greater Stuttgart area has had its own group for alumni and students. The local network was initiated by two highly committed TUM Alumni. With their initiative, Dr. Viktoria Leonhard (Diploma Management & Technology 2008, Postdoctoral 2013) and Kai-Olaf Dammehain (Diploma Mechanical Engineering 1989) want to make a contribution to the TUM spirit. “Our goal is to support each other, learn from each other, spend time together and grow together.” Viktoria Leonhard explains.

To get to the Alumni Group Stuttgart: go.tum.de/900002

TUM MENTORING ONLINE STAMMTISCH

Finally it’s Back!

The TUM Mentoring Stammtisch is back! TUM mentor Sayedheid Weigert (Diploma Electrical and Computer Engineering 1983) is reviving the long-standing tradition and is looking forward to the first online Stammtisch. There he will provide insights into the theory of inventive problem solving (TRIZ): how does a structured approach help to overcome mental blocks, how to find ideas in a systematic manner, and how to solve even the most complex problems with the help of contradictions. In the future, the regulars’ table will take place four times a year and bring together active and former mentees and mentors.

DATE
Thur. 20.05.2021
6.30 pm – 8 pm
PLACE
Online
REGISTRATION/INFO
Exclusively for members of TUM Mentoring
www.community.tum.de/en/events

TUM MENTORING ONLINE NETWORKING EVENT

Mein Tag im Homeoffice


DATE
Tue. 11.05.2021
7 pm – 8 pm
PLACE
Online
REGISTRATION/INFO
www.community.tum.de/en/events

TUM MENTORING NETWORK MEETING ONLINE

Future Skills


DATE
Tue. 08.06.2021
6 pm – 7 pm
PLACE
Online
REGISTRATION/INFO
www.community.tum.de/en/events

BEST PRACTICE

Meet-up for Entrepreneurs

The Meet-up brings together aspiring and experienced entrepreneurs in order to meet online, exchange best practices, discuss and collaborate. It is aimed at TUM members who have already set up a company and generated initial sales. Initiated by TUM Alumni Vincent Hommel (Master Industrial Engineering 2018), the event will take place every last Wednesday of the month in small groups. Share your topics and get feedback on any ideas relating to your business!

DATE
Wed. 28.04.2021 i. a.
7 pm – 8 pm
PLACE
Online
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MEET TUM STARTUPS

Insights From Felix Haas

The new event series of TUM Mentoring and TUMentrepreneurship offers insights into the personal stories of TUM start-ups in a casual atmosphere, facilitating the exchange of ideas on the topic of start-ups and allowing participants to be inspired by the start-up spirit of the founding teams. TUM Alumni and mentor Felix Haas, co-founder of the start-up IDnow, will kick things off. IDnow is a platform for identity verification in the digital sector.

DATE
Mid-July 2021
6 pm – 7 pm
PLACE
Munich, if necessary online
REGISTRATION/INFO
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www.community.tum.de/en/events

TUM Alumni Felix Haas (Diploma Electrical and Computer Engineering 2006) is a successful entrepreneur. In 2019, he was awarded the title “TUM Entrepreneur of Excellence” by TUM President Thomas F. Hofmann. Further reading at www.150.alumni.tum.de/en/felix-haas-en
DOCTORATE STUDENTS AT TUM BENEFIT FROM A FIRST-CLASS RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT: EXCITING RESEARCH PROJECTS IN-STEP WITH THE TIMES, THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH RENOWNED RESEARCHERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND THE SUPPORT OF THE TUM GRADUATE SCHOOL ENSURE A HIGH STANDARD IN SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION.

After their doctorate, about half of the young scientists work in industry, often with staff responsibility. In many cases, TUM doctorates are in demand in industry precisely because they have already carried out applied research or worked with the industry during their doctorates. TUM is supporting doctoral students on this path with tailor-made events and contacts with experienced alumni.

Dr. Susanne Großkurth (Diploma Mechanical Engineering 2008) already established links to the industry during her diploma studies at TUM. To be precise: to MTU Aero Engines. “And somehow I have never really been able to get away from there,” she tells us with a laugh. After graduating, she decided to pursue an industry-based doctorate at Leibnitz University of Hannover in cooperation with MTU.

She has now been with the company for ten years and has held various positions, from technical project manager to team leader in production development. Since February 2021, she has been assistant to the CEO. Susanne Großkurth is also a founding member and core team member of NEW – Network of Engine Women at MTU.

