

talkKIT 2012: Challenges of a Networked World

Technology Forum Organized by KIT Students Focuses on the Role of Germany in Digital Economy



talkKIT, the technology forum at KIT, discusses topics of relevance to society. (Photo: Janek Stroisch)

Presently, more than 2.2 billion people have access to the internet. In 2014, the globally transmitted data volume will have increased to more than 1.3 billion gigabytes. The opportunities and risks associated with this development will be in the focus of the technology forum “talkKIT: Connected World – Mehr als seine digitale Herausforderung?” (More than a Digital Challenge) on Friday, May 10, at the Audimax, KIT Campus South, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). The event will be under the auspices of Federal Minister of Research Dr. Annette Schavan.

Every year, the talkKIT technology forum established by students focuses on socially relevant topics and trends at the interfaces of technology, economy, and society. On Thursday, May 10, experts of science, economy, and politics will discuss digital challenges in the networked world, such as the extension of IT infrastructures for data exchange or the role of Germany and Europe in a digital world.

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Moreover, the event will present new approaches as to how society may respond to this development.

The event will be opened on Friday, May 10, 9.45 hrs at the Audimax (building 30.95) on KIT Campus South by Hans-Jürgen Werner, Head of Intel Communications. Then, Professor Jörn Müller-Quade of the KIT Institute of Cryptography and Security and Dirk Fox from the Karlsruhe IT company Secorvo Security Consulting among others will discuss during the following data security panel.

From 14.00 to 15.30 hrs, short presentations (pitches) will follow, the presenters being among others Dr. Jochen Dinger, Fiducia, an IT provider for financial services and IT competence center, Professor Friedemann Mattern, Dean of the Department of Informatics, ETH Zurich, Lars Hinrichs, co-founder of the internet network XING, and the mp3 developer Professor Karlheinz Brandenburg from the Fraunhofer Institute for Digital Media Technology.

After this, a podium discussion with the following participants will follow: Martina Koederitz, CEO of IBM Germany GmbH, Volker Smid, CEO of Hewlett-Packard GmbH, Ralph Haupter, CEO of Microsoft Deutschland and Area Vice President International, and Oliver Bussmann, CIO of SAP AG.

The interested public is cordially invited to join the event on May 10.

Detailed information on the program:

www.talkit.eu

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