



LECTURES

summer semester '23
- infrastructuring indeterminacies -

Lectures will be on site and online.

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Apr 6th '23 | 16-18

Julie Sascia Mewes, Ruhr University Bochum and Frauke Rohden, University of Oslo, CAIS Bochum
„Timing Devices in Academia“

Apr 20th '23 | 14-16

Phoebe Sengers, Cornell University
„Time on the Edge of Infrastructure“

May 4th '23 | 14-16

Laura Kocksch, TANTLab, Aalborg University Copenhagen
„Fragile Computing - When Digital Security is Beyond Repair“

Jun 22nd '23 | 14-16

Andrey Korbut, Centre for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS)
„Robotic Technoperformances: Interactional Indeterminacies in Public Appearances of Anthropomorphic Robots“

Jul 6th '23 | 16-18

Lindsay Poirier, Smith College
„Juking the Stats: Ethnographies of Disclosure Datasets“

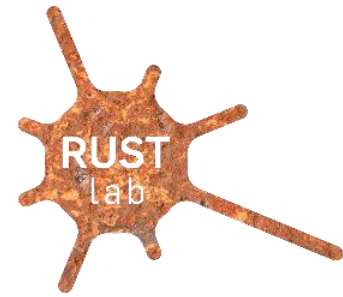


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Infrastructuring Indeterminacies

Infrastructures provide stability and determination. Or do they?

What happens if we look in a different direction at where and at how infrastructures can be indeterminate and facilitate what is new, unexpected, contingent, breaking down, and barely even possible?

This term, the RUSTlab Lectures will engage in thinking about infrastructuring alongside indeterminacy. Infrastructuring indeterminacy and indeterminate infrastructures are dynamic processes of excess and overflows. By relating the two concepts to each other, we hope to raise questions about how to find ways to live with indeterminacies in a complex world. Can indeterminacies be infrastructured? Should they? Which ones?

Time is central in the study of infrastructuring indeterminacy. Opening the lecture series, Julie Mewes and Frauke Rohden analyze how timing devices contribute to infrastructuring academia. Phoebe Sengers, current visiting scholar at the RUSTlab, takes us to remote places of the world, inquiring the indeterminacies unfolding when local and extended infrastructures of different temporalities collide.

Repair is one of the techniques necessary to maintain the relationship between infrastructures and indeterminacy. Instead of the standard narrative of strength and the comprehensive character of digital security infrastructures, Laura Kocksch will in her lecture discuss digital security as indeterminate and beyond repair.

Even the most advanced, standardized and infrastructured technologies are indeterminate. Andrey Korbut identifies indeterminacy in anthropomorphic robot interactions. His lecture takes us to Andrey's empirical observations from public robot performances.

In the last lecture this term, Lindsay Poirier will attend to a key epistemic infrastructure of the modern world: Statistics. Indeterminacy may be both the reason for bending statistics, and its outcome.

Please join us for these exciting lectures and discussions on five Thursdays in the summer term - online and on site. For more details, see <https://rustlab.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/>

See you there, and welcome!