



Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights

Summer School at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg (July 20 – 24, 2026)



More information



Dear Participant,

Welcome to Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)
and to the Summer School *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights*.

FAU is one of the most pioneering, diverse and innovative research universities in Europe. It connects excellence with principles, impact with responsibility, thinking with action. With approximately 40,000 students and more than 6,500 employees, FAU offers the entire spectrum of academic disciplines and is one of the largest universities in Germany. Since 1743, it has embraced change with a visionary approach while remaining firmly rooted in the region and connected across the globe. With more than 260 degree programs, five faculties, and campuses in Erlangen, Nuremberg and beyond, FAU combines diversity with outstanding performance.

Human rights research and education form an important part of the academic profile of our university. Through institutions such as the FAU Research Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU CHREN) and the Cluster of Excellence *Transforming Human Rights*, researchers from various disciplines contribute to advancing knowledge on contemporary human rights challenges. Located in Nuremberg – internationally known as the City of Peace and Human Rights – FAU benefits from a unique environment shaped by the city's historical significance and its ongoing commitment to human rights, democracy, and international dialogue.

This Summer School organized by FAU builds on the university's strong expertise in human rights research, bringing together lecturers and researchers from FAU, FAU CHREN and the Cluster of Excellence. It is funded by BAYHOST – the Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, which promotes academic cooperation and exchange between Bavaria and its partner countries. The University of Bayreuth contributes to the program with a dedicated day of lectures, workshops, and a cultural program, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Margravia Opera House.

Over the coming days, you will have the opportunity to engage with leading scholars and practitioners, exchange ideas with fellow students from different countries, and explore a wide range of interdisciplinary perspectives on human rights.

We encourage you to make the most of your time at FAU and wish you an inspiring, enjoyable, and memorable Summer School and a wonderful stay in Erlangen, Nuremberg and Bayreuth.



Prof. Andreas Hirsch, FAU Vice-President People

Tuesday, 14 July

16:00 – 17:00 | Online

Lecture

Introduction to Human Rights in Europe (Online)

Prof. Grażyna Baranowska

This introductory lecture examines the legal foundations of human rights protection in Europe within the broader framework of international human rights law. It introduces the origins and development of modern human rights standards, including the UN human rights instruments. The lecture then focuses on the European system of human rights protection, analyzing the role of the Council of Europe, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the European Court of Human Rights. It also examines the European Union's human rights framework, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the general principles of EU law. Special attention is given to the relationship and interaction between UN standards, Council of Europe mechanisms, and EU legal norms. The lecture further discusses human rights as a fundamental element of EU accession and enlargement policy, highlighting the Copenhagen criteria and the requirement that candidate countries demonstrate respect for democracy, the rule of law, and fundamental rights. By the end of the lecture, students will be able to identify the main legal sources of human rights protection in Europe and assess the role of human rights in European integration and governance.



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Prof. Dr. Grażyna Baranowska

has held the Chair of Migration Law and Human Rights at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg since August 2024. Her research focuses on disappeared persons, human rights violations at borders and memory laws. Prior to that, she was a senior researcher at Hertie School's Centre for Fundamental Rights, leading a project on missing migrants funded by the EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, and worked as an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Next to her academic work, she worked as policy advisor at the German Institute for Human Rights, and was involved in the process of drafting the General Comment on enforced disappearances and migration for the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances. In 2022, she was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as an independent expert of the UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances.

17:00 – 18:00 | Online

Preparatory Meeting (Online)

Summer School Coordination Team
(Elżbieta Garza & Patrik Stör)

<https://fau.zoom-x.de/j/64121989793>



Sunday, July 19

19:00 – 21:00 | NH Hotel

Pre-Summer School Gathering

Meeting Point:

NH Hotel Lobby,
Beethovenstrasse 3, 91052 Erlangen

Monday, July 20

08:15 | NH Hotel

Joint Walk to the Official Reception and Welcome Ceremony

Meeting Point: NH Hotel Lobby, Beethovenstrasse 3, 91052 Erlangen

08:30 | Orangerie

Registration

Orangerie, Wasserturmstrasse 3, 91054 Erlangen

09:00 – 09:15 | Orangerie

Official Reception by the FAU Vice-President People

Prof. Andreas Hirsch

09:15 – 09:30 | Orangerie

Official Welcome by BAYHOST

Mr. Nikolas Djukić, Executive Director

09:30–11:00 | Orangerie

Lecture

Introductory Lecture on Human Rights

Prof. Markus Krajewski

The lecture will introduce participants to international and regional human rights regimes, focusing on the UN and the ECHR. In addition to discussing the legal framework, the lecture will contextualize human rights law in political and social environments. The lecture will include specific cases and current issues such as corporate responsibility and the climate crisis.



Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski

is Professor of International Law at FAU's School of Law. He also co-directs the Master's program in Human Rights at FAU and the Cluster of Excellence "Transforming Human Rights". In his research he focuses on corporate responsibility and human rights.

11:00 – 11:15 | Orangerie

Short Break

11:15 – 12:15 | Orangerie

Icebreaker

Introductions and Icebreaker Activities

12:30 – 13:30 | Kollegienhaus

Light Lunch

Kollegienhaus, Universitätsstrasse 15, 91054 Erlangen, Room 2.018

13:30–16:30 | Kollegienhaus

Lecture

Open-Source Data and Human Rights

Prof. Blake Walker

This hands-on workshop introduces participants to a variety of approaches, methods, and tools commonly used for conducting open-source investigations, with particular focus on open-source geodata and satellite imagery. Through interactive team exercises, participants will be challenged to think critically about data quality, bias, and positionality, and reflect on fundamental questions of "truth" and uncertainty.

Participants are required to download, install, and test Google Earth Pro (free version) before day one of the summer school.

17:30–20:00

Joint Dinner (hosted by the organizers)

Meeting Point:

Hugenottenbrunnen, Schlossgarten, Erlangen



Prof. Dr. Blake Walker

Blake Walker is Professor of Digital Cultural Geography at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg and an Associated Investigator with the Cluster of Excellence "Transforming Human Rights". His research focuses on the critical application of geospatial data, remote sensing, and OSINT approaches for addressing acute societal challenges, primarily in the fields of human rights, armed conflict, and environmental health. His current regional foci are Syria and the occupied territories of Ukraine.

Tuesday, July 21

Day Trip to Bayreuth

7:00 | NH Hotel

Joint Walk to Erlangen Train Station

Meeting Point: NH Hotel Lobby, Beethovenstrasse 3, 91052 Erlangen

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10:30–12:00 | University of Bayreuth

Morning class

Regional Human Rights Systems

Prof. Thoko Kaime

This introductory class provides participants with an overview of regional human rights systems and their place within the broader international human rights framework. While the United Nations human rights system establishes universal standards, regional mechanisms have developed distinct approaches to the promotion and protection of human rights, reflecting the specific legal, political and social contexts of their regions. The session will begin with an introduction by Prof. Dr. Thoko Kaime (Chairholder, Chair of African Legal Studies), who will



Grace Sitati

is a doctoral researcher in the International Doctorate Program at Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) and a research assistant at the University of Bayreuth. She holds an LL.M. in Regional Integration and East African Community Law from the Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies (TGCL), University of Dar es Salaam; a Postgraduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law; and an LL.B. from Moi University, Kenya. She has a keen interest in the intersection of business and human rights, regional integration, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR).



Prof. Dr. Thoko Kaime

is Chair of African Legal Studies at the University of Bayreuth and an internationally recognized expert in international human rights law, international environmental law, and African legal systems. His research focuses on sustainability, governance, public participation, children's rights, and the relationship between law and social justice. Before joining the University of Bayreuth, he held academic positions at several leading UK universities. He is also a Principal Investigator in the Cluster of Excellence Transforming Human Rights at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) and collaborates extensively with international research partners, particularly across Africa.

examine the development, purpose and significance of regional human rights systems and their relationship with the international human rights regime. Building on this foundation, Grace Nafula Sitati (doctoral researcher, Chair of African Legal Studies) will introduce the African human rights system, focusing on its key institutions and legal instruments. Dr. Isabelle Zundel (post-doctoral researcher, University of Antwerp) will provide an overview of the Inter-American human rights system and its distinctive jurisprudential contributions, while Philipp Bogensperger (doctoral researcher, Chair of African Legal Studies) will present the European human rights system, with particular attention to the European Court of Human Rights. Together, these presentations will offer a comparative perspective on the three major regional human rights systems and provide participants with the conceptual foundation for the interactive afternoon session.

