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A Research

The year 2024 was marked by a new activity. Based upon our conference “Utopia(s) Reloaded” October 2023, we started a series of “**Utopia(s) Conversations**” that address “**a Convivial Society for All**”, “**a Sustainable Planet**”, and “**Meaningful Technologies**”. These events can have various formats, in-person and/or virtual, mostly recorded and thus being made available on our website. We were lucky that this series was subsidised by the Commission for Education, Inclusion, Diversity and Social Affairs (BIDS), a District Cultural Promotion Division of the Vienna Cultural Department (MA 7).

In that context, we could also enrich our website with **videos**.

In 2024

- our Institute continued and started **5 projects** and terminated 1,
- organised **11 Utopia(s) Conversations**
- and was involved in other **7 meetings**;
- Members and Research Affiliates of our Institute held **more than 17 lectures**,
- were active in **6 teachings**
- and (co-)authored and (co-)edited **more than 46 publications**;
- our Institute produced **7 new videos**
- and welcomed **5 newly befriended organisations**.

1 Projects

Preparation and execution of, or autonomous collaboration in, research projects by the institute with or without funding.

Projects ongoing (for details see Current Projects at our website <https://gsis.at/research/projects-1/>):

- **Edgar Morin: Ethik**
Translation of Edgar Morin's La méthode volume 6 Éthique into German. Book project, partly subsidized. Editor: Wolfgang Hofkirchner
- **Utopia(s) Conversations**
Co-ordinators: Irena Mostowicz and Renate C.-Z.-Quehenberger
- **SISI (Single Integrated Science of Information)**
In 2024 a volume, started by Mark Burgin, was prepared by Marcin Schroeder and Wolfgang Hofkirchner. It will be due in 2025 (<https://gsis.at/research/projects-1/#SISI>).
- **Evolution of Information Processing Systems**
For details see the project progress report (<https://gsis.at/research/projects-1/#informationprocessing>).
- **Systems Thinking Origins**
Annette Grathoff held several lectures “Über den evolutionären Vorteil intelligenten Verhaltens und die Wirkung auf die Evolution” (<https://gsis.at/research/projects-1/#origins>).

Projects terminating in 2024 (for details see Past Projects at our website <https://gsis.at/research/projects-2/>):

- **glossaLAB**

Projects pending:

- **Cotton Recycling & Sargassum Paper Research**
- **Youngsters Hybrid Art Academy**
- **Mapping Conviviality**
- **Historical materialism, critical media and communication theory**
- **Edgar Morin: Das Leben des Lebens**

A follow-up project to glossaLAB was prepared under the name INSIGHT.

2 Utopia(s) Conversations

GSIS is organising a series of conversations in various formats that tie in with the themes of our Utopia(s) Reloaded Talks in October 2023. Our Utopia(s) Conversations will revolve (1) around social issues – a Convivial Society for All; (2) around eco(logical)-social issues – a Sustainable Planet; and (3) around techno(logical)-eco-social issues – Meaningful Technologies. They will be held in German or in English.

In 2024 we organised 11 conversations (for details see Past Utopia(s) Conversations at our website <https://gsis.at/outreach/conversations/>) – in chronological order:

