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Berlin Institute of Technology (TU Berlin)

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10:50	**Delivering Development Impact at Scale** Joanna Macrae Director of European Partnerships, GiveDirectly	**What Does (and Doesn't) AI Mean for Effective Altruism?** Owen Cotton-Barratt Research Fellow, Future of Humanity Institute
11:20	Break	
11:50	**Using Evidence to Fight Poverty** Prof. Christelle Dumas Chair of Development Economics, University of Fribourg	**Nationale Volksinitiative zur Abschaffung der Massen-tierhaltung** DE Sophie Kwaß Co-Geschäftsleiterin, Sentience Politics
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15:10	**Harnessing the Power of Academia** Michelle Hutchinson Project Manager, Global Priorities Institute	**The Complex Nature of Pain and Suffering** Dr. Sascha Benjamin Fink Junior Professor for Neurophilosophy, University of Magdeburg
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17:30	**Panel: The Future of Effective Altruism** Prof. William MacAskill, Michelle Hutchinson, Max Daniel, Owen Cotton-Barratt Moderation: Stefan Torges	
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09:00	**The New Meat** Peter Verstrate CEO, MosaMeat	**Decision Theory Research at FRI** Johannes Treutlein Researcher, Foundational Research Institute Caspar Oesterheld Researcher, Foundational Research Institute
09:30	Break	
10:00	**Current Status of the EA Movement** Prof. William MacAskill Associate Professor in Philosophy, University of Oxford; CEO, Centre for Effective Altruism	
10:50	Break	
11:30	**Panel: Should Animal Advocates focus on Veganism or Antispeciesism?** Leah Edgerton, Tobias Leenaert, Magnus Vinding, Oscar Horta Moderation: Jens Tuider	**AI Strategy and Policy** Carrick Flynn Research Project Manager, Future of Humanity Institute
12:00		Break
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	Room H 2013: **Core Topics**	Room H 2032: **Narrow/Technical Topics**
13:30	**Discussion Rounds**	
14:50	Break	
15:00	**Lessons from Building an EA Charity: New Incentives** Patrick Stadler Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, New Incentives	**Wild-Animal Suffering Movement Building Through Research** Persis Eskander Research Associate, Wild-Animal Suffering Research
15:30	Break	
16:00	**Raising the Stakes: When Poker Meets EA** Liv Boeree Co-founder, Raising for Effective Giving	**Against Naive Effective Altruism** Lucius Caviola PhD Student in Psychology, University of Oxford
16:30	Break	
16:40	**Closing Speech** Stefan Torges Executive Director, Raising for Effective Giving, Effective Altruism Foundation	
17:00	Conference End	

Joanna Macrae

Delivering Development Impact at Scale

14 october / 10:50 — 11:20 / room H 2013

Joanna Macrae
Director of European Partnerships, GiveDirectly

There is a potential revolution in the field of international development. It is being driven by better evidence of what works, and by the advent of digital technology. GiveDirectly is harnessing the power of that revolution and changing the face of aid by adopting a radically simple approach. It trusts the poor to invest aid themselves, providing them with cash grants. But bringing this model to scale isn't easy and requires challenging conventional ways of thinking and vested interests.

Dr. Joanna Macrae is the Director of European Partnerships at GiveDirectly, one of the most innovative and disruptive NGOs in international development. She is a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Global Development. She is recognised internationally for her expertise in humanitarian policy, research and innovation management.

Owen Cotton-Barratt

What Does (and Doesn't) AI Mean for Effective Altruism?

14 october / 10:50 — 11:20 / room H 2032

Owen Cotton-Barratt
Research Fellow, Future of Humanity Institute

Artificial Intelligence may well be the most radically transformative technology ever developed. If we want to effectively improve the world, it is therefore important. But we have a great deal of uncertainty about when transformative AI will be developed.

Different strategies for helping the world are appropriate conditional on different timelines. Collectively, we should pursue a portfolio of all of these strategies. The best strategies for longer timelines involve many activities which are not directly about AI at all.

Owen is a researcher working for the Future of Humanity Institute and the Centre for Effective Altruism. He has a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Oxford. In the last few years much of his research has related to how to prioritise between different types of work to reduce existential risk.

