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“A society that embraces technology needs a great inner strength to avoid not to become too greedy and diverted from its goals.”

Joseph Weizenbaum

### Consortium partners



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## Mission

The “Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society” in Berlin and Brandenburg is investigating the fundamental changes in society in the course of digitization. The key research questions deal with issues of participation and democratic self-determination in a networked society. At the institute, researchers from the social sciences, economics, and law work together with experts from design research and computer science.

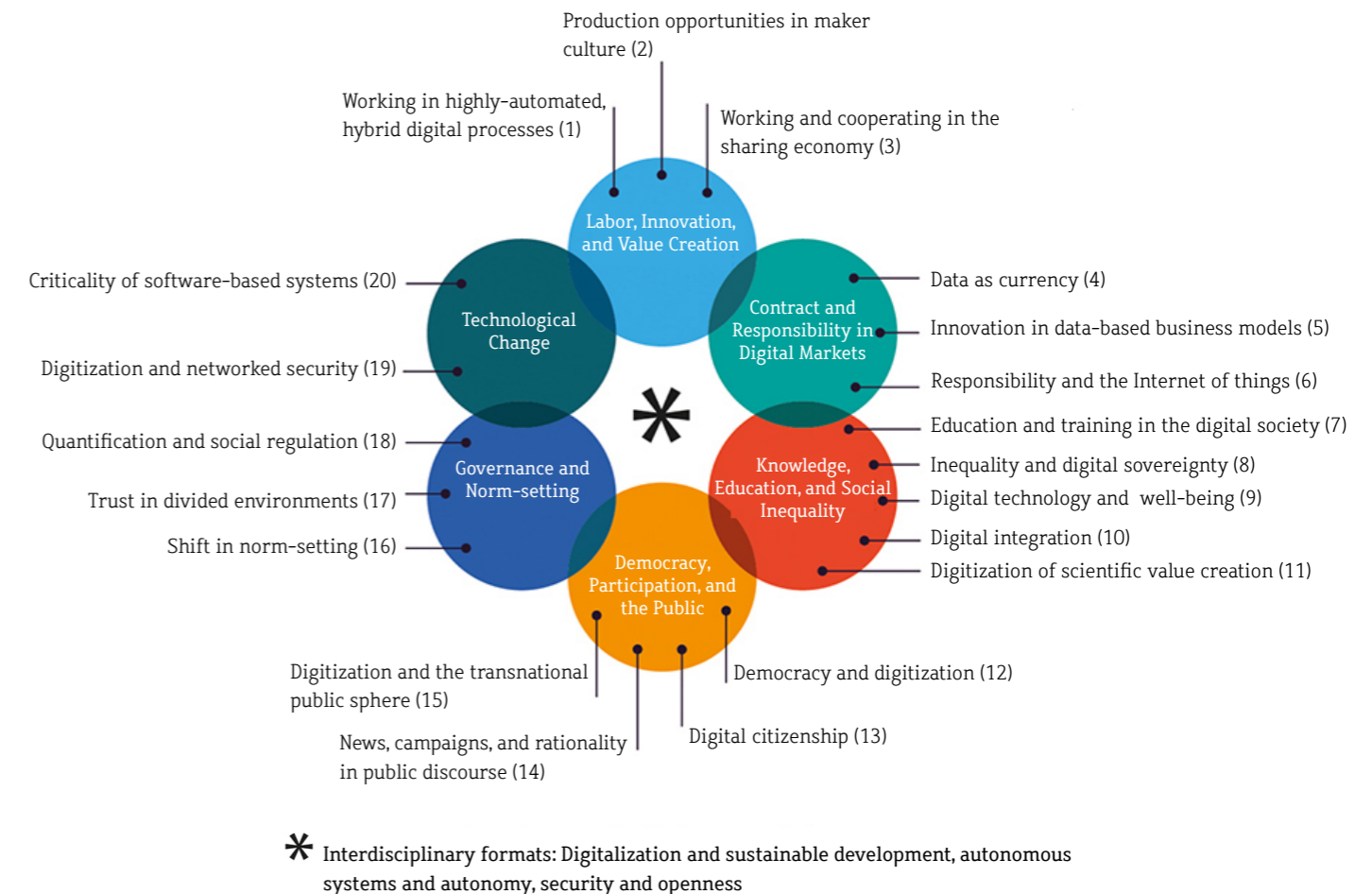
## Network

- 11** Network partners from the scientific community
- 8** Network partners from the business world
- 9** Network partners from politics, civil society, media, and trade unions
- 28** Network partners
  - of these **19** are based in Berlin
  - 3** in Brandenburg
  - 4** in other parts of Germany
  - 2** in the US

## The institute’s structure

- 5** Universities (FU, HU, TU, UdK, U of Potsdam)
- 2** Non-university research institutions (Fraunhofer FOKUS, WZB)
- 30** Principal Investigators
- 20** Research groups
- 20** Postdocs
- 40** PhDs
- 20** Research fellows

## 6 research areas and 20 research groups



## Selected research questions

- How can risks for individuals and society arising from critical digital infrastructures be identified and limited at an early stage?
- How can a broad inclusion of employees in the demanding and flexible working contexts of a networked, automated economy be achieved?
- How will participation processes change in a context of ongoing digitization and which long-term consequences will this have for politics and business?