

# DESY Commission for Ethics in Research

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Chair of the DESY Commission for Ethics in Research



# Motivation and Scope

## Research Ethics in Germany ...

- 2014: Joint recommendations "Scientific Freedom and Scientific Responsibility" on handling security-relevant research by DFG and Leopoldina
- German research institutions and its researchers should draw up ethical rules for dealing with security-relevant research which go beyond legal requirements

## ... and at DESY

- Extension of scope:

Research projects with suspected ethical risks to human dignity, life, health, freedom, property, environment, the peaceful coexistence of peoples or other legal interests of equal value



# Ethics@DESY and beyond

<https://ethik.desy.de/> (English version upcoming)

## Work of the DESY Commission for Ethics in Research

- Based on Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- Commission advises scientists on research projects with ethical risks and can make recommendations to the Directorate on ethical aspects of research projects
- DESY scientists, Directorate, Foundation Council and Scientific Council are entitled to submit requests
- Separation from questions of good scientific practice, but if relevant, cooperation with ombudspersons

## Networking

- (Campus) Partners in Hamburg (UHH, UKE, ...) and Zeuthen
- Helmholtz: Exchange, Best Practice, Pool of Experts, ...



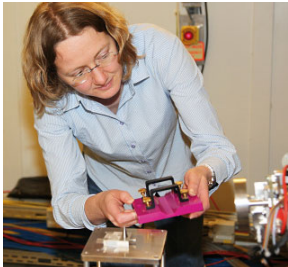
# Composition of Commission

## Internal und external members



Chair: Ulrike Beisiegel, former president of University Göttingen and former member of DESY Foundation Council

*Dep.: N.N.*



Member of Scientific Council:  
Bridget Murphy, CAU Kiel

*Dep.: Tim Salditt, University Göttingen*



Dep. Chair & Member of  
Scientific Committee:  
Oliver Seeck (FS)

*Dep.: Kerstin Borrás (FH)*



Member qualified to hold the  
position of a judge:  
Sabine Celo (V, AK Recht)

*Dep.: Katharina Paulat (V)*



Further member:  
Karl Jansen (DESY Theory)

*Dep.: Ann-Christin Dippel (FS)*