

Press release

Leibniz Research Network Science 2.0 initiates Europe- wide research project to optimize digital science.

More than 50 scientists met at the kick-off workshop of the Leibniz Research Network Science 2.0 in Hamburg – Multidisciplinary research group agrees on joint research projects to investigate digital shift in scientific practice

Hamburg, 25 February 2013: From 14 to 15 February 2013, a total of 30 partner institutions from Germany, Austria and Switzerland met at the kick-off workshop of the Leibniz Science Research Network 2.0 in Hamburg. A project marketplace was organized for both days. As part of the marketplace a total of 23 project proposals were discussed between the partners and collaborations were agreed. By the end of March, the research group will set up a scientific agenda to develop conjoint expertises and tools to support digital science.

Dropbox, Mendeley, Facebook, XING, Research Gate, Google Drive, iCloud, Skype, Twitter, iversity, Slideshare – these are just some of the applications on the social web which are used by scientists for their daily work. But how do these applications change the daily work routines of scientists? Will there be a change in paradigms in the long term? What are the risks arising from the use of these tools, for example, regarding data protection and privacy? The newly launched Leibniz Research Network Science 2.0 focuses on new work habits, technological developments and user research, based on current and future research and publication processes in science. After the kick-off workshop the network will start with concrete research projects. The first research results will be presented at the International Conference on Science 2.0 which will take place in Hamburg from the 26 to 27 March 2014.

The research network is incorporated within the Leibniz Association whose member institutions are the driving force behind it. Professor Klaus Tochtermann, Director of the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics and Chair of Computer Science at the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel (CAU) is the spokesman for the research network. Besides Professor Tochtermann, Professor Marc Rittberger from the German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF), Peter Mutschke from GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS), Dr Andreas Witt from the Institute for German Language (IDS) and Professor Thomas Köhler from the Media Center of the Technical University of Dresden, head the board of directors.

The term Science 2.0 encompasses the rise of entirely different and primarily digital means of participation, communication, collaboration and discourse in the research and publishing

processes. ZBW director Tochtermann explains: "The use of social media in companies has been a subject of investigation for years. Social media are widely used within the scientific community nowadays, but surprisingly this has not been based on systematic and interdisciplinary research or even been the subject of concomitant research. This is where the multidisciplinary Research Network Science 2.0 comes in. We are looking for the key to a completely innovated research and publishing support that would not even be possible without social media."

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