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12:00–13:00 | University of Bayreuth

Lunch

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13:00–13:30 | University of Bayreuth

Campus Tour

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13:30–15:00 | University of Bayreuth

Afternoon class

Interactive Class on Regional Human Rights Systems

Prof. Thoko Kaime & Philipp Bogensperger

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time, including in law, and regional human rights systems should be recognized as a key lens through which to address its human rights dimensions. In this context, this interactive class builds on the morning session and engages participants in a small-group exploration of key questions surrounding the pending



Dr. Isabelle Zundel

Isabelle Zundel is a postdoctoral researcher at the Law and Development Research Group. Before, she completed her law and doctoral studies at the University of Bayreuth. She specializes in international human rights law with a particular focus on African legal systems. Her research interests span human rights, international environmental law, and socio-legal studies.



Philipp Bogensperger

is a doctoral researcher in the International Doctorate Program. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International and Comparative Law from the George Washington University and completed the First State Examination in Law at the University of Bayreuth, where he previously obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in Law and Economics. His research adopts a comparative perspective on Europe and Africa, examining licit, illicit, and complicit forms of business conduct and their human rights implications.

Advisory Opinion of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights on the human rights obligations of African states in addressing the climate crisis (Request No. 001/2025). Although the Opinion has not yet been issued, participants will work through guided self-study methods using comparative materials, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' Advisory Opinion on the Climate Emergency and Human Rights (2025), the European Court of Human Rights judgment in Verein KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz and Others v. Switzerland (2024), and the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change (2025), alongside selected amicus curiae briefs submitted before the African Court. Participants will be provided with information packages and guiding questions. In small groups, they will critically engage with these materials, identify key legal and conceptual issues and develop a sound understanding of the topics. Each group will then present their insights in a short presentation, followed by a collective discussion reflecting on emerging themes, divergences across regional systems and the potential implications of these developments for the African Court's forthcoming Opinion on climate-related human rights obligations.

15:00–16:00 | Bayreuth

City Tour

16:00–18:00 | Bayreuth

Visit to the Margravia Opera House

18:00–19:00 | Bayreuth

Free Time

19:00 | Bayreuth

Return to Erlangen

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 – 10:30 | Kollegienhaus

Lecture

Human Rights and Freedom of Religion

Prof. Heiner Bielefeldt

Freedom of Religion or Belief (shorthand: FoRB) traditionally enjoys the reputation of a “classical” human right firmly anchored in various global and regional human rights documents. In addition to frequent violations in practice, however, FoRB is also exposed to conceptual misperceptions and ideological distortions. Indeed, more than other human rights (except perhaps freedom of expression), FoRB has been turned into a weapon of cultural warfare. Not only the US government under Trump and Vance, but also Russia under Putin and quite a number of other authoritarian governments have constructed an abstract (zero-sum) dichotomy between FoRB on the one hand and gender-related rights on the other. As a result of such polarization, FoRB seems to be losing much of its traditional reputation. Some even question its nature as a universal human right. Against such tendencies, Heiner Bielefeldt will clarify that FoRB, correctly understood, has an indispensable role to play in any holistic human rights agenda.



Prof. Dr. Heiner Bielefeldt

is Senior Professor of Human Rights at Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg. Before taking the newly established Chair of Human Rights, he served as director of the German Institute for Human Rights based in Berlin. Between 2010 and 2016, he also held the mandate of the UN special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief. In this capacity, he conducted fact-finding missions in various parts of the world. He also published extensively on human rights in general and freedom of religion in particular.

10:45 – 12:15 | Kollegienhaus

Lecture

Human Rights Education – Principles, Challenges, and Contexts

Prof. Manfred Pirner

The lecture will give participants the opportunity to reflect on the broader significance of education for the development of a culture of human rights. To this end, we will look at major milestones in the history of human rights education, examine some of the key texts, discuss present major challenges and gain an overview of prominent concepts of human rights education. As an exemplary context for action, school education will be addressed, with a special focus on childrens' rights. Also, the relationship between values education, political education and legal education in the context of human rights education will be discussed. As a background text for pre- or post-seminar reading the following article may be useful: Tibbitts, F. L. (2017). Revisiting 'emerging models of human rights education'. *International Journal of Human Rights Education*, 1(1).

