



TUMJA #class24 at their final Seminar Weekend in July

Dear members, friends, and supporters of TUM: Junge Akademie,

Today, I would like to take a moment to look back on 10 years ago, in the summer of 2015, when tens of thousands of people, displaced from their home countries, arrived in Munich and were welcomed with empathy and solidarity. For many of them, Munich became their new home. With 'Buddies for Refugees,' TUM quickly launched a three-year program that provided each of the more than 640 guest students with one or, in some cases, several mentors as 'buddies.' Many of the guest students studied, some earned doctorates, and found their future here, and contribute today with an extensive range of expertise to our society's value creation. Initiated, structured, and organized by TUM: Junge Akademie, equipped with resources by a wonderful donor and bringing together the expertise and experience available at TUM, over 850 TUM members – students, colleagues from administration and science – contributed with enormous voluntary commitment. Cosmopolitanism, empathy, and respect were and remain cornerstones of our actions.

Now, ten years after that experience, our entire world is in a state of enormous flux. It seems that new ways of discourse must be found that are objective, intellectually sound, communicate well, aware of biases, and committed to the

truth. Where are the obstacles, what is not working? The current observations and the questions derived from them were undoubtedly one of the reasons why our scholarship holders for the new year, #class26, which starts in November, came up with the call 'Mind the Gap.' We are excited to see what topics the new scholarship holders in this class will develop over the next 20 months.

I hope you all enjoy reading our newsletter and find interesting and entertaining insights into the current cohort and the numerous activities organized by the TUMJA office, our scholarship holders, and alums.

I wish all students and colleagues a thriving and lively start to the new winter semester 25/26.

Yours sincerely,
Gerhard Müller

TUMJA News



TUMJA office team at the new Pixida office

Our Industrial Partners

Proven Cooperations with Pixida and Quantco to Continue

For over a decade, Pixida has been a strong and creative partner of TUMJA. With the renewal of our collaboration, we're excited to continue this journey of innovation and success, and we're just as grateful to rely on QuantCo as another trusted partner for the future.

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Time to say Goodbye!

Final Weekend of #class24

After 20 months of teamwork, deadlines, and more coffee than we dare to admit, 34 scholarship holders have officially graduated. They leave with bold ideas, big dreams, and a lifelong spot in the TUMJA network.

#class24 at their Final Weekend

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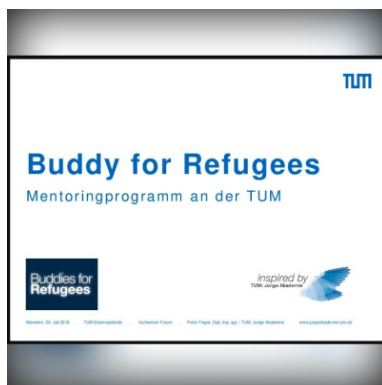
TUMJA #class26 Selection Days

Selection Days

Welcome #class26!

After inspiring days full of ideas, motivation, and great conversations, the Selection Days for TUMJA #class26 have come to an end. We're excited to announce soon how many new scholarship holders will join TUMJA! A huge thank-you goes out to everyone involved in the assessment process and to all applicants for their enthusiasm and creativity.

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TUM program Buddies for Refugees

Buddies for Refugees

Celebrating 10 Years Since the First Program

In 2015, TUMJA launched Buddies for Refugees, bringing together TUM students and young refugees in Munich. The program supported integration through language practice, mentoring, and shared activities, fostering cultural exchange and long-lasting friendships. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the first cohort. A milestone that reminds us how impactful student-driven initiatives can be.

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TUMJA Office

New Staff @ TUMJA!

A warm welcome to our new TUMJA team member, Mabinty! Since 15 September, Mabinty has been part of the TUMJA office team. With her focus on event management and social media, she will make sure our scholarship holders experience unique and unforgettable

TUMJA office Team presenting
the new Colleague

moments at TUMJA.

We're so excited to have you with us!

TUMJA office



Booth at the Student Club Fair

Meet us!

[TUMJA @ TUM Student Club Fair](#)

We are happy to welcome many of you at the TUM Student Club Fair at TUM Campus Garching **on 22 October**. At our booth, we will inform you about our program and events, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Well-being and study-life
balance by TUM

TUM4Mind:

[Workshops & Strategies for Students](#)

TUM4Mind again offers workshops and talks this winter semester to support your well-being and study-life balance. From stress management to exam preparation, you'll find practical strategies tailored to student life at TUM.

