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In the year 2020, the situation was affected by the coronavirus pandemic and personal meetings were limited. However, we still developed our cooperation:

- A book on transhumanism (Transhumanism: The Proper Guide to a Posthuman Condition or a Dangerous Idea?) was published where members of GSIS and Tomáš Sigmund have their chapters. The book editors were GSIS members Hans-Jörg Kreowski and Wolfgang Hofkirchner.
- Tomáš Sigmund published a chapter in the book: Theoretical Information Studies, Information in the World which resulted from the cooperation between GSIS Wien and Prague University of Economics and Business.
- In September 2020, Tomáš Sigmund took part on the conference organized by the Institut für Design Science. He had a lecture on dialectics in nature which resulted from and harvested the discussions with GSIS members.
- Also in September 2020, W. Hofkirchner was invited to the Senior Forum on The Philosophy of Information and the Development of Intelligent Society at Xi'an, China. His talk was about the ethical aspect of Artificial Intelligence: "Machines of loving grace" or "Tools for Conviviality"? A translation will be published in China besides an English version to be published in Germany.
- In November 2020, W. Hofkirchner had an online lecture at the Leibniz Sozietät in Berlin on social systems which was influenced by our common development of system thinking.
- In December 2020, W. Hofkirchner continued the discussion of discourse with a short research paper on the classification of disinformation with special focus on ethical implications.
- Tomáš Sigmund prepared an article on ICT and metaphors which was earlier discussed and commented on by GSIS members.

For the year 2021, we are preparing together a workshop and conference track on digital humanism, would like to establish a cooperation with ASPR Wien and would like to succeed in the second round of a project proposal on communication for transformation submitted at WWTF Wien.

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