- **Alternative Wohnformen:** 8 March, 19:00, GSIS Lab, featuring Bruno Sandbichler and Christian Vögel (<https://gsis.at/2024/02/12/alternative-wohnformen-in-der-stadt/>)
- **Das “Mein” und “Dein” in Utopien:** 2 April, 17:00, GSIS Lab, featuring Annette Schlemm (<https://gsis.at/2024/03/12/das-mein-und-dein-in-utopien/>)
- **Afghanistan und Syrien. Geschichte und Gegenwart:** 17 April, 18:00, GSIS Lab, featuring Amin Elfeshawi (<https://gsis.at/2024/03/21/afghanistan-und-syrien-geschichte-und-gegenwart/>)
- **A perspective from China on the Future of Humanity:** featuring Kang Ouyang (<https://gsis.at/2024/04/12/a-perspective-from-china-on-the-future-of-humanity/>)
- **1 The Tianxia Viewpoint in the Traditional Chinese Culture and the Contemporary Construction of the Community with A Shared Future for Mankind:** 26 April, 14:00, Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg
- **2 Chinese Modernization and its Relevance for International Relations: On the Chinese Concept of Community with A Shared Future for Mankind:** 30 April, 15:00, University of Graz, featuring also Franz Winter
- **3 China and the World:** 6 May, 18:00, International Institute for Peace, Wien, featuring also Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik and Thomas Eder
- **4 From the Traditional Worldview (Tianxia) to the Concept of a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind – China and the World in the Perspective of Human Civilization Progress:** 8 May, 15:00, University of Vienna, featuring also Doris Vogl
- **Demystifying AI:** 10 May, 18:00, GSIS Lab, featuring Petronela Cretu and Gordana Dodig-Crnkovic (<https://gsis.at/2024/05/01/demystifying-ai/>)
- **Critical Bifurcations. A theoretical reflection on the transition to a convivial society:** 4 June, 17:00, GSIS Lab, featuring Frédéric Vandenberghe (<https://gsis.at/2024/05/12/critical-bifurcations-a-theoretical-reflection-on-the-transition-to-a-convivial-society/>)
- **Artificial Intelligence: The End of Humanity?** 16 July, 18:30, Café (Alte WU-Mensa), featuring Raffaella Giovagnoli, Tomáš Sigmund and Christian Stary as well as a documentary (<https://gsis.at/2024/06/18/artificial-intelligence-the-end-of-humanity/>)
- **Homo destructor – Zerstört der Mensch immer und überall seine Umwelt?** 22 October, 18:00, IG Architektur, featuring Werner Bätzing (co-organised with Club of Vienna) (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/16/homo-destructor/>)
- **Evolution of Information Processing Systems – On the role of intelligence in evolution:** 13 November, 13:00, online only, and

Evolution Informationsverarbeitender Systeme – Über die Rolle von Intelligenz in der Evolution: 13 November, 18:30, GSIS Lab, featuring Annette Grathoff (<https://gsis.at/2024/10/22/on-the-role-of-intelligence-in-evolution/>)

- **Shamanic Dreams and Indigenous Activism: Reshaping Ecopolitics:** 27 November, 19:30, GSIS Lab, featuring Edson Krenak (<https://gsis.at/2024/10/08/shamanic-dreams-and-indigenous-activism-reshaping-ecopolitics/>)
- **Ukraine, Naher und Mittlerer Osten, Asien-Pazifik – Eskalation bis zum Weltkrieg?** 16 December, 18:00, GSIS Lab, featuring Hans-Georg Heinrich, Helmut Krieger and Doris Vogl (<https://gsis.at/2024/12/02/how-can-science-promote-the-end-of-wars/>)

3 Meetings

Scientific meetings organised by the institute or in co-operation with researchers or members thereof (for details see Past meetings at our website <https://gsis.at/meetings/>) – in reverse chronology:

- **ARTIIS 2024**, *Advanced Research in Technologies, Information, Innovation and Sustainability*, Santiago de Chile, 21-23 October 2024, hybrid
- **Solidarität**, *Netzwerk Kritische Kommunikationswissenschaft*, University of Paderborn, 19-21 September 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/10/04/solidarity-at-the-university-of-paderborn/>)
- **IDIMT 2024**, *Interdisciplinary Information Management Talks*, Hradec Králové, 4-6 September 2024, co-organised by University of Economics, Prague – Petr Doucek, among others, as representative of our Institutional Member of GSIS – and Johannes Kepler Universität Linz (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/25/changes-to-ict-management-and-business-processes-through-ai/>)
- **Institut für Design Science Herbsttagung**, Wittenberg, 30 August -1 September 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/22/institut-fur-design-science-annual-wittenberg-meeting-2024/>)
- **Round Table on „Globalization and Social Epistemology“**, XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, 8 August 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/08/21/globalization-and-social-epistemology/>)
- **Round Table on „Habits, Rituals and Human Life“**, XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, 2 August 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/08/21/gsis-round-table-at-the-world-congress-of-philosophy-wcp-2024-in-rome/>)
- **Logic, Society & AI Lectures**, *World Logic Day 2024*, UNESCO, online, 15 January 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/01/18/world-logic-day-2024/>)