In her webinar “Promovieren mit Industriebezug” on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, Susanne Großkurth will talk about her industry-based doctorate and explain what is needed to complete one successfully. Why does she want to get involved in the TUM Community? “There are many different approaches to life – and there are no right or wrong ones! Everyone has to decide for themselves what they need to be happy in life. But one thing it does take: people who ask the right questions, who pass on their own experiences, people who encourage you to go your own way!”

WEBINAR

Convincing CVs
Rarely do the career paths of doctorate students and postdocs fit into standard CV templates. Doctorate, research work – all this needs to be included in a concise manner on a few pages. In this webinar you will learn how to convincingly present your extra skills and experience. The webinar is available in German and English.

WEBINAR

Promovieren mit Industriebezug

WEBINAR

Efficient Job Hunting for Doctorates and Postdocs
Finding an industry job after having completed a doctorate can be challenging – especially for candidates with an interdisciplinary background. This webinar will provide you with valuable advice on how to go about finding possible careers, labor markets and companies. We will also look at how to use keywords effectively for job hunting. The webinar is available in both English and German.
TUM ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2021

It’s all about Entrepreneurship!

The TUM Entrepreneurship Day has existed since 2013 and it offers young businesses of TUM a platform. Even though it will take place online this year, there will be plenty of opportunity for the exchange of ideas with start-up consultants and other start-ups – something to look forward to. As an annual highlight, the TUM Presidential Entrepreneurship Award will be presented to an outstanding TUM spin-off.

DATE
Thur. 24.06.2021
All day

PLACE
Online

REGISTRATION/INFO

FOR A PERFECT START

Support for Start-ups

TUM has made it its goal to be one of the most successful start-up universities in Europe. Therefore, it offers a wide range of support such as start-up consulting, research and qualifications as well as a strong network for entrepreneurs. More at www.tum.de/en/innovation/entrepreneurship

START-UP CONSULTING
TUM supports students, alumni and scientists who want to start a business with their idea or technology - and does so in all phases of company development: from concept development and generation of the business model, to guidance on suitable funding, to the actual launch and market entry.

START-UP MENTORING
Start-up mentoring at TUM provides support for start-ups in the market entry phase. Young entrepreneurs can benefit from the extensive experience of senior entrepreneurs. We would like to invite TUM Alumni to share their experience with young entrepreneurs and become part of a new success story.

START-UP INDEX A-Z
The Start-Up Index reflects the diversity of TUM’s spin-offs. Here you will find short profiles of recent and already established TUM spin-offs. The majority of these companies have been founded by TUM Alumni, such as Celonis, Lilium and Personio, which have already been valued at over one billion US dollars.

TUM ONCE MORE THE BEST LAUNCHING PAD FOR START-UPS
TUM offers excellent support for the creation of start-ups. This is what Stifterverband’s “Start-up Radar” concludes. For the fourth time in a row, TUM is ranked first among the major German universities. Every year, around 80 companies are founded here.

More at: go.tum.de/721089

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Home Office With Style!
The TUM Shop has your back.

You can order stationery and beverage containers, accessories, clothing and much more contact-free at www.shop.tum.de.
Presidents Prof. Thomas F. Hofmann and Prof. Qiu Yong signed the partnership agreement during a video conference.

A new standard of cooperation is being achieved with selected international partners within the framework of strategic alliances. An example is TUM’s collaboration with the high-profile partners of the European EuroTech Universities Alliance on joint research strategies addressing important topics of the future. Since 2018, there has been a flagship partnership with the renowned Imperial College in London, and since 2020 with China’s Tsinghua University.

Based on their long-standing cooperation, TUM and the Imperial College London (ICL) have agreed on a strategic partnership with a focus on sustainability. The ICL is one of the best technical universities in Europe and is linked to TUM through numerous research collaborations. Since 2020, TUM has now also been deepening its collaboration with China’s Tsinghua University. The two presidents Prof. Thomas F. Hofmann and Prof. Qiu Yong have agreed on a strategic partnership in research, teaching and innovation. TUM also maintains extensive exchange with other Chinese universities and has been present in Beijing with its own office since 2006.

Read more at go.tum.de/759968
TUM’s International Network

Every year the TUM Global Alumni Office organizes the TUM Global Week, a platform for the exchange of ideas on the topics of internationalization and international experience for the entire TUM Community. In addition to numerous information and networking events for students, scientists, administrative staff, TUM alumni and TUM’s international partners, the week is the occasion for the annual meeting of the TUM Liaison Officers with the TUM Community. Look forward to a varied program and the exchange with our Liaison Officers from the five liaison offices in Beijing, Brussels, Munich, San Francisco and São Paulo as well as with the campus in Singapore (TUM Asia).

