

# Who's Driving?

## Agency and Evidence in the History of Technical Safety

Deutsches Museum, Munich

Alter Seminarraum

December 6-7

– Program –

### Thursday, December 6

- 12:30-13:00      Arrival and snack
- 13:00-13:15      Welcome and Introduction
- 13:15-14:30      **Panel 1: Cars and Drivers**  
Silke Zimmer-Merkle: Have We Ever Been Driving? Automation and Assistance in the Automobile, Now and Then  
Stefan Esselborn: How Crashworthiness Came to Europe. Experimental Safety Vehicles (ESV) and Changing Conceptions of Automobile Safety in the 1970s
- 14:45-16:00      **Panel 2: Nuclear Engineering and Aviation**  
Sebastian Vehlken: Keeping it Cool. Hypothetical Accident Analysis in Fast Breeder R&D Around 1970  
Sam Hind: Children of the Magenta: Performance Envelopes, Dashboard Instrumentation and Mode Confusions in Aviation
- 16:15-17:30      **Panel 3: Automating the Automobile**  
Anna-Lena Berscheid: Tales of Transformation. On the Transformative Potential of Self-Driving Cars  
  
*Remote contribution: Jameson Wetmore: Accepting Responsibility: Why are litigation adverse car companies are embracing automation?*
- 18:00-19:30      **Keynote:**  
Nathan Ensmenger: From Giant Brains to Autonomous Vehicles, or: How We Learned to Trust AI

### Friday, December 7

- 9:30-10:45      **Panel 4: Chemopolitics and Food Politics**  
Carsten Reinhardt: Evidence-Practices of Chemopolitics  
Christine Haßauer: Negotiating Evidence in Food Safety: Changes and Developments in Risk Analysis since the BSE Crisis in Europe
- 11:00-12:15      **Panel 5: Automobile Visions of Society**  
Carla Aßmann: The Felonious Road. Spatializing Risk in the Car-Friendly City  
Johannes Günther: The Utopia of a "Socialist Human Community" on the Road
- 12:30-13:00      Concluding Comments (Christopher Neumaier) and Discussion