Prof. Christelle Dumas

Using Evidence to Fight Poverty

14 october / 11:50 — 12:40 / room H 2013

Prof. Christelle Dumas
Associate Professor in Development Economics, University of Fribourg

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions." In designing policies to relieve poverty, it is crucial to gather evidence that these policies are indeed reaching their goal. We will take some examples of well-intended interventions that led to unexpected and sometimes adverse effects. Based on these examples, we will discuss how policies can be evaluated, what is required to do so and how sound methodology should always be preferred to prejudice.

Christelle is Professor of Development Economics at the University of Fribourg. She seeks to understand how households from poor countries make crucial choices: how many children to have, whether to send them to school, to have them work … always asking which policy could improve the wellbeing of these individuals. Her work is empirical and uses data from African and Asian countries.

Sophie Kwaß

Nationale Volksinitiative zur Abschaffung der Massentierhaltung

14 october / 11:50 — 12:40 / room H 2032 DE

Wacker hält sich das Bild der idyllischen Schweizer Tierhaltung mit Auslauf und im Inland produziertem Futter, wenngleich auch dort die grosse Mehrheit der Tierprodukte aus Massentierhaltung mit all ihren verheerenden Konsequenzen für Umwelt, Tiere und Ressourceneffizienz stammt. Diese Diskrepanz gilt es aufzulösen und Speziesismus endlich auf die politische Agenda zu setzen. Dafür bietet das Instrument der nationalen Volksinitiative, das, wie allgemein politischer Aktivismus, von Tierrechtler*innen oft vernachlässigt wird, den idealen Ansatzpunkt: Beim Sammeln der Unterschriften kann breit mobilisiert und durch öffentlichkeitswirksame Begleitevents einen Mediendiskurs über Speziesismus angeregt werden. Während der Abstimmungskampagne bietet sich dann die Chance zur Sensibilisierung der gesamten Bevölkerung, bis ein "Ja" schließlich immenses Leid konstitutionell vermindern würde.

Sophie Kwaß
Co-Geschäftsleiterin, Sentience Politics

Sophie Kwass ist Co-Geschäftsleiterin von Sentience Politics, einer Schweizer Organisation, die Volksinitiativen für alle empfindungsfähigen Wesen durchführt. Sie engagiert sich seit einigen Jahren in der Schweizer Tierrechtsbewegung und hat einen Masterabschluss von der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Sebastian Joy

The Why and How of Effective Pro-Veg Interventions

14 october / 14:00 — 14:30 / room H 2013

Sebastian Joy
Founder, ProVeg International

Addressing animal product consumption is one of the most important cause areas in terms of scale, neglectedness, and tractability as it causes multiple problems: (1) It subjects billions of sentient individuals to immense physical and emotional suffering. (2) It is one of the leading drivers of climate change and environmental devastation. (3) It contributes to world hunger and food injustice. (4) It increases the risk of illnesses and is responsible for food poisoning, epidemics, and drives up levels of antibiotic resistance. At the same time, this issue is still largely neglected: only a small fraction of charitable donations are directed towards animal causes; and comparatively little of that in turn is directed towards farmed animals. This is despite the fact that animal agriculture aggravates the very causes that receive much more attention and resources. Luckily, there is a whole range of pro-veg interventions that can help solve these issues, making the promotion and advocacy of plant-based food alternatives a highly-effective multi-problem solution.

Sebastian is the founder and CEO of ProVeg International, an ACE-recommended food awareness organization with the mission to reduce global animal product consumption by 50 % by the year 2040. He is also the VP of the European Vegetarian Union, a co-founder of the Center for Effective Vegan Advocacy, as well as a lecturer of Nonprofit Management at the Berlin School of Economics and Law.

Beatrice Montesi

Toward a #FutureFortified: How Food Fortification Can Help End Micronutrient Malnutrition

14 october / 14:00 — 14:30 / room H 2032

Beatrice Montesi
External Relations Lead, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Despite positive developments in reducing malnutrition over the last few decades, hundreds of millions of people globally still do not consume adequate amounts of essential vitamins and minerals in their diets to sustain good health and development. This is referred to as "hidden hunger" or micronutrient malnutrition, a major public health problem that is holding back entire communities. Those suffering from hidden hunger may not appear acutely malnourished, but may suffer the consequences of poor brain development, immune function, and work productivity. Food fortification — the practice of adding small and safe amounts of micronutrients to staple foods and condiments — is a simple, scalable and among the world's most cost-effective development interventions that can help us tackle hidden hunger. It is a powerful nutrition success story that is reaching billions across the world.