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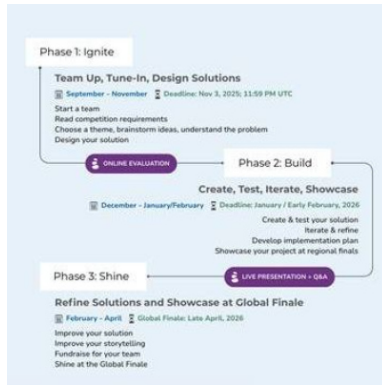
Public Health Film Festival

Spotlight on:

[Public Health Film Festival](#)

From **11 to 25 November 2025**, the Public Health Film Festival returns for its fifth edition, taking place both in Munich and online. Four thought-provoking films will be screened, each accompanied by expert-led discussions diving deeper into the key public health issues they explore.

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Roadmap of the Global Sustainability Challenge

TUMJA @

Global Sustainability Challenge

TUMJA is taking part in this year's Global Sustainability Challenge! For six months, teams from around the world will develop innovative solutions centered on the themes of "Sustainable Energy" and "Adaptation & Resilience." We're excited to see our alumni and active members join forces to represent TUM and tackle global challenges together.

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Workshops: LANGEWEILE

Workshops

Approaching the Finale!

The writing is done! Our participants have submitted their drafts, and the manuscripts are now being prepared for print. We are proud to announce that the upcoming reading date is **27 November**, when the authors will present their works to the public. Stay tuned for an inspiring evening full of creativity and storytelling.

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Our Team at the Dragon Boat Race

Dragonboat Race 2025

Marilyn Monrowers – First Place for the Most Original Boat!

At this year's Dragon Boat Race on Munich's Olympic Lake, a team of TUMJA members once again joined the fun on and off the water. Our "Marilyn Monrowers" paddled with style, celebrated together, and even won the award for best Costume once more.

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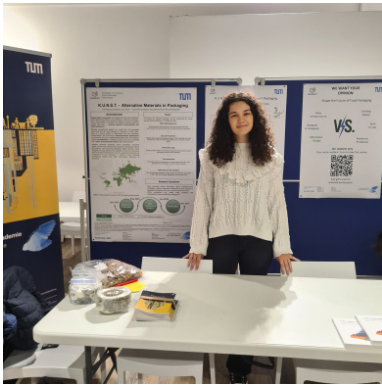
TUMJA booth at Munich's largest street festival.

Street Science at Zamanand Festival

Curiosity was waterproof!

A weekend full of scientific wonder and unexpected weather challenges! In the rainproof TUMJA tents, visitors explored quantum games, biodiversity, brain-computer interfaces, storytelling, and more. The event demonstrated once again how science can be presented up close, playfully, and in an inspiring manner for everyone.

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Mara at our TUMJA booth

TUMJA Teams presenting their Projects

TUMJA @ FORSCHA 2025

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at FORSCHA 2025! We enjoyed presenting our projects and sharing the passion and creativity of our scholarship holders with such a curious audience. A big thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth, asked questions, exchanged ideas, or simply came to say hi!

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EuroTeQ News



EuroTeQ Bootcamp in Barcelona

EuroTeQ Ignite 2025

From Ideas to Impact

Eight teams, 23 students from top European universities, including our TUM team EnviroLink, spent four intensive days at the Ignite Bootcamp in Barcelona. Guided by expert mentors, they transformed innovative ideas into actionable solutions for sustainability. The teams pitched, learned, and sharpened their entrepreneurial skills.

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Alumni presented



TUMJA Alumnus Ramsés Grande

Interview with TUMJA Alumnus
[Ramsés Grande Fraile](#)

Our scholarship holders Niya and Lukas met with TUMJA Alumnus Ramsés Grande Fraile for an inspiring interview. He shared how his passion for connecting people, nature, and urban spaces led him from architecture to regional policy, and how mentors, international experiences, and interdisciplinary collaboration shaped his path. Today, he works at the European Commission, focusing on sustainable regional development and citizen participation.