Registration: www.international.tum.de/tumglobalweek

EUROPEAN UNION WEEK

The Future of the European Union

As part of this year’s European Union Week, the TUM School of Management, in cooperation with the HEC Paris, is going to organize a three-day conference. Each of the conference days will address a major topic of contemporary relevance for the European continent and aims to arm the audience with a unique interactive exposure. In the opening panel talk the six presidents of the EuroTech Universities Alliance will present their perspective about the EU’s present and future.

To inform alumni and students all over Europe about the state of the European Union, ultimately strengthening European Partnerships, TUM’s Brussels Liaison Office Maria-Valerie Schegk is connecting excellent knowledge with key players on site. Additionally, Liaison Officer Maria-Valerie Schegk is connecting excellent researchers from all over Europe and is paving the ground for joint projects.

More information at: www.international.tum.de/en/brussels

INTERKULTURELLE KOMPETENZEN


GLOBAL MINDS ONLINE

Four times a year, the newsletter provides updates on projects on the African continent and in particular on TUM’s partnership with the Kwansei Gakuin University of Science and Technology (KKNIST) in Ghana, one of Africa’s leading universities.

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NIGHTWATCHMAN TOUR

This summer, TUM’s international guests are invited to a Nightwatchman Tour through Munich, and TUM alumni can join them for this tour. You get to know Munich via its stories and what life was like as a nightwatchman. At the same time you get to know TUM’s international guests and experience the TUM family.

Register at: www.community.tum.de/en/events

ENREPRENEURSHIP DAY

EuroTech Innovation Day

Powered by the motto “Transcending Borders – Striving for Excellence” the EuroTech Innovation Day will be an online celebration of entrepreneurship and innovation to provide audiences with a unique interactive exposure. In the opening panel talk the six presidents of the EuroTech Universities will talk about, how universities support scientific spin-offs and the future directions for the development of academia-industry relations. This will be followed by presentations on topics including “Boosting Entrepreneurship” and “From Product to Market”. TUM Alumni are welcome.

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GLOBAL MINDS ONLINE

Interkulturelle Kompetenzen


The Lycée Schorge in Koudougou, Burkina Faso, was designed by TUM Professor Francis Kéré. The architect is one of the most important international representatives of socially responsible architecture. He has received several awards for combining social and ecological approaches in his designs.

At TUM, he holds the Chair of Architectural Design and Participation.

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GLOBAL MINDS ONLINE

Interkulturelle Kompetenzen

INSIGHTS THROUGH ROLE MODELS

The Women of TUM form a vibrant network that is growing rapidly and connects women across continents, generations, hierarchical levels and professional disciplines. Female entrepreneurs provide insights into their industries, female scientists explain their research and experienced female alumni share valuable findings with the younger generation.

The Women of TUM Network is also meeting online in the TUM Community. It is one of the most active among the TUM Community groups. The hashtag #womenofTUM makes the Women of TUM visible on social media. As important role models, the Women of TUM support the women of TUM for the future – both in the workplace and at home.

In her laboratory at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, TUM Ambassador Maya Schuldiner intends to close gaps in our understanding of yeast proteins – and thus save human lives.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SCIENCE – IS THAT POSSIBLE?

TUM Ambassador Maya Schuldiner is a multi-award winning molecular geneticist who researches and teaches at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. For a one-year research visit, she went to Munich to work with Prof. Dr. Thomas Misgeld, Head of the Scientific Institute for Cell Biology of the Nervous System at the TUM School of Medicine. Her husband Oren Schuldiner, who is also a scientist, and her three children accompanied her. “Without my husband, I would not be able to be the scientist I want to be,” the renowned researcher emphasizes. “If you are happy in your private life, it enables you to do good research.” This is why she also places great importance on gender equality in her own laboratory in Israel.

At a Women of TUM afterwork event on the 9th of June, 2021, Maya Schuldiner will offer insights into the course of her outstanding career in science and will show that an active family life and international professional success are not mutually exclusive.

Further reading
www.150.alumni.tum.de/en/maya-schuldiner-en
How to Change Career as a Physician

How does a clinically active physician come to trade in her medical specialty for a digital health start-up? TUM alumna Lera Maier (State Examination in Medicine 2014, Doctorate 2018) shares her career path, which led her from Medical Studies at TUM through several clinical stations and projects to her own company. She gives tips on what matters in one’s own career and shows the benefits of listening to one’s inner voice. Afterwards, there will be time for questions and exchange.

