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**Summary:** Passionate AI ethicist and theologian specializing in social ethics and AI governance in healthcare. Experienced in interdisciplinary research, research management, team & project leadership, conference organization, and innovative ethics education; skilled in normative and empirical methods.



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**SINCE 10/2024**

**Associated Researcher at Social Ethics Group,  
University of Bonn (Prof. Matthias Braun)**

Conducting normative and empirical research on AI Governance.

**SINCE 10/2024**

**Vicar of the Protestant Church of Germany, Ludwigsburg**

Formal practical qualification for public service (ministerial traineeship) including teaching, pastoral practice, and community work.

**SINCE 09/2020**

**Researcher, Interdisciplinary CRC "EmpkinS",  
DFG Collaborative Research Centre**

Conducted interdisciplinary normative and empirical research within the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) "EmpkinS" (Empathic-Kinaesthetic Sensor Technology – Sensor Techniques and Data Analysis Methods for Empathic-Kinaesthetic Modeling and Condition Monitoring) funded by the German Research Association (DFG)

**11/2022 – 09/2024**

**Researcher, Lecturer & Team Lead at Social Ethics Group,  
University of Bonn (Prof. Matthias Braun)**

Conducted normative and empirical research on AI governance; co-authored and contributed to research funding applications; led research management (budget oversight and team leadership); founded the interdisciplinary Bonn Ethics Lab.

**03/2020– 10/2022**

**Researcher, "Ethics & Governance of Emerging Technologies",  
Young Researchers Group, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg**

Conducted interdisciplinary normative and empirical research on the ethical, legal, and social implications of AI in various healthcare projects.

- "SMART Start" – Smart Sensor Technology in Pregnancy Care (funded by the German Federal Ministry of Health)
- "EmpkinS" – Collaborative Research Centre for Empathic-Kinaesthetic Sensor Technology (funded by DFG)
- "digiOnko" – AI-based precision oncology in breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, and therapy (funded by the Bavarian State Ministry of Health)

**10/2018 – 02/2020**

**Researcher & Lecturer at the Chair of Ethics,  
FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg (Prof. Peter Dabrock)**

Conducted normative research on political and ethical concepts of collective action; contributed to funding proposals; established the Digital Ethics Lab; organized an interdisciplinary European Summer School.

## EDUCATION

SINCE 03/2024	<b>PhD in Social Ethics, Protestant Theology</b> (thesis submitted; defense scheduled for 29 October 2025)
	<b>Topic:</b> "Compromise. A Political-Theoretical and Theological-Ethical Analysis" Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthias Braun, University of Bonn
09/2018	<b>Diploma in Protestant Theology   Ø 1,5</b> (equivalent to MA) University of Tübingen
04/2012 – 09/2018	<b>Studies of Protestant Theology</b> Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg & University of Tübingen
2016	<b>Studies of Protestant Theology, Sociology, &amp; Ethics</b> Stellenbosch University (SA)

## PUBLICATIONS

### 01 EDITED VOLUMES

**Ott, T., Bleher, H., Jacobs, C., Jäger, S., & Kunkel, N. (2025).** Solidarität. Intersektionale Dimensionen feministisch-theologischer Ethik [Solidarity: Intersectional dimensions of feminist theological ethics]. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

### 02 PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

**Nissen, M., Huang, S.-Y., Jaeger, K. M., Flaucher, M., Titzmann, A., Bleher, H., Pontones, C. A., Huebner, H., Danzberger, N., & Fasching, P. A. (2024).** Smartphone pregnancy apps: Systematic analysis of features, scientific guidance, commercialization, and user perception. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 24(1), 782.

**Nissen, M., Perez, C. A., Jaeger, K. M., Bleher, H., Flaucher, M., Huebner, H., Danzberger, N., Titzmann, A., Pontones, C. A., & Fasching, P. A. (2023).** Usability and perception of a wearable-integrated digital maternity record app in Germany: User study. *JMIR Pediatrics and Parenting*, 6, e50765.

**Bleher, H., & Braun, M. (2023).** Reflections on putting AI ethics into practice: How three AI ethics approaches conceptualize theory and practice. *Science and Engineering Ethics*, 29(3), 21.

**Braun, M., Bleher, H., Hille, E. M., & Krutzinna, J. (2023).** Tackling structural injustices: On the entanglement of visibility and justice in emerging technologies. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 23(7), 100–102.

**Bleher, H., & Braun, M. (2022).** Diffused responsibility: attributions of responsibility in the use of AI-driven clinical decision support systems. *AI and Ethics*, 2(4), 747–761.

