

	Mo, Mrz 23, 2026	Di, Mrz 24, 2026	Mi, Mrz 25, 2026	
08:00				08:00
08:15				08:15
08:30				08:30
08:45				08:45
09:00		<b>Keynote: Jakob Kather</b>	<b>Workshop "Leadership and Project Management for Early Career Researchers" (Part 2)</b> Dr. Franka Schröder-Pernet	09:00
09:15				09:15
09:30				09:30
09:45				09:45
10:00		Group Picture		10:00
10:15				10:15
10:30				10:30
10:45		<b>Creative Brainstorming:</b> Find a demonstrator "AI Research" for fairs and conference presentations		10:45
11:00				11:00
11:15				11:15
11:30				11:30
11:45				11:45
12:00			12:00	
12:15	Arrival and Lunch	Lunch	12:15	
12:30			12:30	
12:45			12:45	
13:00	<b>Keynote: Ivo Sbalzarini</b>	<b>General Assembly</b>	Lunch and Departure	13:00
13:15	"Scientific Machine Learning Helps Unlock the Mechanisms of Living Systems"			13:15
13:30				13:30
13:45	Break		13:45	
14:00			14:00	
14:15	<b>Tutorial</b> "Getting started with SpiNNaker" Bernhard Vogginger	<b>PhD Discussion Round:</b> Exchange of Experiences	14:15	
14:30			14:30	
14:45			14:45	
15:00		Break	15:00	
15:15			15:15	
15:30			15:30	
15:45			15:45	
16:00		<b>Workshop "Leadership and Project Management for Early Career Researchers" (Part 1)</b> Dr. Franka Schröder-Pernet	16:00	
16:15	Break		16:15	
16:30	<b>PhD Research Presentation</b> "Speed Dating"		16:30	
16:45			16:45	
17:00			17:00	
17:15			17:15	
17:30			17:30	
17:45			17:45	
18:00		Break	18:00	
18:15			18:15	
18:30			18:30	
18:45		<b>Guided Tour Hoflößnitz</b> wine-growing museum	18:45	
19:00	Dinner at Radisson Blu Parkhotel Radebeul		19:00	
19:15			19:15	
19:30			19:30	
19:45			19:45	
20:00	Games Night Bring your games :)	Dinner (Place tba)	20:00	
-				-
Open end			Open end	

**Location**

Radisson Blu Park Hotel Radebeul  
Nizzastr. 55  
01445 Radebeul

## Program Information

### Tutorial "Getting started with SpiNNaker"

In this introduction on SpiNNaker 2, you learn the basic principles of the platform. The session is intended to give you a starting point on where and how you might be able to use SpiNNaker 2 for your research.

### PhD Research Presentation "Speed Dating"

In changing groups of three people, you present the status and content of your PhD research to each other. It is an informal exchange while coffee and snacks will be served.

### Games Night

Bring your game (if you would like to), find your peer group, and enjoy a relaxing evening.

### Creative Brainstorming: Find a demonstrator "AI Research" for fairs and conference presentations

From time to time, the coordination offices or PhD students present the Zuse School SECAI at conferences, trade fairs, or other events. The audience varies – experts, scientists from other fields of research, or even the general public. But what do you, as highly trained AI talents, bring to the table? What are you working on, what is the content of your research? What is the goal of your research? How can you “show” this to visitors? We are looking for demonstrators that we can use at conferences or trade fairs and that visitors can interactively try out or just look at. Specific examples of use include the Silicon Saxony Days in June 2026 (industry meeting of Europe's technology and innovation ecosystem), the Long Night of Science, and the kick-off of the TUD Mentoring Program. Get together in small groups and think creatively about how to make “AI research” tangible. Your results should be presented in a short pitch (3 min) at the General Assembly. The groups with the top 3 ideas will be provided with a student assistant for the duration of the project implementation (approx. 6 months); materials will of course also be financed.

### General Assembly

A few words from the SECAI directors

Short Feedback from the Advisory Board/Zuse Schools Council

Pitches of AI demonstrators

Few words from the student representatives about their role, tasks and outlook on finding successors

### PhD Discussion Round: Exchange of Experiences

During this hour, you have the opportunity to share your experiences, successes, challenges, problems with each other. Prepare your questions and discuss them in this save space. If necessary, you can formulate questions which would be answered by a PI afterwards.

### Workshop "Leadership and Project Management for Early Career Researchers"

Workshop Trainer: Dr. Franka Schröder-Pernet <https://www.linkedin.com/in/frankasp/?originalSubdomain=de>

The workshop is aimed at early career researchers and teaches basic skills for leading small project teams and for structured project management in a scientific context. The aim is to support doctoral students in structuring projects, distributing tasks sensibly, taking on responsibility, and working together as a team toward a defined project goal. There is a particular focus on collaboration in interdisciplinary and technically oriented research environments, where team communication often poses a challenge. The workshop combines aspects of leadership and project management with specific, practical application scenarios.

Workshop content:

- Structuring projects and defining clear goals
- Roles and expectations in project teams
- Task distribution and assumption of responsibility
- Leadership in non-hierarchical research contexts
- Feedback as a leadership and coordination tool
- Team dynamics and successful collaboration (based on findings from Google's Project Aristotle, among others)

Workshop structure:

The workshop is practice-oriented and combines short content-based impulses with experience-based group exercises. Participants first work on a task with few guidelines in order to reveal team dynamics and leadership behavior. Key concepts relating to leadership, project structuring, roles, expectations, and feedback are then introduced. In a second exercise, participants apply the content in a targeted manner, including clearly assigned roles, and reflect on their collaboration in terms of leadership, task distribution, and goal achievement.