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COLLOQUIUM DIGITALE "DIGITIZATION, HUMAN BEINGS, AND SOCIETY"
„CONVERGENCE? INTERFACES OF THE DIGITAL AND THE LIVING"

EVENING EVENT

LIVING THE FUTURE: HOW BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AND AI MAY CHANGE SOCIETY AND HUMANITY

OCTOBER 17, 2023, 18:00
AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
FESTIVE HALL
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If the 20th century was the "century of physics", the 21st century seems on track to become the "century of biology" or the "century of AI". This is already happening, there are many symptoms of change: the pandemic, mRNA vaccines, effective weight loss pills, human longevity research, brain-computer interfaces, algorithms that control what we read and believe. But it is early days, and we tend to overestimate the effect of a technology in the short run and underestimate the effect in the long run (Amara's law).

The evening event of the "Convergence? Interfaces of the Digital and the Living" Symposium & Workshop asks how biomedical technology and AI may change society and humanity, in a panel discussion with AI ethicist Joanna Bryson, cyborg anthropologist Amber Case, neuroengineer Rajesh P. N. Rao, and social entrepreneur Bart de Witte – moderated by Vienna Science and Technology Fund Director Michael Stampfer and curated by computational biologist Christoph Bock.

The public evening event takes place in the Festive Hall of the Austrian Academy of Sciences on October 17, 2023, starting at 6 PM. In addition to the panel discussion, there will be live music by Patrick Pulsinger on analog synthesizer and a light buffet dinner with ample opportunities for further discussion and networking. Registration is required and free of charge.

SCHEDULE

Opening Sound by Patrick Pulsinger

Welcome by Christoph Bock (CeMM – Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the OeAW & Medical University of Vienna)

Panel discussion

Michael Stampfer (Moderator) | Vienna Science and Technology Fund
Joanna Bryson | Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
Amber Case | Research Director at Metagov, New York
Rajesh P. N. Rao | University of Washington, Seattle
Bart de Witte | HIPPO AI Foundation, Berlin

Closing Sound by Patrick Pulsinger

LIGHT BUFFET DINNER

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