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## Institute for Advanced Study (IAS)

With this newsflash, we will inform subscribers to our newsflash and members of the UvA-IAS community of research findings, new projects, possibilities for cooperation and grants, events, and other relevant news of the IAS.

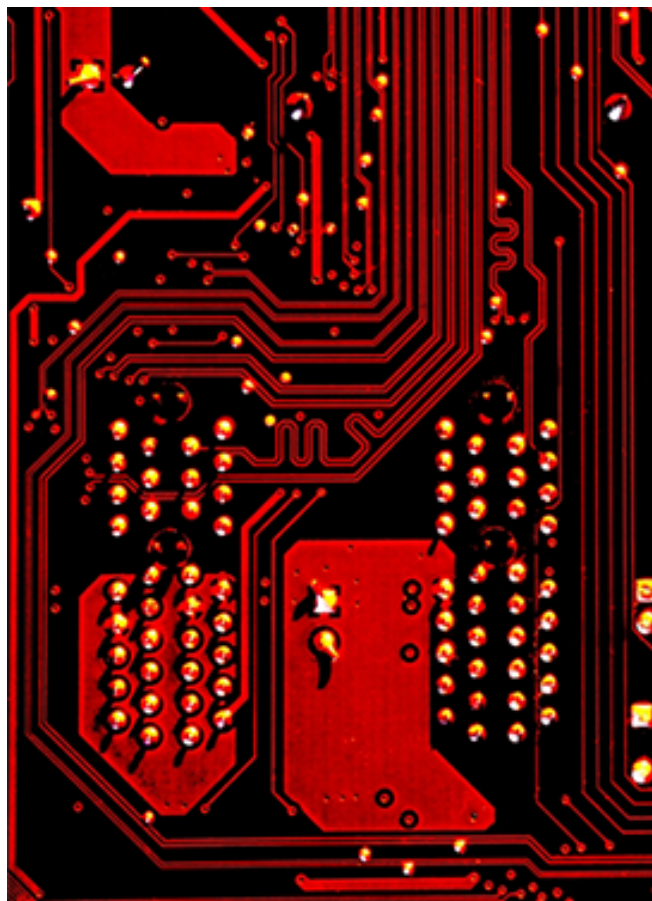
### Here's what you missed

#### Towards living guidelines for the use of LLMs

In June 2023, prof. Claudi Bockting and colleagues organised a summit on the advantages and risk of large language models (LLMs), which was held at the Institute for Advanced

Study. The event brought together a large number of organisations from throughout Europe and the Netherlands to produce "living guidelines" to address opportunities and challenges brought on by the rapid growth of LLMs.

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## Climate justice at national level

A broad group of scientists and government representatives met on June 14th, 2023, at the Institute for Advanced Study, to address the need for climate justice in Dutch climate policy, based on the findings from the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR). During the meeting, key points were raised about distributive justice as a starting point, behavioural changes, and challenges related with national policy.

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# What's new at IAS



## Launch of the Policy Fellowship

In the context of the [IAS theme governance of complexity](#), we have launched a special fellowship modality: the Policy Fellowship. We are happy to announce that from November 2023, [Agustin Reyna](#) (The European Consumer Organisation), and [Hannah Nohlen](#) (European Commission) will join the IAS as the two first IAS Policy Fellows. Interesting in meeting them? Join the lecture by Reyna on 9 November in which he will talk about effectiveness in consumer protection.

[More information and register for the lecture →](#)

## Meet our new fellow: Andrea Leiter

As of September 2023, we welcomed a new fellow: [Andrea Leiter](#). She focuses on blockchain-based Decentralised Autonomous Organisations (DAOs) and token-engineering mechanisms as potential pathways for new valuation practices that measure and allocate value in a more fair and equitable way. Interested in knowing more about Andrea and her research? Watch her [kick-off video](#), or join her

kick-off lecture on 17 Oct (noon, lunch included).

More information and register for the lecture →



## POLDER: A new approach to Policy-Making

POLDER is an UvA initiative that envisions a future where complex systems thinking, co-creation and simulation models are central to policymaking and education, fostering better, adaptive decisions for cross-generational societal challenges. They aim for a world where decision-making is acknowledged as a complex, adaptive process, and all stakeholders are equipped to co-navigate this intricacy. Before summer they welcomed a business developer, Ted Jan Post, and a Postdoc, Fabian Dablander to further develop the project. From September 2023 onwards, POLDER will host regular meetings with scientists from across the UvA and beyond, who are able to create new forms of governance and decision-making while sparking creativity and cooperation. If

you are interested in joining one of these meetings, their upcoming events will be accessible through the [IAS event page](#).

Learn more about POLDER →

## Save the date

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### (Re)coding Value in the Digital Economy

Institute for Advanced Study (Sweelinck Room, Oude Turfmarkt 147, 1012GC Amsterdam), 12:00 - 14:00

Andrea Leiter, Assistant Professor at UvA Amsterdam Center for International Law, will kick off her fellowship with a lecture. She highlights the critical impact of how value is assessed in society, emphasizing the detrimental consequences of the current financial-centric approach, including wealth inequality and environmental harm. She will explore new perspectives on value, with a specific focus on blockchain-based Decentralised Autonomous Organisations (DAOs) and token-engineering mechanisms as potential solutions for fairer and more equitable value measurement and distribution.

## News from our network



BSAF Award for alumni fellow Fernando Santos and



Uleman's work on Alzheimer's disease wins

## colleagues

Jean Zarate (Springer Nature) has awarded Fernando Santos and colleagues, currently affiliated with DIEP, the BSAF Award for Best Neuroimaging Paper 2023 for their work on high-order interactions in the brain. Santos supervised the work of first author Eduarda Centeno and co-authors, where they principally developed 3-D plots of pairwise and higher-order interactions projected in a brain atlas. This milestone summarises Fernando's initial journey at IAS in which he aims to advance on interdisciplinary research on high-order networks.

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## prize

The Association for Epidemiology's board has awarded Jeroen Uleman the 2023 VvE Junior Researcher Publication Prize for his work on Alzheimer's disease during the Annual Netherlands Epidemiology congress (WEON). His paper stood out among others as it addressed multiple interlinking causal factors of cognitive decline of Alzheimer's disease Uleman and his team were praised for their innovative approach using a system dynamics model that includes feedback loops, visualizing the causality in an intuitive way, and uses triangulation of published knowledge.

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