Beatrice is the External Relations Lead at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). In her role, she advises and supports the leadership team and GAIN country offices in advocating for better nutrition for all. Prior to joining GAIN, Beatrice worked at the UN WFP and at Geneva Call. Beatrice is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Shapers Community.

Michelle Hutchinson

Harnessing the Power of Academia

14 october / 15:10 — 15:40 / room H 2013

Although some of effective altruism's founders are academics, EA has up to now mostly spread outside of academia. I will describe the possible power of academia and how important it might be for EA to engage with it, followed by plans to take advantage of that power and how those plans are progressing.

Michelle Hutchinson
Researcher in Philosophy, University of Oxford

Michelle Hutchinson is setting up the Global Priorities Institute at Oxford University. Before taking on that role she was the Executive Director of Giving What We Can. She has a PhD in Applied Ethics from Oxford University on prioritisation in global health.

Dr. Sascha Benjamin Fink

The Complex Nature of Pain and Suffering

14 october / 15:10 — 16:00 / room H 2032

Dr. Sascha Benjamin Fink
Junior Professor for Neurophilosophy, University of Magdeburg

Which entities are able to suffer? Which entities are capable of feeling pain? According to the modular theory of pain, which I sketch in this talk, paradigmatic pain experiences are brought about by a complex machinery of different cognitive modules. The neural basis of suffering coincides with one of these modules. This modular theory allows us to tell an evolutionary theory of the phylogenesis of suffering and its role in natural selection. In this context, the theory allows us to define minimal neural criteria by which we can exclude individuals from being able to feel pain or suffer. Knowing which entities are incapable of suffering, I argue, is an important step for knowing the limits of effective altruism.

Sascha Benjamin Fink is the Junior professor for Neurophilosophy at the Programm for Philosophy-Neuro-sciences-Cognition at the University of Magdeburg. His dissertation at the Institute for Cognitive Science was on foundational issues in the neuroscience of consciousness. He has worked on the neural correlate of consciousness, pain and suffering, introspection and paradoxes.

Nicola Wiggers

Ethische Berufswahl — Mit 80 000 Stunden die Welt verbessern

14 october / 16:20 — 16:50 / room H 2013 DE

Es gibt Berufe, mit denen ihr viel mehr Gutes tun könnt als mit anderen. Doch welche sind dies genau? Was sind gute Strategien, um sich für eine bestimmte Karriere zu entscheiden und einen Beruf zu finden, mit dem ihr nicht nur viel bewirken könnt, sondern der euch gleichzeitig auch erfüllt?

Nicola Wiggers stellt in diesem Vortrag die zentralen Forschungsergebnisse von 80 000 Hours vor, derjenigen Organisation, die sich zur Aufgabe gemacht hat, auf genau diese Fragen wissenschaftlich fundierte Antworten zu finden.

Nicola Wiggers
Effektiver Altruismus Berlin

Nicola Wiggers ist Mitgründerin von EA Berlin. In der Vergangenheit organisierte sie unter anderem den bis dahin erfolgreichsten 80 000-Hours-Workshop im deutschsprachigen Raum. Sie studiert Sozialwissenschaften an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Im Rahmen der Twinlife-Studie forschte sie am Deutschen Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) zu beruflichen und sozialen Erfolgsfaktoren.

Max Daniel

S-risks: Why They Are the Worst Existential Risks, and How to Prevent Them

14 october / 16:20 — 16:50 / room H 2032

Max Daniel
Executive Director, Foundational Research Institute

Effective altruists focussed on shaping the far future face a choice between different types of interventions. Of these, efforts to reduce the risk of human extinction have received the most attention so far.

n this talk, Max Daniel will make the case that we may want to complement such work with interventions aimed at preventing very undesirable futures ("s-risks"), and that this provides a reason for, among the sources of existential risk identified so far, focussing on AI risk.

Max is the Executive Director of the Foundational Research Institute (FRI), an EA research group focused on preventing futures that would be even worse than extinction. FRI's work includes both the broad search for 'crucial considerations' that radically change the macro-strategic picture and research related to averting particularly negative AI scenarios.

