

# «The Theoretical University» in the Data Age

Have the great theories become obsolete?

Anniversary Conference  
14–15 November 2019

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## Anniversary conference programme overview

### Thursday, 14 November 2019

- 6.15 pm | Audimax  
**Opening Keynote**  
Professor Robbert Dijkgraaf (Princeton): *The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge and the Importance of Basic Research*  
Afterwards | Central Hall East  
**Sparkling wine reception**

### Friday, 15 November 2019

- 9.15 am | Audimax  
**Keynote Lecture**  
Professor Nancy Cartwright (Durham/San Diego): *Why Big Theories are Here to Stay*
- 10.30 am–1.30 pm | Lecture theatres in the Main University Building (UHG)  
**Parallel panels A–D**  
Panel A: (H1) *Theorizing Contemporary Society. Challenges and Perspectives*  
Panel B: (H12) *Textkulturen der Gegenwart: Theoretische Perspektiven der historischen Textwissenschaften* [Contemporary Text Cultures: Theoretical Perspectives of Historical Text Studies]  
Panel C: (H13) *Big Data: From Machine Learning to Quantum Computing*  
Panel D: (H14) *Interdisciplinary Models for a Complex World*  
**Lunch Break**
- 2.45 pm–4.15 pm | Audimax  
**Panel discussion: The Role of Theory in Different Disciplines**  
**Coffee Break**
- 5.00 pm–6:30 pm | Audimax  
**Politische Diskussionsrunde: Wie die Wissenschaft im Zeitalter der Daten steuern? Good Governance vs. Ökonomisierung**  
*[Political Roundtable: How Should Academia be Governed in the Data Age? Good Governance vs Economization]*



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