

Call for Papers: Global young-faculty industry symposium for responsible AI

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Global Young-Faculty Industry Symposium for Responsible AI, a global and hybrid event held on two continents aimed at fostering dialogue between young faculty members and industry professionals. The symposium is dedicated to fostering scientific exchange and collaboration between academia and industry. This symposium focuses on advancing our understanding and development of responsible artificial intelligence through the exchange and cross-validation of methodologies for creating user-centered and context-sensitive AI applications.

The symposium is organized by the emerging global network for user-centred and context-sensitive AI applications NET-hUmAIN that is funded by the World Universities Network (WUN) and spans five continents. It is part of the project teams' efforts to bundle, share, and cross-validate already existing academic knowledge on how to reach responsible AI applications in a specific context. The symposium invites early-career researchers and practitioners around the globe to share their context-sensitive approaches of responsible AI and make them visible and accessible. We are particularly interested in discussions on how responsible and ethical AI applications contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and thus foster economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability.

We invite submissions from early-career researchers, young faculty members, and industry professionals addressing at least one of the following topics:

1. Research contributions that expand the understanding of responsible AI applications and in particular address critical interfaces (e.g. between developers and users or suppliers and producers, etc.).
2. Research or practitioner contributions that address the challenges of responsible and ethical AI applications against a global backdrop.
3. Examples of good practice for responsible AI applications that are sensitive for the given context and mindful of potentially negative downstream effects.

We particularly encourage submissions that:

- Present novel AI applications addressing specific SDGs
- Discuss ethical implications and responsible AI practices
- Propose collaborative frameworks between academia and industry
- Offer perspectives from diverse geographical and cultural contexts

Dates and Locations:

Bochum, Ruhr University (Germany): 30.01.2025 – 9 a.m. (Local time)

Pretoria, Future Africa Campus, (South Africa) : 31.01.2025 – 9 a.m. (Local time)

Submission guidelines:

Please provide a short Abstract (300-500 words) until November 10, 2024 and send it to net-human@rub.de. Abstracts will be evaluated based on originality, relevance to the symposium theme, methodological rigor, and potential impact on sustainable development.

Symposium Format:

The event will feature different formats (e.g. keynote speeches, panel discussions, paper presentations, interactive workshops). Participants will have the opportunity to attend sessions at any

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of the two locations or participate virtually. There will be events in which both local sites are connected and discuss their key insights.

Symposium organizers:

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For information on prices and venues please visit <https://net-humain.com/> or contact net-humain@rub.de.