Peter Verstrate

The New Meat

15 october / 09:00 — 09:30 / room H 2013

Peter Verstrate
CEO, MosaMeat

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) estimates that the demand for meat is going to increase by more than two-thirds in the next 40 years and current production methods are not sustainable. In the near future both meat and other staple foods are likely to become expensive luxury items, thanks to the increased demand on crops for meat production, unless we find a sustainable alternative.

Livestock contributes to global warming through unchecked releases of methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide. The increase in demand will significantly increase levels of methane, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide and cause loss of biodiversity.

Cultured Beef is likely a more sustainable option that will change the way we eat and think about food forever.

Peter is the CEO of MosaMeat, a company he founded with Mark Post, the Head of the Cultured Beef program at Maastricht University, to put on the market a new kind of meat, without the negative side effects associated with traditional meat production.

This meat was presented in London in August 2013 as the world's first hamburger from cultured beef, receiving notable press coverage.

Johannes Treutlein / Caspar Oesterheld

Decision Theory Research at FRI

15 october / 09:00 — 09:30 / room H 2032

Part one: Given the trenchant debate about the issue, it seems reasonable to place some credence in both evidential and causal decision theory. Nozick and others have proposed taking this decision theoretic uncertainty into account by adopting some form of meta decision theory. We argue that in a large or infinite universe, using meta decision theory can lead to a wager in favor of evidential decision theory.

Part two: Since research in artificial intelligence aims to create machines that make rational decisions, the disagreement between different decision theories is directly relevant to this field. In addition to the more philosophical question of what the right decision theory is, the goal of AI poses the question of how to implement that theory. In the second part of this talk, we therefore discuss what decision theory a real-world reinforcement learner implements.

Johannes Treutlein
Researcher,
Foundational Research Institute

Caspar Oesterheld
Researcher,
Foundational Research Institute

Johannes Treutlein researches anthropics and decision theory at the Foundational Research Institute. Before his work at FRI, Johannes studied the double bass in Stuttgart and Nuremberg and played with the Munich Philharmonic.

Caspar studied computer science at the University of Bremen. In middle and high school, he completed a year's worth of university-level courses in mathematics at the University of Hamburg. He has published in the journal Synthese and his research areas include theoretical computer science, ethics, and artificial intelligence.

Prof. William MacAskill

Current status of the EA movement

15 october / 10:00 — 10:50 / room H 2013

Prof. William MacAskill
Associate Professor in Philosophy, University of Oxford
CEO, Centre for Effective Altruism

I give an overview of the progress of the EA movement over the last year, giving updates from the major EA organisations, and highlighting broad themes.

I then discuss the importance of 'doing good together'. As the community grows, it becomes increasingly important to think not about how **I** as an individual can do the most good, but also about how **we** as a community can do the most good. I suggest some ways in which this "community impact" approach might lead to different strategies for doing good than a purely individualistic approach would recommend.

William MacAskill is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Oxford University. He has published in leading philosophy journals including Mind, Ethics and The Journal of Philosophy. He is a cofounder of Giving What We Can, 80,000 Hours, and the Centre for Effective Altruism, and is the author of Doing Good Better, an introduction to effective altruism.

Carrick Flynn

AI Strategy and Policy

15 october / 11:30 — 12:00 / room H 2032

Carrick Flynn
Research Project Manager, Future of Humanity Institute

This talk will assume some familiarity with why AI policy and strategy are of interest to effective altruists. (If you are not familiar with this area, and would like to be, please watch the talk "The AI revolution and international politics" given by Allan Dafoe at EAG Boston earlier this year and available on youtube.)

This talk will provide a brief high level overview of AI strategy, its relationship to policy, and some of the major issues it covers. It will also provide a deep dive into one example area. Finally, it will provide some guidance on how to get involved and ways to contribute to this cause area.

Carrick Flynn is a Research Project Manager with the Future of Humanity Institute at the University of Oxford, where he focuses on AI strategy and policy. He has a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School and has lived and worked in public interest organizations in the United States, Kenya, Liberia, Timor-Leste, India, Malaysia, Ethiopia, and the United Kingdom.

Patrick Stadler

Lessons from Building an EA Charity: New Incentives

15 october / 15:00 — 15:30 / room H 2013

Patrick Stadler
Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, New Incentives

This talk explores the lessons learned from building Give Well funded EA charity New Incentives. New Incentives encourages mothers in rural Nigeria with small cash transfers to vaccinate their children and thereby protect them from deadly diseases. Topics include: How to identify a cost-effective development intervention, conditional cash transfers, and scale it to over 25,000 beneficiaries? Which challenges jeopardized the organization's future and how were they addressed? How to engage with researchers in implementing randomized controlled trials to measure impact? What is key in managing a startup organization growing to 50+ staff?