**Braun, M., Bleher, H., & Hummel, P. (2021).** A leap of faith: Is there a formula for “trustworthy” AI? *Hastings Center Report*, 51(3), 17–22.

## 03 BOOK CHAPTERS

**Ott, T., Bleher, H., Jacobs, C., Jäger, S., & Kunkel, N. (2025).** Solidarity intersectional. An introduction. In T. Ott, H. Bleher, C. Jacobs, S. Jäger, & N. Kunkel (Hrsg.), *Solidarität. Intersektionale Dimensionen feministisch-theologischer Ethik* (S. 7–13). Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

**Wallat, D., & Bleher, H. (2025).** Naming the Ungrieved. Intersectional Perspectives on Solidarity Following Judith Butler's Motif of Grievability. In T. Ott, H. Bleher, C. Jacobs, S. Jäger, & N. Kunkel (Hrsg.), *Solidarität. Intersektionale Dimensionen feministisch-theologischer Ethik* (S. 103–128). Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

**Bleher, H. (2023).** 'Preparing the way' for God's Word: A central motif of Bonhoeffer's ethics and its implications for public theology. In M. Grebe, N. Hamilton, & C. Schlenker (Hrsg.), *Bonhoeffer and Christology: Revisiting Chalcedon* (S. 187–208). T&T Clark Bloomsbury Publishing.

**Tretter, M., Bleher, H., & Tischendorf, M. (2023).** Das Digital Ethics Lab. Ein didaktisches Konzept forschen Lernens zur Ausbildung digitaler Souveränität [The Digital Ethics Lab: A Didactic Concept of Research-Based Learning for Fostering Digital Sovereignty]. In S. Kistler, W. Veith, A. Puzio, & A. M. Riedl (Hrsg.), *Digitale Transformationen der Gesellschaft. Sozialethische Perspektiven auf den technologischen Wandel* (Bd. 24, S. 197–213). Aschendorff Verlag.

## 04 OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Bleher, H., & Braun, M. (2023).** Wissen und nicht wissen. ChatGPT & Co. und die Reproduktion sozialer Anerkennung [Knowing and Not Knowing: ChatGPT & Co. and the Reproduction of Social Recognition]. *Forschung & Lehre*, 30(4), 260–261.

**Bleher, H. (2022).** Review of „*Du sollst nicht töten (lassen)? Eine Rekonstruktion der Friedensethik Dietrich Bonhoeffers aus der Perspektive Öffentlicher Theologie in aktueller Absicht* [You Shall Not Kill? A Reconstruction of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Peace Ethics from the Perspective of Public Theology with Contemporary Intent]“ by Julian Zeyher-Quattlender. *Evangelische Aspekte*, 4/2022, 49–50.

**Bleher, H. (2022).** „Widerständig. Populismus reflektiert [Defiant. Reflections on Populism]“, Review of „*Die Kirchen und der Populismus. Interdisziplinäre Recherchen in Gesellschaft, Religion, Medien und Politik* [The Churches and Populism: Interdisciplinary Research in Society, Religion, Media, and Politics]“ by Ilona Nord, Thomas Schlag (Eds.). *Zeitzeichen*, 22(1), 63–64.

**Bleher, H. (2021).** „Normal Digital. Medienethik im Diskurs [Normally Digital: Media Ethics in Discourse]“, Review of „*Theologische Medienethik im Digitalen Zeitalter* [Theological Media Ethics in the Digital Age,]“ by Gotland Ulshöfer, Monika Wilhelm (Eds). *Zeitzeichen*, 22(5), 63.

**Bleher, H. (2019).** Menschenwürde [Human Dignity]. In *Ethik-Evangelisch*. <https://www.ethik-evangelisch.de/lexikon/menschenwuerde>

## 05 FORTHCOMING

**Bleher, H. (forthcoming, 2025).** Theologische Ethik & KI-Governance: Metaethische und politisch-ethische Überlegungen [Theological Ethics & AI Governance: Meta-Ethical and Political-Ethical Reflections]. In Stroebel, Christian (Ed.), *Digitale Transformation & Theologie*. Verlag Friedrich Pustet.

**Hille, E.M., Bleher, H., Coppers, B., Engelhardt, S., Eskofier, B.M., Garbe, L., Heckel, M., Liphardt, A.M., Oeder, A., Rohleder, N., Samhammer, D., Spielmann, C., & Braun, M. (under review).** Exploring attitudes towards AI-based contactless sensors in health – a qualitative study with five stakeholder groups.

