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Invitation to the inaugural lecture

How to know responsibly in a world in crisis?



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2008 PhD at the University of Vienna. 2008–2014 postdoctoral researcher and Apart-Fellow at the University of Vienna, the University of Oslo and the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin. 2012–2018 assistant professor & 2018–2025 associate professor for science and knowledge cultures at the Department of Science and Technology Studies of the University of Vienna. Adjunct professor at the Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture, University of Oslo from 2024. 2025 promotion to full professor at the University of Vienna.

Research

- Cultures of academic knowledge production
- (e)Valuation and assessment of academic practices
- Research and university governance and policy
- Responsibility and relevance in research and innovation

“I am interested in exploring what producing and sharing responsible and relevant knowledge might mean in contemporary academia, and how the spaces of academic work and their institutional environments can be structured to foster knowledge that productively speaks to the crisis of our time.”

Programme

Friday, 16 January 2026, 16:00
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Welcome

by Manuela Baccarini
(Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna)

Opening words

Michaela Pfadenhauer
(Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences)

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After the lecture, we would like to invite you to a small reception.

For organisational reasons, please register for the event by
Wednesday, 7 January 2026 using this link:
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