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# The Volatile Public Sphere

Invitation to the inaugural lecture  
Thursday, 17 November 2022, 17:00  
University of Vienna, Main Ceremonial Hall



**Annie Waldherr**  
Professor of Computational  
Communication Science



# Professor Annie Waldherr

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Annie Waldherr (\*1980) is Professor of Computational Communication Science at the Department of Communication at the University of Vienna. She studied Communication Science at the University of Hohenheim and the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Oregon. She held positions at the Institute for Social Sciences at the University of Hohenheim and the Institute for Media and Communication Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin, where she also obtained her PhD in 2011. Before joining the University of Vienna in September 2020, Annie Waldherr was Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication at the University of Münster.

## Research focus

Her research revolves around the broader areas of public spheres and digitalization, political communication, technology and science communication as well as computational social science. Annie Waldherr is currently Chair of the Computational Methods Division of the International Communication Association (ICA) and member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Communication*, *Communication Theory*, *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Communication Methods & Measures*, *Computational Communication Research* as well as *Media and Communication*.

*“With my research, I aim to explain the patterns and dynamics of public communication in today’s digitized and data-driven societies.”*

# Programme

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## **Thursday, 17 November 2022**

Main Ceremonial Hall of the University of Vienna  
Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

**17:00**

### **Welcome by**

Regina Hitzenberger  
(Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna)

### **Welcome address**

Hajo Boomgaarden  
(Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences)

### **Inaugural lecture**

Annie Waldherr

## **The Volatile Public Sphere**

**After the lecture, we would like to invite you to a small reception  
in the Small Ceremonial Hall.**

Please register if you have not yet registered until 15 November 2022:  
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