New Digital Modes of Entrepreneurial Work

The afterwork will be opened by Dr. Katrin Hahn from the MCTS at TUM. Her research interests relate to the reorganization of industrial innovation through digital technologies and the increasing importance of addressing societal challenges in technology and policy. In the afterwork she will present her research findings and explain how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the digitalization of companies. Afterwards, there will be time to network.

MINT-Erlebnis an der Uni


Women of TUM Taskforce

More and more women from all over the world are getting involved in the Women of TUM Network and are embracing the services offered to empower each other. As of this year, there is the Women of TUM Taskforce, which assists in approaching female speakers, organizing and promoting events, and works to put the Women of TUM even more into the international spotlight. One of them is TUM student Ananya Bordoloi from India (see right). After attending one of the Women of TUM events, she immediately knew that she wanted to get involved with the Women of TUM on a larger scale. Her mission now is to tell other female students about the Women of TUM and encourage them to join the network.

You are also inspired to support the Women of TUM Network with your time and energy? Get in touch with us at alumni career@tum.de

Women of TUM Taskforce because it is a great platform to encourage and be encouraged, connect with different women and motivate every woman out there! Every woman’s story is worth sharing.”

Ananya Bordoloi
Women of TUM Taskforce
TUM Master Management

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TUM SEES ITSELF AS A PLACE WHERE KNOWLEDGE IS EXCHANGED, AND AS A SERVANT TO SOCIETY. IT STRIVES TO SUPPLY PEOPLE WITH EXPERTISE, IMPROVE THEIR LIVES WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES, EDUCATE AND INSPIRE, AND THUS PREPARE THEM FOR THE FUTURE.

As a TUM Alumni, you not only have the privilege of regularly coming back to TUM to attend lectures or participate in seminars – such as the public lecture series hosted by the Chair of Ergonomics. Additionally, you can continue your education by using online learning tools, webinars or further education programs. The newly established TUM Institute for LifeLong Learning is celebrating the TUM Learning Festival 2021, and among TUM’s Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are many exciting courses for TUM Alumni.

LEARNING LIFELONG

AN EYE ON THE DRIVERS

How do drivers behave on multi-lane big city roads and what do they do on small country roads? With the help of the static driving simulator, the researchers at the Chair of Ergonomics are able to answer such questions. A BMW 6-series chassis forms the basis of the driving simulator. The SILAB software developed by the WIVV Center for Traffic Sciences in Würzburg is used as the simulation environment for displaying the scenarios.

Further reading at www.mw.tum.de/en/lfe/research/labs/static-driving-simulator
KontakTUM Program    DIALOGUES


**LECTURE SERIES**

**Ergonomie aktuell**


**Daten**

**Ort**

TUM Campus Garching, if necessary online

**Übertragung/Information**

Open event without registration, free of charge

[www.me.tum.de/en/life/about/event-calendar](http://www.me.tum.de/en/life/about/event-calendar)

**VORTRAGSREIHE ONLINE**

**TUM@Freising**

Die beliebte Vortragsreihe TUM@Freising geht online. Die Vorträge geben Einblick in die aktuelle Forschung an der TUM School of Life Sciences und machen Wissenschaft für alle verständlich. Eine anschließende Diskussion ist ausdrücklich erwünscht, denn Wissenschaft lebt vom Meinungsaustausch. Nach der coronabedingten Pause startet die Vortragsreihe ab dem Frühjahr zunächst mit virtuellen Angeboten.

**Daten**

Die aktuellen Daten werden auf der Website oder via der Reminder Service: email: just email us at TUM.Freising@tum.de.

**Ort**

Online

**Übertragung/Information**

Open event without registration, free of charge

[go.tum.de/488729](http://go.tum.de/488729)

**VORTRAG**

**Spitzenforschung live**

Die Wissenschaft lebt auch von Persönlichkeiten mit großer Erfahrung. Die TUM Senior Excellence Faculty veranstaltet zusammen mit dem MCTS die Vortragsreihe „Tech-Histories Alive – Zeitaugen der Wissenschaftsgeschichte“. Dort berichten TUM Emeriti of Excellence aus ihren Arbeits- und Wissenschaftsfeldern, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Josef Nossek, ehemaliger Ordinarius an der Fakultät für Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik, berichtet von seinem Forschungsaktivitäten mit den Schwerpunkten Schaltungstheorie und Signalverarbeitung. In seinen Vorträgen erklärt er auf anschauliche und unterhaltsame Weise seine Forschung.