4 Lectures (selection)

Lectures or other appearances by researchers or members of the Institute at scientific events (for details see Past lectures at our website <https://gsis.at/lectures/>) – in alphabetical order:

- **Allmer, Thomas:** “Digital Labour and Precarisation”. Talk at the biennial conference of the *European Sociological Association*, Porto, Portugal, 29 August 2024
- **Allmer, Thomas:** “Solidarität in der Universität”. Panel discussion together with Ann-Kathrin Hoffmann (GEW Studierende) and Simon Mönnekes (TVStud Paderborn) at the conference of the *Netzwerk Kritische Kommunikationswissenschaft*, Paderborn University, Germany, 20 September 2024
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime F.:** „El Tacto Sintáctico“. *Primer Encuentro del Círculo de Biosemiótica*, En Línea, 21 September 2024
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime F.:** „La Infoautopoiesis: La Clave Para Entender Lo Que Somos“. *Facultad de Educación de Toledo, Universidad de Castilla – La Mancha*, Toledo, España, 11 December 2024
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime F.:** „The Infoautopoietic Resemanticization of Anthropology“. *24th Gatherings in Biosemiotics*, University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa, 17-21 June 2024
- **C.-Z-Quehenberger, Renate:** „Higher Dimensional Representations of Qudits“. <https://gsis.at/2024/06/30/best-poster-award-for-renate-c-z-quehenberger-at-quantum-information-and-probability-conference/>
- **Dodig-Crnkovic, Gordana:** “Learning Intelligent Computing From Living Cells”. *TU Wien*, 15 May 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/05/20/learning-intelligent-computing-from-living-cells/>)
- **Giovagnoli, Raffaella:** “Habitual behavior, rituals and society”. *Round Table on „Habits, Rituals and Human Life“*, XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, 2 August 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/08/21/gsis-round-table-at-the-world-congress-of-philosophy-wcp-2024-in-rome/>)
- **Giovagnoli, Raffaella:** “Normativity of Dialogue beyond Boundaries”. *Discerning Boundaries, Philosophy across Cultures*, Preconference, XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, 29-31 July 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/07/27/current-challenges-to-philosophical-thinking/>)
- **Giovagnoli, Raffaella:** “The Role of Habitual Behavior in Social Ontology”. *World Logic Day 24*, 15 January 2024, online (<https://gsis.at/2024/01/18/world-logic-day-2024/>)
- **Grathoff, Annette:** “Über den evolutionären Vorteil intelligenten Verhaltens und die Wirkung auf die Evolution”. *Institut für Design Science Herbsttagung*, Wittenberg, 30 August -1 September 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/22/institut-fur-design-science-annual-wittenberg-meeting-2024/>)
- **Hofkirchner, Wolfgang:** “The threat of nuclear war and common security”. *10th East Lake Forum on Global Governance, “Common Security and Global Governance”*, Wuhan, 16-17 November 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/12/18/nuclear-war-convivial-response/>)
- **Magnani, Lorenzo:** “Fallacies, Abduction and the Eco-Cognitive Openness”. *World Logic Day 24*, 15 January 2024, online (<https://gsis.at/2024/01/18/world-logic-day-2024/>)

- **Mostowicz, Irena:** “Political Rituals as a core for state identity. Analysis of the examples of Victory Day and Yom Haatzmaut”. *Round Table on „Habits, Rituals and Human Life“*, XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, 2 August 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/08/21/gsis-round-table-at-the-world-congress-of-philosophy-wcp-2024-in-rome/>)
- **Novák, Richard Antonín, Sigmund, Tomáš:** “Adoption Model of AI – Use Case of Autonomous Vehicles”. *32nd Interdisciplinary Information Management Talks (IDIMT)*, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic, 4-6 September 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/25/changes-to-ict-management-and-business-processes-through-ai/>)
- **Sigmund, Tomáš:** “Antivirus Software Status Quo Bias”. *32nd Interdisciplinary Information Management Talks (IDIMT)*, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic, 4-6 September 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/25/changes-to-ict-management-and-business-processes-through-ai/>)
- **Sigmund, Tomáš:** “Die Herrschaft des Objekts über das Subjekt”. *Institut für Design Science Herbsttagung*, Wittenberg, 30 August -1 September 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/22/institut-fur-design-science-annual-wittenberg-meeting-2024/>)