Patrick is the Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer at New Incentives. Before joining New Incentives, he was a Policy Advisor on international development cooperation for the Swiss Government. Previously, he worked for the United Nations in New York, contributing to the organization's peace initiatives through strategic political analysis and communications.

Persis Eskander

Wild-Animal Suffering Movement Building Through Research

15 october / 15:00 — 15:30 / room H 2032

Wild animals exist in huge numbers. Their aggregate suffering occurs on an enormous scale. However, very few people are concerned. The neglectedness of wild-animal suffering (WAS) is, in part, due to the complexity of conceiving solutions to it. If WAS advocates stand any chance at finding cost-effective interventions, they need support. This presentation considers three research strategies: wildlife management; the impact of human activities on WAS; and wild animal experiences, and explores the role they'll play in building the WAS movement.

Persis Eskander
Research Associate, Wild-Animal Suffering Research

Persis conducts research aimed at identifying ways to reduce wild-animal suffering. She has worked in qualitative research and analysis in the not-for-profit and public sector over the last eight years, and has been a part of the WASR team since its inception. Persis is currently focusing on how human activities impact wild wild-animal suffering.

Liv Boeree

Raising the Stakes: When Poker Meets EA

15 october / 16:00 — 16:30 / room H 2013

Fore some poker players, large winnings might mean adding more luxuries to their lives. But for an increasing number of players, going home with a big prize presents an opportunity to do an exceptional amount of good. This growing interest in philanthropy within the world of poker is not a coincidence. In order to succeed in poker, one needs a set of thinking tools that I believe are also part of any effective altruist's mindset. Seen from the right perspective, thinking in terms of effectiveness can improve your poker skills, but playing poker can also help you become a better altruist.

Liv Boeree
Co-founder, Raising for Effective Giving

Liv is a professional poker player and science communicator. She discovered poker shortly after graduating in Astrophysics from the University of Manchester, and she is now one of the most successful poker players in the world. Earlier this year, she and her partner Igor Kurganov won the World Series of Poker Tag Team Championship, defeating 102 teams and earning over $270k, half of which they donated to charity.

Lucius Caviola

Against Naive Effective Altruism

15 october / 16:00 — 16:30 / room H 2032

Lucius Caviola
PhD Student in Psychology, University of Oxford

I argue that effective altruism poses dangers by allowing for the possibility to be misinterpreted or applied in an unreflective way. Human cognition has its limits and an explicit attempt of doing the most good can therefore sometimes go wrong. An unreflective application of effective altruism can, for example, lead to a disregard of important interpersonal values, bad life choices and psychological harm, unbalanced views, and in the worst case to forms of fanaticism. Being aware of these dangers and their underlying psychological biases can help us develop respective countermeasures.

Lucius Caviola is a co-founder of the Effective Altruism Foundation. He studied psychology at the universities of Basel and Oxford and researches in cognitive and moral psychology at the Department for Experimental Psychology and the Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford.

Panel

The Future of Effective Altruism

Moderation: Stefan Torges
14 october / 17:30 — 18:10 / room H 2013 and H 2032

How can EA best capitalize on its successes to realize its ambition to do the most good we can do? What are the community's key challenges and opportunities in the coming years? This panel will focus on the future of EA and include a discussion of exciting current developments such as the formation of a new institute at the University of Oxford.

Prof. William MacAskill
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Oxford University

Michelle Hutchinson
Researcher in Philosophy, University of Oxford

Max Daniel
Executive Director, Foundational Research Institute

Owen Cotton-Barratt
Research Fellow, Future of Humanity Institute

Panel

Should Animal Advocates focus on Veganism or Antispeciesism?

Moderation: Jens Tuider
15 october / 11:30 — 12:10 / room H 2013

Animal advocates use different strategies to help animals. This panel will focus on two of them — advocating dietary change to reduce demand for animal products, as opposed to a message that aims to promote the general principle that we ought not discriminate against animals based on morally irrelevant characteristics such as their species (anti-species-ism). What are their pros and cons, and which of these strategies is more effective at reducing animal suffering?