**Daten**

Winter semester 2021/22

**Ort**

TUM Campus Munich, Vorhoelzer Forum, Arisstraße 21

**Übertragung/Information**

Open event without registration, free of charge


**LEKTURE**

**Algen als Treibstoff**


**Daten**

Thur. 10.06.2021

6 pm – 8 pm

**Ort**

TUM Campus Garching

**Übertragung/Information**

[www.community.tum.de/en/events](http://www.community.tum.de/en/events)

**TUM LEARNING CHALLENGE 2021**

**Join And Learn Something New!**

“Would like to try agile software development methods at work.”

“This year / finally want to learn yoga.”

“Even though it’s difficult, I want to get into programming.”

The TUM Learning Challenge is the TUM Festival’s call for action: It is designed to encourage everyone to use TUM’s support to learn something new this year. Interested parties can submit their individual Learning Challenge on the website and will receive useful impetus for learning by email, which will help to achieve the personal target. Any challenge is allowed, they can be about anything, professional as well as private, soft skills as well as hard skills. With the hashtag #tumlearningchallenge, participants can additionally commit to their Learning Challenge 2021 on social media and support each other. Participation in the TUM Learning Challenge is open to everyone at any time and is free of charge.

**Lecture Series ‘Environment’**

The lecture series organized by the Environmental Department of the TUM Student Representation has a tradition going back more than 35 years. Speakers from research, organizations, authorities and corporations will talk about technical solutions to environmental problems, health or climate protection under one central theme. The lecture series is also a wonderful opportunity for alumni to visit TUM, provided the current situation allows it. For those who prefer to catch up on current environmental topics from home: The lectures will be recorded and are available on the website of the Environmental Department.

**Daten**

Starting 13.04.2021 Tuesdays, 6 pm – 7.30 pm

Starting 14.04.2021 Wednesdays, 7.30 pm – 9 pm

**Ort**

Online

**Übertragung/Information**

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[go.tum.de/472144](http://go.tum.de/472144)

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“The current dates can be found on the website or via the Reminder Service: just email us at TUM.Freising@tum.de.

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ONLINE COURSES

Trauma Surgery or Digitalization in Aeronautics

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are interactive online courses that are accessible worldwide and free of charge. TUM offers a wide range of these courses on its own platforms and on reputable American platforms. The ever-growing portfolio has since added to our university’s curriculum and provides an international audience with access to top-level education. Current courses include topics such as Trauma Surgery, Digitalization in Aeronautics and Space, and Communication Acoustics.

DIALOGUES

www.150.alumni.tum.de/en/winfried-nerdinger-en

Read the alumni story of TUM Emeritus of Excellence Winfried Nerdinger at:

History and Curatorial Practice at TUM and is the new Director of the Museum of Architecture.

Prof. Nerdinger's retirement in 2012, Andres Lepik was appointed Professor of Architectural History and Curatorial Practice at TUM. Under TUM Professor Winfried Nerdinger, who was appointed the first Director of the TUM Museum of Architecture in 1988, the museum gained international recognition. After the museum was transformed into an archive, which since 1975 has gradually taken on the functions of a teaching collection for architectural education at the New Polytechnic College. In the first half of the 20th century, the field of Architecture changed and so the historical model collection was expanded through the acquisition of new collections, which are now on display in the museum. The architecture museum tells this exciting story. The fundamental question behind it: has the computer changed Architecture, and if so, how?

TUM CAMPUS RUN

Ready, Set, Go!

Following last year’s virtual editions, the TUM Campus Run this summer semester will be a hybrid event – meaning virtual and in person. All TUM members with a TUM ID can take part. As usual, there will be two routes of different lengths, one of 5.5 and one of 11 kilometers. Runners will start at the same time on campus or at their homes (and then track their times with their running app); the start will be live-streamed on the TUM Junge Akademie YouTube channel.

You have forgotten your TUM ID? Contact us: alumniundcareer@tum.de

RUNNERS ALL OVER THE WORLD

For eight years now, hundreds of TUM students, alumni and employees have been gathering at Campus Garching to participate in the TUM Campus Run. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the run was converted into a ‘home run’ in the summer semester of 2020: The 730 participants completed the course for which they were registered independently on the 25th and 26th of June, 2020, thus making the virtual edition of the Campus Run, held in a total of 22 countries on a total of four continents, a resounding success.