5 Teachings

Courses or guest lectures for students at institutes of higher education and schools, researchers or members of the institute are not affiliated with as well as tutoring external PhD students (for details see Past teaching at our website <https://gsis.at/teaching/>) – in chronological order:

- **Papadimitropoulos, Vangelis:** “Contemporary political theories”, *Panteon University*, Athens, Greece, summer semester 2024
(<https://gsis.at/2024/06/24/contemporary-political-philosophy/>)
- **Papadimitropoulos, Vangelis:** “Theories and concepts of freedom”, *Panteon University*, Athens, Greece, summer semester 2024
(<https://gsis.at/2024/06/24/contemporary-political-philosophy/>)
- **Koukou, Asimina:** undergraduate courses, *Université de Toulon*, Toulon, France, summer semester 2024
- **Dodig-Crnkovic, Gordana:** “Digital Ethics and the Connected World”, VU course at Informatics, *TU Wien*, Vienna, Austria, 2-31 May 2024
(<https://gsis.at/2024/06/21/digital-ethics-and-the-connected-world-2/>)
- **Koukou, Asimina:** “Intercultural Communication”, *Skema Business School*, Sophia Antipolis, France, fall semester 2024
- **Grathoff, Annette; Han, Rui; Yan, Lianfu; Wang, Liang; Sigmund, Tomáš:** “Working with Artificial Intelligence for the Future of Humanity – Science, Technology, Ethics and Society”, hybrid Symposium with graduate students, *School of Marxism* at the *Xi'an Jiaotong University*, China, 18 December 2024
(<https://gsis.at/2025/02/15/symposium-on-intelligent-symbiosis-for-the-future-of-humanity-science-technology-ethics-and-society/>)

6 Publications (selection)

Scientific papers, book chapters, edited volumes, special journal issues, and monographs documenting research findings that serve the purpose of the institute, (co-)authored, (co-)edited by, or featuring, researchers and members thereof (<https://gsis.at/publications/publications-copy-3/>) – in alphabetical order:

- **Allmer, Thomas, Arslan, Sevda Can, Fuchs, Christian** (eds.) 2024. Critical Perspectives on Digital Capitalism – Theories and Praxis. Special Issue of tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique 22 (1), 140-433. <https://doi.org/10.31269/triplec.v22i1.1501> (open access)
- **Bilić, Paško, Allmer, Thomas** (2024). Critical Sociology of Media and Communication – Connecting a Disconnected Field. Introduction to the Symposium. Critical Sociology 50 (4-5): 581-888. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08969205241239888> (open access)
- **Bilić, Paško, Allmer, Thomas** (eds.): 2024. Critical Sociology of Media and Communication – Theoretical Contributions to a Disconnected Field. Symposium of Critical Sociology 50 (4-5), 581-812. <https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/crsb/50/4-5>
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime**: Anthropology and Infoautopoiesis. Cosmos and History: TheJournal of Natural and Social Philosophy, 20(1), 1-35. <https://cosmosandhistory.org/index.php/journal/article/view/1118> <https://doi.org/10.31269/triplec.v22i1.1498> (open access)
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime**: Infoautopoiesis and Translation. In K. Marais, R. Meylaerts, & M. Gonne (eds.), The Complexity of Social-Cultural Emergence: Biosemiotics, Semiotics and Translation Studies, 32-58. John Benjamins Publishing Company
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime**: La Antropología como construcción Infoautopoiética. Metatheoria, 14(2), 17-31. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.48160/18532330me14.361>
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime**: Reply to Damaševičius, R. Comment on “Cárdenas-García, J.F. Info-Autopoiesis and the Limits of Artificial General Intelligence. Computers 2023, 12, 102”. Computers, 13(7), 181. <https://www.mdpi.com/2073-431X/13/7/181>
- **Cárdenas-García, Jaime**: Syntactic Touch: A Probe. New Explorations: Studies in Culture and Communication, 4(2). <https://doi.org/https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/nexj/article/view/44350/33350>
- **Doucek, Petr, Sonntag, Michael, Nedomova Lea** (eds.): IDIMT-2024. JKU. <https://gsis.at/2024/09/25/changes-to-ict-management-and-business-processes-through-ai/>
- **Fuchs, Christian**: Radikaler Digitaler Humanismus. utb, 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/08/22/new-book-on-radical-digital-humanism/>)
- **Fuchs, Christian**: Social Media. A Critical Introduction. Sage, 2024 (fourth edition)
- **Fuchs, Christian**: Soziale Medien und Kritische Theorie. utb, 24 (third edition)
- **Fuchs, Christian, Arslan, Sevda Can, Allmer, Thomas** (2024): Critical Perspectives on Digital Capitalism – Theories and Praxis. Introduction to the Special Issue, tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique 22 (1): 140-147.