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1467780.pdf>

12:15 – 13:30 | Mensa

Lunch Break

Mensa Langemarkplatz 4, 91054 Erlangen



**Prof. Dr.
Manfred L. Pirner**

is Senior Professor of Religious Education Research at FAU; he is also director of the Research Unit for Public Religion and Education (RUPRE; www.rupre.uni-erlangen.org) and founding member of the Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg. He started his professional career as a high school teacher and then went on to do teacher education at university. His main research fields are public theology and public education; human rights, education and religion; refugees and religion; and others. His most important publication on human rights in English: Pirner, M. L. (2016). *Human Rights, Religion, and Education. A Theoretical Framework*. In M. L. Pirner, J. Lähnemann & H. Bielefeldt (eds.), *Human Rights and Religion in Educational Contexts* (pp. 11-27). Cham: Springer International Publishing. Email: manfred.pirner@fau.de

13:30 – 15:00 | Kollegienhaus

Lecture

The Anatomy of Exclusion: (Countering) Discrimination in Germany

Dr. Nadja Kutscher

"The Anatomy of Exclusion: (Countering) Discrimination in Germany" will look at discrimination in Germany from three different angles. First, we will dive into concepts of discrimination and find appropriate definitions to answer the question: is this discrimination or just mean? Then, we will compare this understanding with the legal situation in Germany. And last not least, we will do a reality-check: discrimination is prohibited in Germany – but does the law work well, or what would be needed to improve the situation and prevent discrimination?

15:00 – 16:00 | Kollegienhaus

Presentation

Refugee Law Clinic

For the Summer School, representatives of the Refugee Law Clinic Erlangen-Nuremberg (RLC) will introduce their work in supporting refugees and asylum seekers through free legal information and counseling services. The presentation will provide an overview of the German asylum and residence law system and highlight the legal challenges many refugees face during their arrival and integration process. Participants will learn about the role of law clinics and how law students contribute to improving access to legal information. The RLC team will explain their counseling activities, including preparation for asylum interviews and guidance on rights and obligations during asylum procedures. They will also discuss cooperation with lawyers, university staff, and civil society organizations. In addition, the presentation will offer insights into volunteer engagement and the social impact of student-led initiatives. The session aims to foster a better understanding of refugee protection, legal support structures, and civic engagement in Germany.



Dr. Nadja Kutscher

is a political scientist who draws from both academic and practical experience when speaking about discrimination. Her PhD thesis was a discourse analysis of German far-right magazines with a focus on intersections of race and gender. For several years, she has worked in the field of far-right extremism and discrimination, e.g. heading a counseling center against discrimination in Southern Germany.

The Refugee Law Clinic Erlangen-Nuremberg (RLC)

is an initiative founded in 2015 by law students in Erlangen to support refugees. RLC provides refugees with free legal advice on matters relating to asylum and immigration law and it works closely with Prof. Grazyna Baranowska, practicing lawyers, and other support organizations.

16:15 – 17:30 | Kollegienhaus

Lecture

Negotiating Academic Freedom in Authoritarian Contexts

Dr. Alexandra Kaiser

This lecture examines how academic freedom is negotiated in authoritarian contexts, using China as a case study. It begins by outlining the international standards and protections associated with academic freedom and institutional autonomy, and explores how these safeguards are constrained or undermined under authoritarian rule. While academics in China have never enjoyed the full guarantees of academic freedom or institutional autonomy, there have historically been spaces for pluralistic perspectives and constructive criticism, resulting in informal norms that shaped what could be researched, discussed, and published. Under the leadership of General Secretary and President Xi Jinping, these spaces have narrowed significantly, requiring scholars to reassess established boundaries and practices. While academic freedom is exercised within the constraints of specific political and legal systems, academia itself is a global scholarly community. The lecture concludes by considering the transnational implications of this authoritarian tightening, examining how developments within China affect scholars, academic institutions, and research both within and beyond its borders.