UNIVERSITY ORIENTATION

Ran an die TUM

Auch Ihr Nachwuchs interessiert sich für ein Studium an der TUM? Dann ist die Veranstaltung „Ran an die TUM: Perspektive Studium“ genau das Richtige. Wöchentlich im Sommersemester wieder online – die Studentenebene der TUM vorgestellt: Warum macht Sport gesund und glücklich, was kann man an Ingenieur alles machen, und wie sieht eigentlich ein Studium der Chemie aus? Immer donnerstags werden die Studienbereiche der TUM vorgestellt sowie vieles mehr über das Studium und Akademische Karrieren.
ANNUAL ACADEMIC CELEBRATION

Dies Academicus 2020

TUM President Prof. Thomas F. Hofmann invites you to look back on the year 2020 and will give an outlook on how TUM will maintain its successful course in the future. In order to reach as many people as possible while adhering to the required hygiene and social distancing rules, the Dies Academicus 2020 took place online for the first time in the university’s history.

INFO
Presidential speech, academic honors, round table discussion on the Bavarian University Reform, TUM Startup pitches

LECTURE SERIES

Covid-19 Lectures

The pandemic has shown how essential science is for many parts of society: researchers acquire new knowledge about the virus, they develop vaccines and possible treatments, and they advise policy-makers and industry. In this online lecture series, leading scientists from TUM and TUM’s university hospital Klinikum rechts der Isar provide insights into their current research on the pandemic – and in doing so shed light on various scientific disciplines.

All lectures can be found at wikitum.de/display/COVID19Lectures

THE LECTURES
– Prof. Dr. Percy Knolle
How does the Human Body manage the Corona Virus? (English)
– Prof. Dr. Ulrike Protzer
SARS-CoV2: From Discovery to Vaccination (English)
– Prof. Dr. Alena Buyx
Distributive Justice in the Pandemic: ICU Triage and Vaccine Allocation (German)
– Prof. Dr. Peter Henningsen
Dimensions of Psychological Distress in the Pandemic (German)
– Prof. Dr. Isabell Welpe
Effects of the Pandemic on Companies and the Way We Work (German)
– Prof. Dirk Heckmann
The Fundamental Right to Life and Health. Legal and Ethical Reasons for Restrictions on Freedom in the Pandemic (German)

TUM Professor Ulrike Protzer is Director of the Institute of Virology at TUM and a member of the Bavarian Expert Council on the corona crisis.

LECTURE SERIES

Wissenschaft für jedermann

Erfahren Sie, wie der Hyperloop funktioniert und wie Roboter unsere Welt verändern werden. Bei der Vortragsreihe, die gewöhnlich im Deutschen Museum stattfindet, waren im Wintersemester die TUM Alumni Prof. Dr. Agnes Jocher und Prof. Dr. Sami Haddadin sowie viele andere Forschende aus der TUM eingeladen, um Wissenschaft für alle zu erklären. Schauen Sie rein.

INFO
Available on the YouTube channel of Deutsches Museum, Playlist “Wissenschaft für jedermann”

LECTURE SERIES

Munich Talks

Under the motto of „Bringing Politics and Technology Together“, the Hochschule für Politik München / TUM School of Governance examines the interactions among politics, the economy, society, and technology, seeking a multi- and transdisciplinary social scientific understanding of these interactions. The signature event Munich Talks was established to breathe life into this approach. Amongst the guests were José Manuel Barroso, Martha Nussbaum and, most recently, Lothar Wieler, president of the RKI.

INFO
Available at www.munich-talks.de
Munich Talk with RKI President Prof. Lothar Wieler: go.tum.de/865564

LECTURE SERIES

TUM Speakers Series

Bill Gates, Tony Blair, Ban-ki Moon or Kofi Annan: prominent public figures share first-hand information and discuss current issues as well. They give often valuable insights. All lectures were recorded and are now also available online.

