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# **BOUNDS OF HUMANITY**

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## About us

We are a group of students of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) who organizes the first ever international students' conference in Mainz. From this year on the conference will be held every year at JGU. The conference is open to all university students worldwide. It's our pleasure to invite you to participate in this event. The conference language is English.



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## About the topic

We searched for a topic which resonates with all students, facilitates interdisciplinary discussions, and encompasses existential concerns, as well as current and future challenges. That's why we decided on "Bounds of Humanity". Are there bounds for humankind and humanity? What are the limits of responsibility? Can we overcome mental, political, and social boundaries?

## Goals of ICON Mainz

With the International Students' Conferences at JGU - ICON Mainz we pursue the following main objectives:

- to attract international and home students and motivate them to participate in the conference
- to exchange cutting edge scientific knowledge
- to share interdisciplinary perspectives
- to promote international networking and exchange
- to meet renowned scholars
- to represent JGU, thereby getting non-JGU students interested in studying at JGU
- to offer a variety of scientific events to participants
- to compile and edit the contributions and outcomes of the conference events
- to issue confirmation of participation
- to offer an attractive social program

Time	Nov 2, 2018	
9:00	Reception, N2 Muschel	
9:30		
10:00	Greetings: JGU Vice President for Research Prof. Dr. Stefan Müller-Stach, N2 Muschel	
10:30	Keynote I: Prof. Dr. Garrath Williams, Taking responsibility, N2 Muschel	
11:00		
11:30		
12:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
12:30		
13:00	Krivachkova, The question of male and female body politics in M. Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale, GFG 02-607	
13:30	Jung & Lange, Men read literature, women read women's' books, GFG 02-607	
14:00	Klee, Emancipating objects: The subversive potential in male beauty, GFG 02-607	
14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:00	Korbach, Female vendors: Athenian working women outside of the bounds of the oikos in the 6th and 5th centuries BC, GFG 02-607	Khezri & Khezri, The ethical, legal and religious aspects of human cloning, GFG 02-611
15:30	Stanke, The horse as topos of imperial whim. Lucius Verus in the tradition of Caligula in the Historia Augusta, GFG 02-607	
16:00	Neumann, Share economy – the end of a sharing society? Or catalyst on the way to it? GFG 02-607	Zahler, Fetocide or selective reduction in pregnancies with more than three fetuses, GFG 02-611
16:30	<i>Break</i>	
17:00	Keynote II: Prof. Dr. Meinard Kuhlmann, How markets work and where they fail, N2 Muschel	
17:30		
18:00		
	Conference Dinner	



Time	Nov 3, 2018	
9:00	Keynote III:	
9:30	Prof. Dr. Lars Schmeink, The Future We Live In - Media, Technology, Visuality, N2	
10:00	Muschel	
10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00	Suriyanon, Gender in Japan (Workshop), GFG 02-607	Eichler, Gaming disorder and structural explanations of addiction, GFG 02-611
11:30		Retat, La Réunion: Europe's forgotten outermost regions, GFG 02-611
12:00		Jokisch, The meaning of art and the absurdity of life, GFG 02-611
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:00		
13:30	Frouini, The subaltern can speak: Gender, subalternity and trauma in Moroccan and Afro American prison writings, GFG 02-607	
14:00	Erol, The migration of Turkey's Jews to Israel and their integration to Israeli Society, GFG 02-607	Schilling, Transsexuality: (De)construction of gender dichotomy? – A critical analysis of the theoretical positions of Garfinkel and Butler, GFG 02-611
14:30	Soran, Kurdish diasporic women and nationalism: An ethnographic research about London based Kurdish organizations, GFG 02-607	Vo, Inequality of gender in Vietnam, GFG 02-611
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30		
16:00	World Café	
16:30	Final words	
17:00		
17:30		
18:00	Social program	

## Keynote talks

*Garrath Williams (Lancaster University, UK)*

### **Taking responsibility**

We are all familiar with the backward-looking aspects of responsibility, such as guilt, apology, blame, restitution and punishment. Philosophers have often feared that some or all of these aspects might prove unjustifiable insofar as a person 'could not have done otherwise.' I will propose that we can make good sense of the backward-looking aspects of responsibility if we focus on a less ,troubling claim: the person should have done otherwise. Whether or not the person 'could have done otherwise,' it is certainly true that no one can change the past. What we can do, however, is take responsibility for the 'should' that the person failed to act on. I will give an outline account of the backward-looking aspects of responsibility as practices by which we take responsibility for our moral agency and the morality we hope to share with one another.



