

MEET OUR MENTOR

Konstanze Alex obtained her Ph.D. in Technical Communication & Rhetoric at Texas Tech University. Her professional experience includes chairing the German Language program at the University of Texas at El Paso, leading the creation of the first generation of online language textbooks at US educational publisher Holt, Rinehart & Winston and leading Dell Technologies' b2b analyst relations before joining DHBW Mosbach Cooperative State University almost three years ago. Leaning fully into Digital Transformation was indispensable in all her experiences.



DR. KONSTANZE ALEX

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Prof'in Kay Berkling now directs the Online Bachelor of Computer Science program at DHBW Mosbach and leads the Competence Center for Agile Distributed Learning Communities. She has a background in higher education didactics and orthography acquisition, with a focus on linguistics and natural language processing. Currently, she is dedicated to designing the university of the future, where flexible, personalized study paths are possible on an international level. I'm passionate about empowering others to achieve their potential through technology, innovative leadership, and a vision for change.



PROF'IN KAY BERKLING

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After finding her passion in programming languages (mostly Java and Python), she decided to study business informatics in Mannheim.

Followed by a traineeship in Accenture's Java track, she was ready to go for Full-Stack Software Development. Since then, she's been happily analysing and solving some odd and busy keeping code issues.



STEPHANIE CICHON

MEET OUR MENTOR&JUDGE

Professional overthinker, accidental code pyromaniac, and the reason the 'Undo' button was invented



FLORIAN STEIGLEDER

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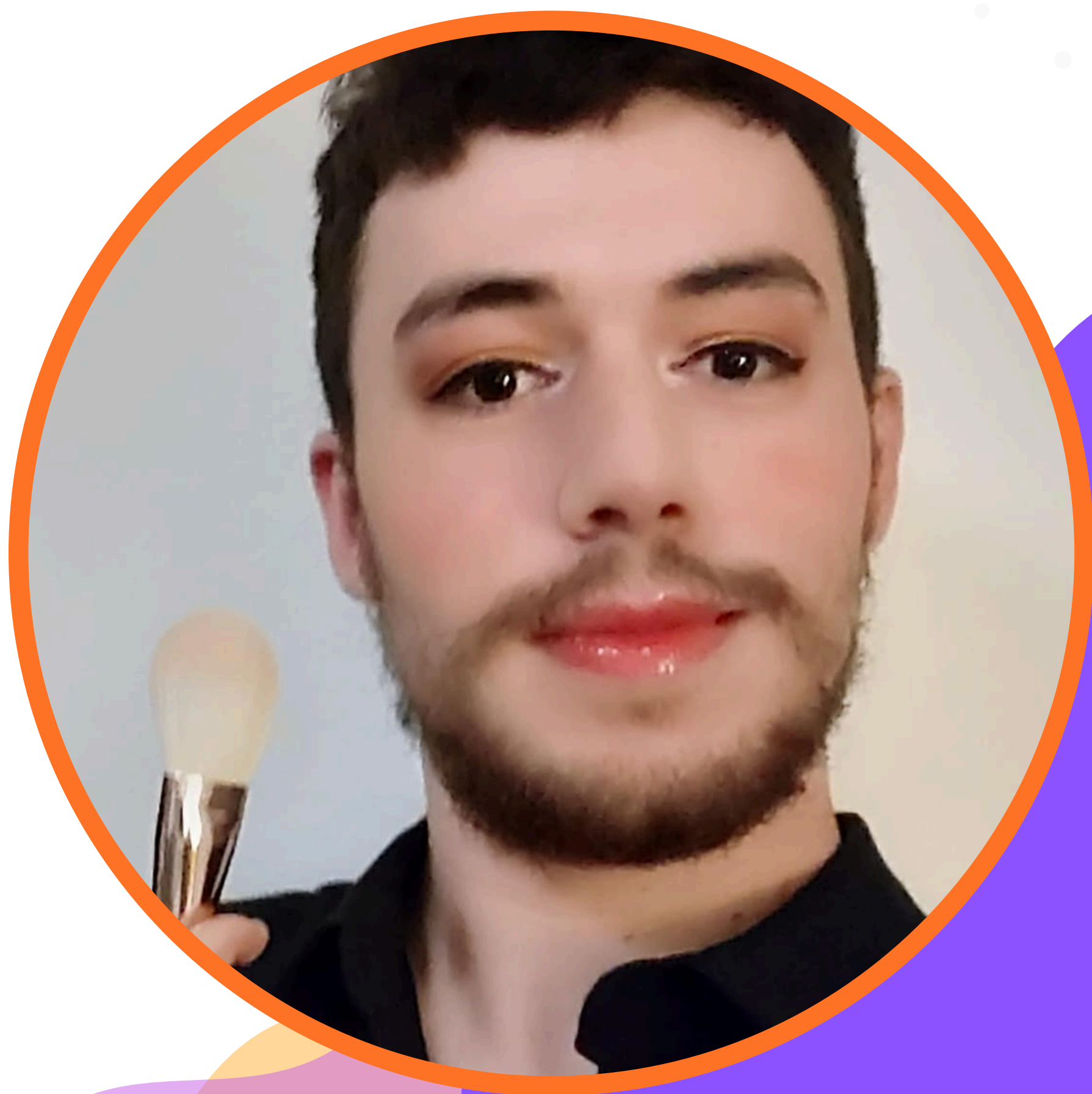
Bachelors in Computer Science and currently doing a masters degree in Cognitive Science. She has experience in AI and machine learning as well as anything related to human cognition. Her current field of working ranges from psychological theories, cognitive computational models and Bayesian statistics to human computer interaction, AI systems and how humans perceive their world.