INFO
TUM Speakers Series’ YouTube Channel via speakersseries.de

YOU MISSED THE COVID-19 LECTURES OR THE MUNICH TALKS WITH RKI PRESIDENT PROF. LOTHA R WIENER? NO PROBLEM. DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, MANY EVENTS AT TUM HAVE SWITCHED FROM FACE-TO-FACE TO ONLINE MODE – WITH THE ADVANTAGE THAT MANY LECTURES WERE RECORDED AND ARE NOW ALSO AVAILABLE AFTERSWARDS.
Dr. Hans-Jörg Bauer (Diploma Mathematics 1995, Doctorate 1999) is the new Director at Zentrum für Informations- und Medienverarbeitung at Bergische Universität Wuppertal. Previously, he was Deputy Director of the Regional Computing Centre (RRZK) at the University of Cologne. ▌ Alina Boldt (Bachelor Health and Health Care Science 2011, Master 2016) has been the new Representative of the Bavarian Ministry of Education, Science and Research for vocational education at the school. ▌ Dr. Rahime Gök-Manay (Doctorate Medicine 1998) has been the new Senior Physician of the Geriatrics Department at Parselus-Klinik Bad Ems since October 2020. Most recently, she was a Chief Physician for Geriatrics at St. Marien Hospital in Cologne for eight years. ▌ Since February 2021, Gunhard Goeresch (State Examination Medicine 2009) has been the new Chief Physician of the Interdisciplinary Emergency Department at LAKUMED Clinics. Most recently, he was Senior Physician of the Medical Clinics with a focus on the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit at the same hospital. ▌ In February 2021, Dr. Michael Gürtner (Diploma Electrical and Computer Engineering 2000, Doctorate 2004) took over the management of the divisions Development & IT at Turck Holding. In his last position as CTO at Sixt, Gürtner was in charge of the digital transformation of the company and its business processes. ▌ Michael Hartmann (Master Electrical and Computer Engineering 2013) was awarded a full scholarship by the German Scholar Organization. The scholarship is granted to exceptional academics who are willing to take on responsibility now and in the future. ▌ Andreas Hecke (Diploma Civil Engineering 1998) has been Director of the State Building Authority in Würzburg since December 2020. He has been with the Road Construction Division in Würzburg since 2002. ▌ Dr. Hans-Jürgen Heidebrecht (Diploma Food Technology and Biotechnology 2012, Master Brewing 2012, Doctorate Food and Bioprocess Engineering 2019) was awarded the Deutsche Studienpreis of Körber-Stiftung. He is a research associate at TUM and founder of the company Heidebrecht Byotec. ▌ Since January 2021, Maria Katharina Heiden (Diploma Mathematics 2007) has been responsible for the asset management of Eulenburg Family Office. Previously, she worked for five years at zeb, a strategy and management consultancy specializing in the European financial sector. ▌ Since October 2020, Christian Heidini (Diploma Informatics 2010) is Technical Managing Director of informax web-solutions GmbH. He comes with over ten years of professional and management experience. After his studies, he ran his own business as a full-stack developer. ▌ Martin Honsberg (Bachelor Environmental Engineering 2010, Master 2011) is the new Head of the Environ- mental Technology Business Unit at TÜV SÜD Industry Service GmbH. He has been with TÜV SÜD since 2017 and was most recently in charge of Abteilung Umwelt Service at the Nuremberg branch. ▌ Munich-based battery researcher and entrepreneur Dr. Peter Keil (Diploma Mechanical Engineering 2010, Doctorate Electrical and Computer Engineering 2017) has been awarded the Bayerischer Energiepreis 2020 in the category „Energieforschung – Nachwuchsförderpreis“. The award is in recognition of his doctoral thesis on the aging of lithium-ion batteries. ▌ Volker Kirchgeorg (Diploma Mechanical Engineering and Management Technologies of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg 2001) has been awarded a full scholarship by the German Scholar Organization. The scholarship is granted to exceptional academics who are willing to take on responsibility now and in the future. ▌ Bernhard Kohl (Diploma Architecture 1996) has taken over as Head of the Structural Engineering Department of the Govern- ment of Lower Bavaria as of February 2021. Previously, he had been Head of Division 1 at the State Building Authority in Munich since 2007. ▌ Prof. Dr. Christian Koletzko (Diploma Mechanical Engineering 2001, Doctorate 2008) is the new Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at Hochschule Landshut. Before his university career, he worked in chassis development at BMW for 16 years. ▌ Clara Kronberger (Doctorate Information Technology 2011) will take over the management of the city’s swimming pools at Stadtwerke München together with Nicole Gargitter as of April 2021. The two women have worked together as a dual leadership team before, and most recently headed the division Strategy and Group Management at Stadtwerke. ▌ Dr. Christian Lau (Doctorate Mechanical Engineering 2010) is Executive Vice President Manufacturing at Multivac. In this position, he also serves as Managing Director of the subsidiaries Multivac Lechschau and Multivac Bulgaria Production, as well as Chair- man of the Board of Multivac Teichling in China. ▌ Pascal Luginger (Bachelor Bioprocess Engineering 2015, Master Environ- mental Planning and Ecological Engineering 2018) is the new Climate Protection Officer of the City of Gernern since Novem- ber 2019. ▌ Jakob