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*Meinard Kuhlmann (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)*

## **How markets work and where they fail**

It is a widespread idea that not only economic, but also social matters are organized in the most effective and also fairest way by establishing a market. In my talk I want to show that this attitude is not even fully convincing in its core domain, financial markets. When it comes to markets for waiting times, adoptions and organ transplants, it may break down completely.

*Lars Schmeink (HafenCity Universität Hamburg)*

## **The Future We Live In - Media, Technology, Visuality**

In his novel *Pattern Recognition*, William Gibson talks about our contemporary moment in history and surmises that speculations about the future are lost to us, that we have no future due to the nature of our present: „For us things can change so abruptly, so violently, so profoundly, that futures have insufficient ‚now‘ to stand on“. Nonetheless his novels still employ science fictional motives and styles, just not as a predictor of technological progress and social changes, but rather as reflection of our technologically saturated society, as a comment on the mediated worlds and posthuman realities we live in. The future is now, and it is already science fictional. In this talk, I want to explore what the conference calls the *Bounds of Humanity* in regard to three factors of influence on our everyday life: the media that surround us, the technologies that fuse with us, and the visuality that dominates our perceptions. Taking science fictional visuals as a guideline, I want to challenge the hegemony of surveillance, explore posthuman categories of subjectivity, and reflect on the relation of global finance and the hacker punk resistance.

## Conference Dinner

To the conference dinner, all active participants who give a presentation are invited.

## Social program

The social program is open to everyone and we are excited about everybody who wants to join our tour through Mainz and its nightlife.

We will start our pub crawl at the central station. There are several stops planned.

This evening should give everybody the opportunity to let the conference come to a relaxed end, exchange more with the other participants and have fun together.

## Information on public transportation in Mainz and train connections to Frankfurt Airport

### *From Frankfurt International Airport*

Frankfurt Airport is connected to Mainz Central Station („Mainz Hbf“) via regular direct regional trains from its regional train station (not long-distance train station!). No prebooking is required. Tickets can be bought from ticket machines in the train station (cash, credit card, EC card):

Take either an R or the S8 train (not S9!), leaving from platform 3.

**Costs:** about 5 € one-way. **Travel duration:** 26 min. **Timetables:** <https://www.rmv.de/c/de/start>  
Cabs take 25-35 min. **Costs:** 60-70 € one-way.

**From Mainz main station (Hauptbahnhof)**

**On foot:** Take back exit ("Ausgang West"). Walking distance 15 min.

**By bus/tramway (streetcar):** On station square, bus bay G, 6 (Richtung Münchfeld/Gonsenheim)

- 51 (dir. Lerchenberg)
- 53 (dir. Lerchenberg)
- 54 (dir. Klein-Winternheim)
- 55 (dir. Finthen)
- 56 (dir. Finthen/Wackernheim)
- 57 (dir. Bretzenheim)
- 59 (dir. Hochschule Mainz)
- 64 (dir. Hartenberg)
- 65 (dir. Hartenberg)
- 68 (dir. Budenheim)
- 75 (dir. Schwabenheim/Ingelheim)
- 90 (dir. Finthen)
- 91 (dir. Lerchenberg)
- 650 (dir. Sprendlingen)

Buses leave every few minutes. Exit „Universität“ (2 stops). Travel duration 5 min.

We suggest taking 51, 53 or 59, which directly stop at the main entrance of the university.

Short-trip tickets (1,75 €) can be bought from the driver (cash) or from ticket machines at the bus stop (cash, EC card).