ELISA SCHÄFER

MEET OUR MENTOR&JUDGE

Full-stack disaster artist, bug whisperer, and self-proclaimed 'debugging wizard'—here to break code and spirits at record speed



LUKAS HÖRNLE

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Rhythm Bhatia is an accomplished AI expert, educator, and researcher. She is currently pursuing her PhD in personalized learning analytics at the University of Eastern Finland, focusing on leveraging big data for student-centered educational strategies. Her work explores cutting-edge applications of AI in education, with a particular interest in optimizing learning outcomes through analytics and adaptive learning systems.

In her corporate career, Rhythm co-founded ICONFlyertech, where she serves as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). The company specializes in developing AI-powered solutions for the education, healthcare, and finance sectors. Through ICONFlyertech, she is committed to advancing innovative technological solutions that bridge the gap between AI theory and practical implementation, providing real-world impact across industries.

With a rich background in both academic research and industry practice, Rhythm brings a unique perspective to AI, especially in its educational applications. She is also a visiting faculty member at DHBW Germany, contributing her expertise in AI and machine learning. Her previous experiences include positions at IBM, where she worked as a data specialist, and her contributions as a research assistant and consultant have spanned across various international projects.



RHYTHM BHATIA

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Gino Messmer is a consultant at Microsoft with a deep passion for innovation, technology, and the automotive industry.

With a robust background in software development, Gino is dedicated to driving digital transformation and enhancing user experiences. During his time at university, Gino worked on a publication titled "Overcoming the Gap of Social Presence in Online," which was developed in response to the challenges posed by COVID-19 and remote learning. This work not only highlighted the importance of social presence in online education but also involved the development of bots to enhance virtual interactions, directly relating to the Bot-a-thon for Better Campus Life.

As a judge for the event, Gino brings extensive expertise in AI, software development, and community management. He is eager to see creative solutions that address real-world needs. Gino is committed to empowering collaboration and enabling the next generation of innovators in their quest to make a meaningful impact.



GINO MESSMER

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Fabian Zaremba is IT Infrastructure & Security Manager

As someone who has navigated the challenges of founding and leading an IT and media company, Fabian has honed my skills in the crucible of real-world challenges. Armed with theoretical computer science knowledge from #DHBW, He is on a mission to fortify digital landscapes, build secure infrastructure and educate future professionals himself.

Tech Wizard: Whether it's programming, servers & firewalls or encryption, he combines technical expertise with strategic thinking. His toolkit includes all relevant operating systems, several PL, SIEM tools, and a dash of hacker mindset.



FABIAN ZAREMBA

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Passionate about lifelong learning and digital education, Hui Li is currently a Research Associate for the “All the DHBWorld is One” project, which aims to promote virtual mobility and enhance student agency. Previously, she contributed strategic and didactic guidance for small and medium-sized enterprises in the EduPLEx_API project at Hochschule Schmalkalden.



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