- **Guarda, Teresa, Díaz-Nafría, José María** (2024): Use of Simulators as a Digital Resource for Knowledge Transference. In: Communications in Computer and Information Science, 1937, 116–127
- **Guarda, T., Bustos, S., Cañizares, M. C., Garallar, D. G.** (2024): Blockchain and Robotic Process Automation Working Together. In: Communications in Computer and Information Science, 1935, 521–530
- **Guarda, Teresa, Portela, Filipe, Díaz-Nafría, José María** (eds.): Advanced Research in Technologies, Information, Innovation and Sustainability, Proceedings 2023, Part I. Springer, Cham 2024.
- **Guarda, Teresa, Portela, Filipe, Díaz-Nafría, José María** (eds.): Advanced Research in Technologies, Information, Innovation and Sustainability, Proceedings 2023, Part II. Springer, Cham 2024.
- **Guarda, Teresa, Portela, Filipe, Díaz-Nafría, José María** (eds.): Advanced Research in Technologies, Information, Innovation and Sustainability, Proceedings 2023, Part III. Springer, Cham 2024.
- **Hofkirchner, Wolfgang:** Konvivialität als Utopie für eine gemeinsame Menschheit. In: SWS-Rundschau 3, 2024, 301-313 (<https://gsis.at/2024/11/05/utopias-as-approached-by-science/>)
- **Hofkirchner, Wolfgang, Kreowski, Hans-Jörg:** Künstliche Intelligenz und die Krisen der Menschheit. In: FIF Kommunikation 4, 2024, 44-47 (<https://gsis.at/2025/01/25/ai-between-euphoric-expectations-and-dystopian-scenarios/>)
- **Logan, Robert K.** (ed.): NExJ (New Explorations – Studies in Communication and Culture), Vol. 4, Numbers 1 & 2
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [A Review of Andrey Mir's The Viral Inquisitor and other Essays on Postjournalism and Media Ecology](#), NExJ 4/2
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [An Appreciation and Preview of Andrey Mir's Book: Digital Future in the Rearview Mirror: Jaspers' Axial Age and Logan's Alphabet Effect](#), NExJ 4/2
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [Eleven Kinds of Orality: A Probe](#), NExJ 4/1
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [Global Warming in The Global Village: Humanity's War Against Nature](#), NExJ 4/1
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [Propagation of the Organization of Works of Art](#), NExJ 4/1
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [The Emergence of Artistic Expression and Secondary Perception](#), NExJ 4/2
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [Understanding McLuhan and His Use of Double Entendre in His One-Liners: The Medium is the Message, The User is the Content, The Medium is the Message, The Medium is the Mass Age, The Medium is the Mess Age and The Global Village: A Probe](#), NExJ 4/1
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [Verbal Language, Secondary Perception and the Emergence of Artistic Expression](#), NExJ 4/1
- **Logan, Robert K.:** [What is AI? An Interesting Question and a Probe](#), NExJ 4/2
- **Mielkov, Yurii:** AI Challenges and Humanist Foundations for the Transformation of Higher Education. In: Artificial Intelligence, 2024, № 4(101), 81-87. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15407/jai2024.04.081>, URL: http://jai.in.ua/index.php/en/issues?paper_num=1646
- **Mielkov, Yurii, et al.:** Human dimension of Open Science and the challenges of AI technologies // E3S Web Conferences (eISSN: 2267-1242). 2024, Volume 474 X