Dr. Alexandra Kaiser

is an Assistant Professor (Akademische Rätin a.Z.) at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), affiliated with the Chair of Human Rights Law. She earned her doctorate in Chinese Regional Studies and Law from the University of Cologne in 2021 and has conducted research in Taiwan, China, and the UK. Before joining FAU in 2025, she held research positions at Academia Sinica in Taipei, the University of Cologne, and FAU, where she coordinated a BMBF-funded project on academic freedom in China. Her research focuses on law and justice in China and Taiwan, with a focus on human rights in criminal justice and on transnational civil and political rights issues.

17:30 – 19:45

Free Time

19:45 – 21:30 | Hugentottenplatz

Erlangen City Tour

Meeting Point: Hugentottenplatz, Kugelbrunnen, Erlangen

Thursday, July 23

Day Trip to Nuremberg

8:30 | NH Hotel

Joint Walk to Erlangen Train Station

Meeting Point: NH Hotel Lobby, Beethovenstrasse 3, 91052 Erlangen

10:00 – 12:00 | Nürnberg

Nuremberg City Tour

12:00 – 13:00 | Nürnberg

Lunch Break

13:15 – 14:45 | City Campus

Presentation

M.A. Human Rights

Ines Kalam

The M.A. Human Rights is an interdisciplinary and international postgraduate degree program offered at FAU. It addresses human rights in all areas of society and academia in their legal, political and philosophical dimensions. The course program covers fundamental challenges as well as current issues and various topical and regional specialization modules. It is taught entirely in English and welcomes students from all over the world. Graduates of the program will be equipped with theoretical and practical skills to pursue professional activities in different human rights contexts, such as in public administration, international and non-governmental organizations, academia and education, the media, interest groups and associations, as well as in specialized law firms and corporations.



Ines Kalam

has been the coordinator of the M.A. Human Rights since 2016. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and Public Law from Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg as well as a Master of Social Sciences (M.Soc.Sc.) in International Human Rights Law from Åbo Akademi University in Finland. She has previously worked with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights' regional office for South-East Asia and Åbo Akademi University's Institute for Human Rights.

15:00 – 17:30 | City Campus

Interactive Session

Climate Change, Justice, and Human Rights: Exploring Pathways through Simulation

Prof. Markus Beckmann

This interactive session explores climate change as a global challenge that is deeply connected to questions of justice, inequality, and human rights. Using the En-ROADS climate simulation developed by Climate Interactive and MIT Sloan, participants will experiment with different climate policy measures and observe their potential effects on global warming, energy systems, economic development, and emissions pathways. The simulation helps illustrate the systemic interdependencies and trade-offs involved in climate governance and sustainability transitions. Throughout the session, we will repeatedly reflect on the social and ethical implications of different policy choices. Who bears the costs of climate change? Who carries the burdens of transformation? How can climate policies be designed in ways that are both effective and socially just? Particular attention will be given to questions of equity, global responsibility, and the idea of a “Just Transition.” The workshop combines interactive learning, systems thinking, and critical discussion to encourage participants to reflect on the complex relationship between climate action, development, and human rights.



Prof. Dr. Markus Beckmann

is Professor of Corporate Sustainability Management at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). His research and teaching focus on corporate sustainability, business ethics, social entrepreneurship, and the governance of sustainability transformations. He works at the intersection of academia and practice and collaborates regularly with companies, public institutions, and civil society organizations on questions of sustainable and socially just transformation. Markus Beckmann is also a Climate Ambassador for the En-ROADS climate simulation developed by Climate Interactive and MIT Sloan.

18:00 – 19:00 | The Way of Human Rights

Walking Tour

The Way of Human Rights

Prof. Markus Krajewski

We will walk through Nuremberg’s “Street of Human Rights” close to Kornmarkt in downtown Nuremberg. We will reflect on the meaning of this work of art in particular for German history and contemporary politics.