Maier (Diploma Agricultural Sciences 1996) is the new Head of the Institute for Plant Protection at the Bavarian State Research Center for Agriculture (LfL) in Freising. He had been Head of the Working Group on Principles of Plant Protection since 2009 and also Head of the Bavarian Plant Protection Service. ▌ Testing Department at the LfL Institute for Plant Protection and 30 years with the law firm Weckmann + Weckmann has appointed Manuel Millahan (Diploma Mechanical Engineering 2006) a partner as of January 2021. The graduate engineer and patent attorney is active in the firm’s technology sector, in particular in patenting and enforcing intellectual property rights for technical patents and developments in industry as well as in medicine. ▌ Dr. Philipp Minzlaff (State Examination Medicine 2005, Doctorate 2007) has been in charge of the new Sports Orthopedics Department at Krankenhaus Agatharied since October 2020. Previously, he was the Leading Senior Physician and Deputy Chief Physician of the Department of Sports Orthopedics at Chirurgisches Klinikum München-Süd. ▌ Since March 2021 Prof. Dr. Alexander Neu- meier (Diploma Physics 2012, Doctorate 2018) is the new Professor for „Electrical Measurement and Engineering Analysis“ at the Faculty of Electrical and Industrial Engineering at Hochschule Landshut. Previously, he worked as a development engineer for medical LED products at Schott. ▌ Dr. Thomas Piltz (Diploma Biology 1968, Doctorate 1999) is Chief Executive Officer of Chord Therapeutics SA. He has more than two decades of experience in pharmaceutical research and development, and previously served as Chief Scientific Officer at Wilson Therapeutics. ▌ In the beginning of 2021, Dr. Stephanie Rapp-Fiegle (Diploma Civil Engineering 2000, Diploma Management & Technology postgraduate course 2003) has taken over the management of the Association of Waste Treatment Stamberger See. She has been with the Wastewater Association since 2017, most recent- ly as Head of the Sewer System Department. ▌ Prof. Dr. Dr. Andrea Rau (Doctorate Dentistry 2011) has been the new Director of the Clinic and Polyclinic for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Plastic Surgery at Universitätmedizin Greifswald since January 2021. She is coming from FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg, where she was Leading Senior Physician and Deputy Chief of Staff of the Clinic for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. ▌ Leonhard Rill (Diploma Surveying and Mapping 1984) has taken over the position of Head of the Bavarian Administration for Rural Development at the Bavarian Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry as of Febru- ary 2021. Since 2006 he had been heading the unit for Village Renewal here. ▌ Prof. Dr. Jürgen Ruland (Habilitiation Internal Medicine 2000) from TUM’s Klinikum rechts der Isar has received the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize 2021. The full professor of Clinical Chemistry is being honored for his outstanding scientific work in the field of immunology, which has led to a fundamental- ly new understanding of signal transduction pathways in immune and cancer cells. The most important German research prize is endowed with 2.5 million euros. ▌ Dr. Mark Schneeberger (Diploma Brewing and Beverage Technology 2001, Doctorate 2006) has taken over as Head of Application Development for Beverage and Brewing Technology at GE A in Kitzingen as of October 2020. He started as a Project Manager at GE A in 2014 and was later responsible for brewery projects in South Korea and the Philip- pines in his capacity as Director. ▌ Prof. Dr. Helmut Schülein (Habilitiation Medicine 1999) has taken over as Director of Clinical Research and Academic Teaching at Vivantes in February 2021. He was most recently Chief Physician of the Clinic for Intern- al Medicine – Cardiology, Diabetology and Conservative Intensive Care Medicine at Vivantes Auguste-Viktoria-Klinikum. ▌ Stephan Sedlmayer (Diploma Agricultural Sciences 1991) has been President of the Regional Office for Agriculture since November 2005. He previously served as Office Manager to Minister of Agriculture Michaela Kaniber. ▌ The Board of VDMA Productronic has elected Dr. Christian Straubberger (Doctorate Physics 2002) as its new Chairman. He has been a member of the Executive Board/Chief Executive Officer of VDMA Productronic GmbH since 2008. ▌ Dr. Carmen Studer (Diploma Physics 2015) has been appointed to the Board of Directors in the family-owned company Taglieber Holzbausen zug and is responsi- ble for the areas of Marketing and Sales. She has been with the company since 2015 and was previously Deputy Sales Manager. ▌ Dr. Michael Unzicker (State Examination Medicine 2006) has been the new Chief Physician in the Cardiology Unit at Eich- feld klinikum since the beginning of his year in his position as Leading Senior Physician in Schweinfurt, he was in charge of the Clinical Research and Academic Teaching at Vivantes in Klinikum der Stadt Hamburg since February 2021. He has been employed at Bayerische Staatsforsten since 2017. ▌ Uwe Zickert (Diploma Mechanical Engineering 1996) has moved up to the Executive Board of MVV Umwelt GmbH as of October 2020. He has been with the company since 2003 and was involved in, among other things, building up the environmental energy business in the UK.
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