Leah Edgerton
Digital Media Manager, ProVeg International

Tobias Leenaert
veganstrategist.org; Co-Founder of ProVeg International and CEVA

Magnus Vinding
Author

Oscar Horta
Board, Animal Ethics, Professor of Philosophy, University of Santiago de Compostela

Panel: Should Animal Advocates focus on Veganism or Antispeciesism?

Leah Edgerton

Digital Media Manager, ProVeg International

Leah joined ProVeg International this summer and works in communications, strategy, and internationalization. Previously, she worked as Digital Media Manager for Animal Charity Evaluators, where she specialized in communicating effective altruism concepts to general audiences. She has been involved in effective altruism for five years and animal advocacy her whole life.

Tobias Leenaert

veganstrategist.org; Co-Founder of ProVeg International and CEVA

Tobias Leenaert is the author of How to Create a Vegan World: a Pragmatic Approach and blogs at www.veganstrategist.org. He is a longtime speaker and strategist, and together with Melanie Joy, gives vegan advocacy trainings all over the world for the Center for Effective Vegan Advocacy (CEVA). He is also Co-Founder of ProVeg International.

Magnus Vinding

Author

Magnus Vinding has published books about veganism and speciesism, including Why We Should Go Vegan, Why "Happy Meat" Is Always Wrong, and Speciesism: Why It Is Wrong and the Implications of Rejecting It. Other books include Reflections on Intelligence, a call for skepticism about certain claims about "intelligence", and You Are Them, a short book about personal identity and ethics.

Oscar Horta

Board, Animal Ethics, Professor of Philosophy, University of Santiago de Compostela

Oscar Horta a member of Animal Ethics and has been involved in vegan and antispeciesist activism since the mid 90s. He teaches philosophy at the University of Santiago de Compostela, and has been a visiting researcher in different universities in Europe and the US. His main fields of work are speciesism and wild animal suffering.

Panel Moderation

Stefan Torges

Executive Director,
Raising for Effective
Giving, Effective
Altruism Foundation

Stefan Torges has been a project manager at the Effective Altruism Foundation since 2015. He manages Raising for Effective Giving, where he advises anyone seeking to maximize the impact of their donation. Stefan also regularly gives talks and workshops on effective altruism. He holds a degree in philosophy and cognitive science from the Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg.

Jens Tuider

Executive Assistant
ProVeg International

Jens is Executive Assistant at ProVeg International and also works for Beyond Carnism and Animal Equality. He heads an interdisciplinary working group on animal ethics (IAT) at the University of Heidelberg, and runs an online arguments database (www.animalrights.info). Jens studied philosophy with a focus on animal ethics. He has published articles given presentations and workshops at international events.

Moderation

Michèle Schenker

Michèle works as HR consultant in Hamburg and has been involved in the effective altruism movement for over two years.

Pegah Maham

Pegah is in her last semester of Statistics/Data Science at the HU, TU and FU in Berlin. She also works as communication and argumentation trainer, as well as moderator (most recently at the Brandenburg Government).

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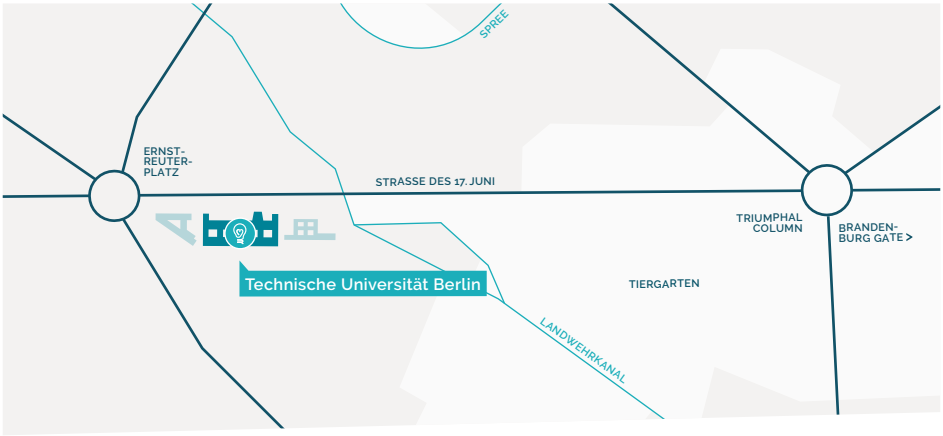
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