19:00 | City Center Nuremberg

Dinner

Friday, July 24

9:00 – 10:30 | Kollegienhaus

Workshop

Language Rights in the Context of Linguistic Discrimination and Migration

Prof. Silke Jansen

The workshop examines language rights as fundamental human rights that protect individuals and communities in their freedom to choose, maintain, and use their heritage or preferred languages without discrimination. These rights are integral to identity, cultural continuity, democratic participation, and equitable access to education, justice, and healthcare. The workshop also sheds light on linguistic discrimination, understood as unfair or unequal treatment based on a person’s language, dialect, accent, use of a signed language, code choice/code-switching, or perceived proficiency. We contrast the normative framework of language rights with the de facto discrimination often faced by speakers of minoritized languages, particularly in postcolonial and migratory contexts. Such discrimination frequently stems from structural features of modern states—above all, the monolingual bias embedded in institutions—rooted in culturalist conceptions of the nation-state. Drawing on case studies from Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Germany, we explore how tensions between language rights and everyday discriminatory practices manifest in multilingual settings. Participants are also invited to share examples from their own lived experience. Together, we analyze the competing language ideologies that underpin these tensions and how different actors mobilize them to advance their interests, and we discuss practical pathways and policy options to mitigate discrimination and realize language rights.



Prof. Dr. Silke Jansen

holds a Magister and a PhD in Romance linguistics the University of Münster (Germany) and has undertaken study, research, and teaching stays in France, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Ecuador. She is Professor and Chair of Romance Linguistics at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), director of the Bavarian Academic Center for Latin America (BAYLAT), a member of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BAAdW), and an honorary professor at the University of Santa Clara (Cuba). As a sociolinguist, she examines how linguistic variation and difference shape identity and social differentiation in postcolonial and migratory contexts in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the diaspora, with particular attention to their political dimensions.

10:45 – 12:15 | Kollegienhaus

Lecture

Cyber Security and Human Rights: Protecting Digital Society in an Age of Cyber Threats

Dr.-Ing. Loui Al Sardy

Digital technologies have become an essential part of modern society, enabling communication, economic activity, education, healthcare, and democratic participation. At the same time, cyber threats increasingly affect not only technical systems but also fundamental rights and freedoms. This lecture explores the relationship between cybersecurity, digital rights, and societal resilience from an interdisciplinary perspective. Participants will examine how cyber incidents, online surveillance, misinformation, and attacks on critical infrastructure can impact privacy, freedom of expression, access to information, and trust in digital systems. The session will discuss current challenges arising from artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and the growing interdependence of societies on networked technologies. It will further introduce the concept of cyber resilience as a means of protecting both technological infrastructures and democratic values. Through interactive discussion, participants will reflect on the balance between security, innovation, and human rights in the digital age. The lecture aims to provide a broad understanding of how cybersecurity contributes to safeguarding open, resilient, and human-centered digital societies.



**Dr.-Ing.
Loui Al Sardy**

Dr.-Ing. Loui Al Sardy is Head of the Network Security Research Group at the Laboratory of Computer Networks and Communication Systems (INF7) at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). His research focuses on cybersecurity, critical infrastructure protection, cyber resilience, smart grids, and the secure application of artificial intelligence in networked systems. He teaches and supervises students in the areas of cybersecurity. Through his interdisciplinary work, he explores the interaction between technology, security, governance, and societal challenges in an increasingly digital world.

12:15 – 14:00 | Kollegienhaus

Exchange Session and Light Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 | Kollegienhaus

Closing Session

Elżbieta Garza & Patrik Stör

Practical Information

- **Accommodation** (double rooms with twin beds, from 19 July, 3 p.m. to 25 July, 12 p.m., including breakfast buffet): NH Hotel Erlangen, Beethovenstraße 3, 91052 Erlangen
- **Meals:** Breakfast at the hotel and lunch throughout the Summer School are included. Unless specified otherwise in the program, dinner is at participants' own expense.
- **Lecture Venues:**
 - Orangerie, Wasserturmstraße 3, 91054 Erlangen
 - Kollegienhaus, Universitätsstraße 15, Rooms 2.013 and 2.018, 91054 Erlangen
 - City Campus Nürnberg, Andreij-Sacharow-Platz 1, 90403 Nürnberg
- **Transportation:** Most venues are within walking distance. For scheduled trips, we will use public transport. Tickets will be provided by the organizers.
- **Attendance**
Participants are expected to attend all lectures, workshops, and program activities. Please wear your name badge throughout the Summer School. Certificates of Participation will be presented during the Closing Session.
- **FAU Summer School Organizing Team**
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