

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Digital Communication Lab for Exchange between Research and Media

5 – 6 November & 12 – 13 November 2021

A conversation between science and the media: Twice a year, ten Humboldt fellows meet ten journalists from the International Journalists' Programmes. During a four-day workshop and the following seven weeks, they form interdisciplinary teams, which then work together on a compelling piece of journalism dealing with a topic of current societal relevance. Experienced mentors support the development process. Lectures and training sessions focus on what constitutes good science communication.

ComLab#4: Smart New Worlds: How AI, Robotics and Digitalisation Transform Our Lives

Artificial intelligence, robotics and new digital technologies are changing our lives. To which extent, benefit or at which cost is often hard to grasp for regulators, civil society and media. While transformative technologies hold great potential in medicine, industry, logistics and urban planning, hardly any other scientific field sparks so much speculation. From automated mobility to biorobots and intelligent implants: The relationship between humans and machines is full of promise, but is also marked by misunderstanding and ignorance.

Together, journalists and researchers can point out research trends and development trajectories of AI, robotics and digital innovations, assess designs and possible applications, and discuss their ethical implications. And this is not an easy task since the expectations of future technologies are high. They should have an innovative and effective impact on society and equally benefit the common good. The workshop will address future trends and the social dimensions of innovative technologies.

Schedule

5 – 6 NOVEMBER 2021

Have fun while warming up for ComLab. Get to know each other. Discuss what constitutes good science communication. Share ideas on how to collaborate. Get inspired by international science reporting. Learn from science experts in the field of AI, robotics and digitalisation. Discuss how AI can become more diverse. Get started with your own projects.

12 – 13 NOVEMBER 2021

Explore new ideas. Get to know examples of inclusive transformative technology. Expand your own science communication tool kit. Share global news on the relevance of science and media. Meet and talk with policy-makers and social innovators. Learn from renowned science correspondents and editors about good science reporting. Pitch your projects to guest juror.



REQUIREMENTS

Participation is open to ten IJP alumni from the global network, including Germany, and **ten fellows from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**.

Knowledge and experience in science communication is an asset, but not a prerequisite for participating in this four-day workshop.

The workshop takes place **in English** and as a **virtual format**.

EXPECTATIONS

- Commitment to engage with an international community of mid-career researchers
- Intention to participate in all four mandatory days of ComLab#4
- Active participation in expert discussions, interactive learning sessions, and creative collaboration in a journalist-scientist tandem
- Production of a compelling piece of journalism

HOW TO APPLY

- **CV in English** (PDF), two pages max. (should include the year and title of your IJP fellowship programme)
- **Motivation letter** of 500 words max. (PDF)
- **Application video** (via WeTransfer, <https://wetransfer.com>), three minutes max., which gives us a clear initial understanding of why you want to take part in this advanced training
- Please see the video guidelines for more content-related and technical details

All documents should be submitted in ONE e-mail to comlab@ijp.org.

Subject line: #Application for ComLab#4 and your name.

→ **Application deadline: 5 October 2021**

Participants will be notified by the beginning of October 2021

For more information on the Communication Lab, please visit our website:

<https://www.ijp.org/en/alumni/communicating-science>