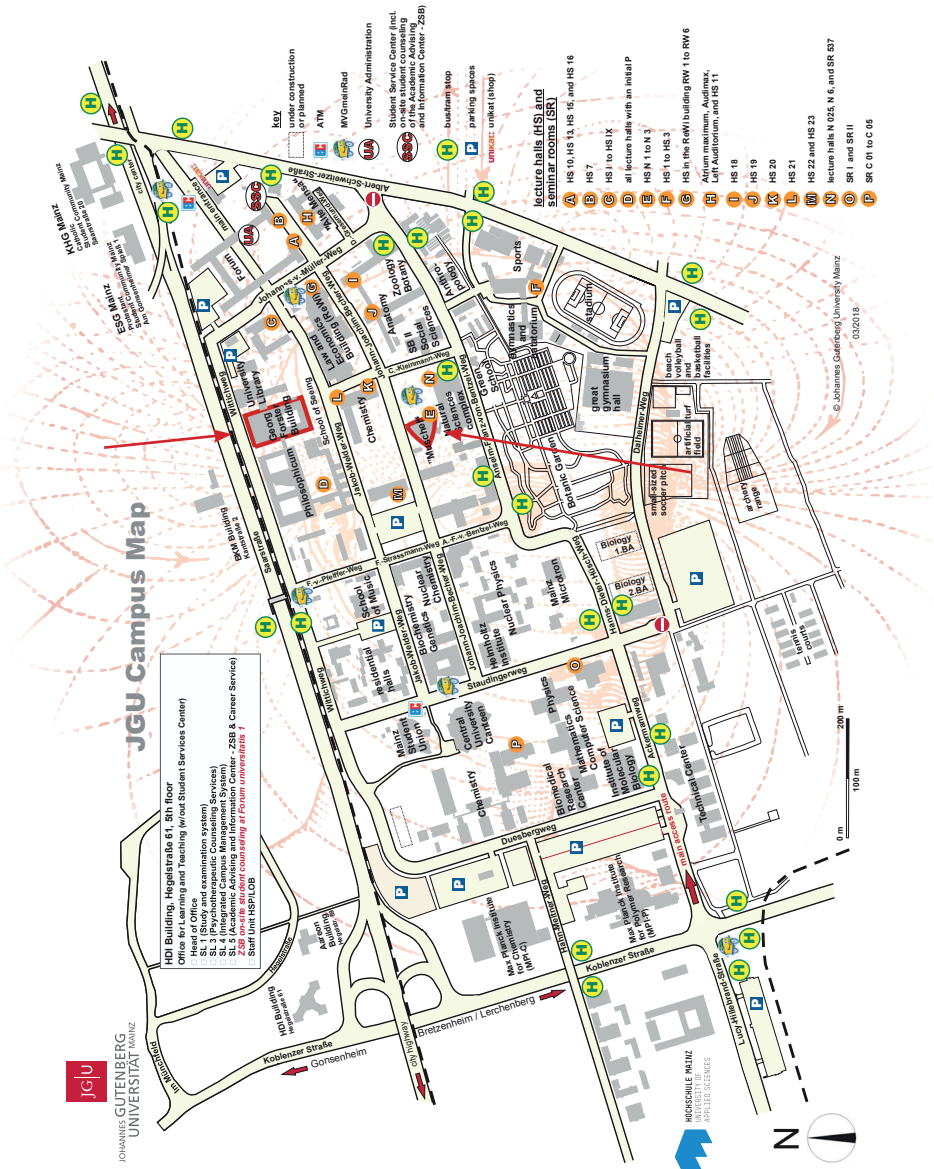
**By cab:** station square. Travel duration 5 min.

**From EJ9 Hotel:**

Go down Emerich-Josef-Straße (downhill) and cross the tramway tracks. You find the bus/tramway stop on the left (dir. Hauptbahnhof / main station).



# Campus map (marked: GFG, Muschel, canteen/refectory/ commons/mensa, bus stops)



## Impressum



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