

# Die digitale Gesellschaft von morgen gestalten

23. März 2022

in der Botschaft des Königreichs der Niederlande

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Anlässlich der Übergabe der EPTA-Präsidentschaft von den Niederlanden an Deutschland lädt die Botschaft des Königreichs der Niederlande in Berlin am 23.3.2022 zu einer Dialogveranstaltung ein.

EPTA ist das europäische Netzwerk für Institutionen der parlamentarischen Technikfolgenabschätzung. Die 25 Mitglieder von EPTA beraten ihre jeweiligen Parlamente zu möglichen gesellschaftlichen, wirtschaftlichen und umweltbezogenen Auswirkungen wissenschaftlicher und technologischer Innovationen (<https://eptanetwork.org>).

## Programm

19:00 Uhr Begrüßung durch S.E. den Botschafter Ronald van Roeden,  
Grußwort des Vorsitzenden des Ausschusses für Bildung, Forschung und  
Technikfolgenabschätzung des Deutschen Bundestages, Kai Gehring

19:15 Uhr Symbolische Übergabe der EPTA-Präsidentschaft von den Niederlanden an Deutschland

19:30 Uhr Politik und Wissenschaft im Dialog: „Die digitale Gesellschaft von morgen gestalten“

Thematischer Impuls: Prof. Dr. Armin Grunwald (Leiter des TAB),  
Dr. Mariëtte van Huijstee (Koordinatorin, Rathenau Instituut)

Dialog mit den Berichterstatter/innen für Technikfolgenabschätzung der  
Bundestagsfraktionen:

Laura Kraft (B90/Die Grünen), Prof. Dr. Stephan Seiter (FDP), Prof. Dr. Michael Kaufmann  
(AfD), Ralph Lenkert (Die Linke)

Interaktion mit Publikum vor Ort und Zoom-Teilnehmer/innen der EPTA-Partnereinrichtungen  
Moderation: Dr. Petra Verhoef (Rathenau Instituut)

Ca. 20:30 Uhr Ende

Die Veranstaltung findet auf Englisch statt.

Link zum Livestream: [https://youtu.be/B\\_FLtGg9Er8](https://youtu.be/B_FLtGg9Er8)

Ort: Botschaft des Königreichs der Niederlande, Klosterstraße 50, 10179 Berlin

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On the occasion of the handover of the EPTA presidency from the Netherlands to Germany, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands invites to a reception and dialogue on 23.3.2022.

EPTA is the European network for parliamentary technology assessment institutions. The 25 EPTA partners advise parliaments on the possible social, economic and environmental impact of scientific and technological innovations (<https://eptanetwork.org>).

## Programme

7:00 p.m. Welcome by H.E. Ambassador Ronald van Roeden,  
Greeting by the Chairman of the Committee for Education, Research and Technology  
Assessment of the German Bundestag, Kai Gehring

7:15 p.m. Symbolic handover of the EPTA Presidency from the Netherlands to Germany

7:30 p.m. Politics and science in dialogue: "Shaping tomorrow's digital society".

Thematic impulse: Prof. Dr. Armin Grunwald (Director of TAB),  
Dr. Mariëtte van Huijstee (Coordinator at the Rathenau Instituut)

Dialogue with the rapporteurs for technology assessment of the parliamentary groups in  
the German Bundestag:

Laura Kraft (B90/Die Grünen), Prof. Dr. Stephan Seiter (FDP), Prof. Dr. Michael Kaufmann  
(AfD), Ralph Lenkert (Die Linke)

*Interaction with on-site audience and Zoom attendees from EPTA partner institutions*

Moderation: Dr. Petra Verhoef (Rathenau Instituut)

Around 8:30 p.m. Closing

The event will be held in English.

Streaming-Link: [https://youtu.be/B\\_FLtGq9Er8](https://youtu.be/B_FLtGq9Er8)

Location: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Klosterstraße 50, 10179 Berlin

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Digital technologies are a game changer for our society and the way we live together in a multitude of ways: we receive and provide information, communicate, connect, work, vote, consult a doctor, study, navigate, find a partner or a job, shop, watch movies and listen to music, play games, and do many more things digitally. The process of digitisation started with the conception of the internet in the 1970s, picked up considerable pace with the advent of the smartphones only 15 years ago and is now reaching almost all aspects of our lives. Whenever digital applications penetrate a domain, the “traditional” way of this activity is profoundly affected – in many cases in a disruptive way. Frequently these processes produce winners and losers: Life is not easy for newspaper and street map publishers, compact disk producers, movie theaters, stationary shops or bookstores whereas digital platforms thrive. With “immersive” technologies like augmented reality, virtual reality and voice computers the physical and digital worlds are becoming closely interlinked and merge into one. Facebooks “Metaverse” is the latest prominent example of this technological vision. Being digital is not a choice or an option anymore, it is increasingly becoming a requirement for living our everyday lives.

Together with significant improvements of convenience, quality of life, welfare and prosperity these changes also bring a lot of questions for society and policy to address. How do we deal with each other in the new digital world? Do we control the digital world, or are we controlled by it? Who owns the data that is collected about us? How is privacy, data safety and security maintained? How can we deal with the threats that fake news and disinformation pose to public discourse and the functioning of democracy? How can the internet as a critical infrastructure be designed to be resilient to technical failures or malevolent actors?

Finding answers to questions like these and providing orientation for Members of Parliament and other policy makers is the prime mission of Technology Assessment institutions like the Rathenau Institute (Netherlands) and TAB (Germany). The Rathenau Institute has published a set of “design requirements for tomorrow's digital society”, which will serve as a starting point of the discussion today (<https://www.rathenau.nl/en/digital-society/rathenau-manifesto-set-10-design-requirements-tomorrows-digital-society-now>).

Neon light trails at “Questions for the future”,  
a socio-critical work of art that is intended to  
encourage people to question modern trends.

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