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- **Mielkov, Yurii**, et al.: Values of Openness and Higher Education for the Future // 3rd International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Energy Technologies (ICECET 2023) (16-17 November 2023, Cape Town-South Africa) // IEEE Xplore, 2024. P. 897-902. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICECET58911.2023.10389449> URL: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10389449> (<https://gsis.at/2024/07/03/values-of-openness-and-generative-ai/>)
- **Mielkov, Yurii, Pinchuk, Ye**: Humanist foundations for the transformations of higher education under supercomplexity. In: Philosophy of Education, 2024, Vol. 30, No. 1. P. 90–109. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31874/2309-1606-2024-30-1-6> URL: <https://philosopheducation.com/index.php/philed/article/view/817>
- **Morato, J., Diaz-Nafria, J. M., Sanchez-Cuadrado, S.** (2024): Factors Affecting the Reliability of Information – The Case of ChatGPT. In: Communications in Computer and Information Science, 1937, 151-164. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-48930-3_12
- **Morin, Edgar**: S’il est minuit dans le siècle. In: collectif malgré tout, 30 January 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/10/01/if-it-is-midnight-in-the-century/>)
- **Mühlbauer, Josef, Lakitsch, Maximilian** (eds.): Kritische Friedensforschung. Konzepte, Analysen & Diagnosen. Mandelbaum, Vienna (<https://gsis.at/2024/11/19/critical-peace-research/>)
- **Papadimitropoulos, Vangelis, Perperidis, Giannis**: On the foundation of open cooperativism. In: The Routledge Handbook of Cooperative Economics and Management, 2024, Chapter 26 (<https://gsis.at/2025/01/07/from-homo-oeconomicus-to-homo-cooperans/>)
- **Papadimitropoulos, Vangelis, Perperidis, Giannis**: Universal basic income and open cooperativism: The case of circles UBI. In: Front, Blockchain 7:1362939 (<https://gsis.at/2024/06/23/universal-basic-income-and-open-cooperativism/>)
- **Schlemm, Annette**: Der statistische Gesetzesbegriff in der Entwicklungstheorie. In: Zeit als Existenzform der Materie, Sitzungsberichte, Leibniz-Sozietät der Wissenschaften, Bd. 160, 2024, 65-84 (<https://gsis.at/2024/06/23/emergence-and-laws-of-evolution/>)
- **Sevigani, Sebastian**: Communicative Activity – Social Theoretical Foundations for Critical Materialist Media and Communication Sociology in the Digital Age. In: Critical Sociology, 2024
- **Sevigani, Sebastian**: Critical Political Economy. In: Handbook of Media and Communication Economics: A European Perspective, 2024
- **Sevigani, Sebastian**: Towards Media Environment Capture – A Theoretical Contribution on the Influence of Big Tech on News Media. In: International Journal of Communication, 2024
- **Theine, Hendrik, Sevigani, Sebastian** (eds.): Media transformation and the challenge of property. Special issue, EJC, 39, 4, August 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/09/25/media-transformation-and-the-challenge-of-property/>)
- **Witzany, Günther**: Klein sein oder nicht sein. Für eine Kultur der Selbstbeschränkung. Tauriska 1991, republished 2024 (<https://gsis.at/2024/12/30/self-limitation-a->

[symposium-more-than-30-years-ago/](#))

- **Zinchenko, Victor, Mielkov, Yurii:** Digital Trends of the Scientific and Technological Revolution – Institutional Transformations of Science and Education Systems in the Paradigm of Sustainable Social Development. In: New Media Pedagogy: Research Trends, Methodological Challenges, and Successful Implementations, Communications in Computer and Information Science, vol. 2130. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2024, 441-453. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-63235-8_29, URL: https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-63235-8_29

7 Videos

Providing open access recordings of scientific events documenting research findings that serve the purpose of the institute (for details see Videos at our website <https://gsis.at/youtube/>):

This year a new playlist could be added to our hitherto existing vimeo channel “The Great Bifurcation”:

YouTube GSIS Playlist

@ VIPR Varna Peace Institute (Empowerment for Peace)

@ Club of Vienna:

- Utopia(s) Conversations 2024
- Lectures 2024

Vimeo GSIS Channel “The Great Bifurcation”:

- Utopia(s) Reloaded Talks 2023
- Digital Humanism 2021
- HEIMATLAND ERDE 2021
- Discussion 2021

8 Networking

Establishing new relations of the institute with other organisations, including sharing positions (for details see Friends at our website <https://gsis.at/friends/>).

