

Panel Discussion



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Why Computer Science matters A Janus-faced role in the 21st century

Organizer and host: Faculty of Informatics, TU Wien

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Computer Science has evolved to the key science of the 21st century. Like any new and rapidly expanding science or technology, Computer Science triggers heavily exaggerated hopes for some and vast fears for others.

In this context an endeavor for reason appears necessary and sensible to balance the strong sentiments attached to Computer Science topics.

The intention of this discussion is to reflect on the societal role of Computer Science and to establish the position of universities in this context. Their tradition and ability of critical discourse appears to uniquely prepare universities to initiate and drive such an endeavor for the following reason: while the radically formative nature of Computer Science for any societal realm is undisputed, the reflection of the opportunities and dangers requires more attention. With this development of Computer Science the relation to other fields of science needs to be reflected and incorporated in an interdisciplinary manner in any discussion and research endeavor. The panel discussion takes place on the occasion of the first meeting of the International Advisory Board of the Faculty of Informatics, TU Wien.

Panel participants

Hans Akkermans, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Carlo Ghezzi, Politecnico di Milano

Tom Henzinger, IST Austria

Gerti Kappel, TU Wien

Laura Kovacs, TU Wien

Moderated by Tanja Traxler, Der Standard

Schedule

18:00 Welcome

Sabine Seidler, Rector, TU Wien

Kickoff speech

Carlo Ghezzi, Politecnico di Milano

Panel discussion

19:20 Closing remarks

Hannes Werthner, Dean of the Faculty, TU Wien

Registration

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