[read the interview](#)

Project News from #class25



Team Sprouts at the Project Weekend in September

Team Sprouts
[Details](#)

For a survey to be effective and data valid, one does not only need some questions, but details matter! And that is what we are doing right now, getting our survey to work and finalizing small details so that everything is intentional.

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Clean Stream Team
[Getting our Hands Dirty!!](#)

Our foam fractionation project is entering the next phase. After completing the setup and



Clean Stream Teambuilding

preparations, we are now starting the first experimental runs to explore innovative solutions for PFAS removal. By moving from single compounds to more complex mixtures, we aim to better reflect real-world contamination. This marks an exciting step toward evaluating sustainable alternatives for water treatment.

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Target Cities of our Project

Team K.U.N.S.T.

Preparing for Data Collection

Team K.U.N.S.T. has now finished its set of surveys and is preparing its deployment in the target countries, each of which is affected to varying degrees by the plastic crisis.

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Taskforces News



Kalle, Vidushi, Lukas, and Niklas celebrating their success

Taskforce Event

Our Summer in Events!

We had a fantastic summer, enjoying the sunny Isar at the summer party in July and hiking all the way up to the Tölzer Hütte in August. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Halloween party in October!

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Taskforce Recruiting

Assessment Finished

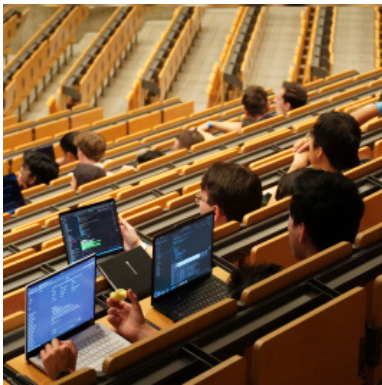
After the Retreat weekend in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 13-14 September, we completed the assessment of all 218



Ten TUMJA members are trying to form "TUMJA" at the climbing park in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

applications! Many thanks to everyone who supported us throughout the process. The Selection Days, held on 10 and 11 October, have now been successfully conducted. We were impressed by the motivation and creativity of all participants and are excited to welcome the new class soon!

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TUM Science Hackathon 2025

Taskforce CAP

Stay Tuned: TUM Science Hackathon 2026

After a refreshing summer break and the handover to #class25, we are back and already planning the next TUM Science Hackathon. Check out the TUMJA socials and our Science Hackathon website, and don't miss out on the upcoming announcements!

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Mentorship Celebration at Wirtshaus am Bavariapark

Taskforce Mentoring

A Toast to our Mentorship Community!

Over the summer, we celebrated our Mentorship program at Wirtshaus am Bavariapark – cheers to last year's tandems, a warm welcome to the new cohort, and excitement ahead for the TUM Ambassadors program in November!

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Taskforce Marketing

Brainstorming with a View

During our seminar weekend in the mountains, the marketing team defined the next milestones: brainstorming new sweater ideas for the upcoming class, exploring fresh merch concepts,



Bildunterschrift

and contributing to the ScienceHack design.
Stay tuned for the results!

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Save the Date @TUMJA

22 October TUMJA @ [TUM Student Club Fair](#)

25 October TUMJA Halloween Party

5 November TUMJA Advisory Board Meeting

7-9 November Kick-off weekend #class26, Intermediate Evaluation III #class25

27 November Lesung Wordshops III

30-31 January Future Lab I+II

Save the Date @ Partners

23 October TUM Alumni and Career: [How to discover your strength beyond degrees and job titles](#)

7-8 November Akademie für politische Bildung Tutzing: [Resilienz und Krisenkompetenz](#)

10-11 November TUM4Mind: [Das Semester meistern](#)

12 November Akademie für politische Bildung Tutzing: [Demokratie im Gespräch: Internationale KI-Regulierung: Wo steht Europa im weltweiten](#)

Vergleich?

18 November acatech am Dienstag: [Neue Technologien und Strafrecht – wie können Juristen unerwünschte Nebenfolgen einhegen?](#)

25 November VolkswagenStiftung: [Vom Abfall zur Ressource – Wie können wir verantwortungsvoll mit unserem Müll umgehen?](#)

2 December acatech am Dienstag: [TechTalk: Von der Idee zum Unternehmen – Innovation fördern](#)

8 December TUM4Mind: [Burnout Prophylaxe im Studium](#)

10 December TUM Alumni and Career: [TUM Career Day](#)

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