2024 we could welcome 5 organisations as “friends” – in alphabetical order:

- *Althangrund für Alle, Wien*
- *Club of Vienna*
- *Empowerment for Peace, Graz*
- *Rosa-Luxemberg-Institut, Wien*
- *Varna Institute for Peace Research*

The relations with the *Convivialist International* and the *Forum InformatikerInnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung* (FifF) have been deepening.

B Development of organisation

At the General Meeting 2024, we renewed our **Executive Board**. Annette Grathoff, Irena Mostowicz and Renate Quehenberger were besides Wolfgang Hofkirchner elected. Former Board Members Thomas Allmer and Sebastian Sevigani withdrew at their own request. We are very grateful to them for the work they have done during the construction of our new institute. They will stay and continue to head our *Unified Theory of Information Research Group*.

Concerning the **financial situation**, we were able to raise **subsidies** in the amount of € 1,800 and **donations** in the amount of about € 5,000 in this year. We were still not yet able to attract donations with the help of our membership in the *Fundraising Verband Austria, Vergissmeinnicht* and the *Swiss Fundraiso*, which all together costed about € 3,000. In other words, donations came only from Members, with the majority coming from a single member. **Membership fees** amounted to about € 1,200. **Auditor costs** that incurred this year totalled about € 1,300.

As to our **Ordinary Members**, we count 37 persons besides 1 institution, while we lost one person and added another one. We count 20 **Research Affiliates**, while we lost three persons and added two. We still have 6 **Researchers without being Ordinary Members**.

Our Ordinary Member **Peter Fleissner** received the *Wiener-Schmidt-Prize* of the *German Association for Cybernetics, Information and System Theory*. Fleissner celebrated his 80th birthday in *April 2024*. A ceremony was held in *Berlin*, organised by the *Leibniz-Sozietät der Wissenschaften*.

This year we enjoyed the **use of premises** in a coworking space at the old WU (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien) contracted with the *Kulturzentrum 4Ithangrund für Alle*. The contract might terminate at the end of 2025 due to construction work at the premises.

C Outlook 2025

1 Projects

- **INSIGHT** is still supposed to start the follow-up project to **glossaLAB**. An application had to be worked out for another round to be submitted in the beginning of 2025.

2 Utopia(s) Conversations

- The conversations series for 2025 is subsidised by Wien Kultur. The programme is work in progress.

3 Meetings

- **World Logic Day**, online, 14 January
- **Wissenschaft zwischen Krieg und Frieden**, HTW Berlin, 14 March
- **Social Information Gatherings 2025**, IS4SI Summit, online and Varna, 2-15 & 23-28 June
- **Communication and Capital(ism)**, University of Ljubljana, 28-30 August
- **IDIMT 2025**, Hradec Králové, 3-5 September
- **ARTIIS 2025**, hybrid, Cartagena de Indias, 21-23 October

4 Teachings

- Political Economies of Media – Theories and Methods, **Summerschool**, Sibenik, 9-12 September

5 Publications

- **Guarda, T., Portela, F., Gatica, G.** (eds.): ARTIIS, 4th International Conference, Santiago de Chile, October 21-23, 2024, Revised Selected Papers, Part 1, Part 2, Part 3
- **Guarda, T., Portela, F., Augusto, M. F.** (eds.): ARTIIS 2024 International Workshops, Santiago de Chile, October 21-23, 2024, Revised Selected Papers, Part 1, Part 2
- **Hofkirchner, W., Kreowski, H.-J.**: Why Artificial Intelligence alone will not save mankind – Digital imperatives for conviviality. Schroeder, M., Hofkirchner, W., (eds.), *Understanding information and its role as a tool – In memory of Mark Burgin* (in 2 Parts), World Scientific, Singapore
- **Schroeder, M., Hofkirchner, W.** (eds.): Understanding Information and its Role as a Tool: In Memory of Mark Burgin. World Scientific Series in Information Studies, Vol. 17, World Scientific, Singapore, 530