**Jaeger, K.M., Nissen, M., Leutheuser, H., Danzberger, N., Titzmann, A., Pontones, C.A., Goossens, C., Ziegler, P., Uhrig, S., Haeberle, L., Bleher, H., Kast, K., Kornhuber, J., Schoeffski, O., Braun, M., Fasching, P.A., Matthias W. Beckmann, M.W., Eskofier, B.M., Huebner, H. (under review).** Adherence to Digital Pregnancy Care – Lessons Learned from the SMART Start Study.

**Bleher, H. (*in preparation*).** Ethical Design Science Research – An Interdisciplinary AI Ethics Framework

**Bleher, H. (*monography in preparation*).** Kompromiss. Politiktheoretische und Theologisch-Ethische Perspektiven [Compromise: Political-Theoretical and Theological-Ethical Perspectives]. (*PhD thesis*)

## FUNDING & PROJECT LEADERSHIP

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**2024 – 2026**

**Bonn Ethics Lab: 298.000 € | 2-year funding period**

Principal investigator for an interdisciplinary teaching project promoting interdisciplinary and research-based learning on ethical issues, together with Eva Hille, Daniela Langen and Matthias Braun;  
funded by the project line “vielfältig.nachhaltig.digital” [diverse.sustainable.digital];  
<https://www.etf.uni-bonn.de/de/fakultaet/systematische-theologie/systematische-theologie-und-ethik/bonn-ethics-lab/bonn-ethics-lab>

**2020-2022**

**FAU Digital Ethics Lab: 25.000 € | 2-year funding period**

Principal applicant and project lead for an innovative research-based learning laboratory and teaching concept; funded by the Innovation Fund for Teaching and the QuiS II project ‘Digitisation in Teaching’ (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), <https://www.digitalethicslab.fau.de>

**2022**

**International Summer School, Madrid: 10.000 € | one-time**

Principal applicant and project lead for the organisation of the summer school ‘AI, Ethics & Human Rights’; funded by the European University Alliance ‘European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance (EELISA)’

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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**11/2022 – 09/2024**

**Lecturer in Ethics & Systematic Theology**

Social Ethics Department, University of Bonn

**10/2018 – 10/2022**

**Lecturer in Ethics & Systematic Theology**

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Courses taught at undergraduate and graduate level (BA/MA):

- Digital Ethics Lab
- Ethics of Compromise
- Feminist Theology and Theory
- Poverty & Critical Theory
- Smart Health. Ethics of AI-Based Health
- Repetitorium: Systematic Theology & Ethics
- Narratives, Ethical Challenges and Possibilities of Sustainability
- Thinking God – Proofs of God in the History of Philosophy and Theology
- Systematic Theological Proseminar
- Concepts and Theories of Public Theology & Migration

## CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS & ORGANISATION

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**2025**

**Ethical Design Science Research – An Interdisciplinary AI Ethics Framework**

with Eva Maria Hille

ACM FAccT 2025, Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency,  
23-26 June 2025, Athens, Greece

**2024**

**Compromise-Oriented Decision Making in AI-Driven Healthcare:  
A Pluralistic-Sensitive Approach**

World Congress of Bioethics, 3-6 June 2024, Doha, Qatar

**2023**

**Organisation International Workshop Series "Political Hope"**

- Political Hope Vol.1: Technology & Digital Transformation  
28-30 June 2023, University of Bonn
- Political Hope Vol. 2: Collective Action  
12 Oktober 2023, University of Bonn

**Effective Altruism and Hopeful Futures**

International Workshop "Political Hope. Technology & Digital Transformation", 29 June, University of Bonn

**Organisation of the Expert Discussion „Solidarity in a digital world –  
Intersectional dimensions of feminist theological ethics“**

30 June – 1 July 2023, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

**Allyship – Solidarity in Action between Aspirations & Limitations**

Expert Discussion "Solidarity in a Digital World", 1 July 2024

**Organisation of the Interdisciplinary Expert-Discussion**

**„Unlocking the Potential of GPT-3 in the Legal Sphere – Ethics, Law,  
Language“**

8 March 2023, University of Bonn

Zia „Visible Women in Science and Humanities“ / Hans Böckler Foundation

**2021**

**KI am Anfang des Lebens. Ethische Perspektiven auf den Einsatz von  
KI in der medizinischen Schwangerenversorgung zwischen  
Gewissheit und Ungewissheit [AI at the Beginning of Life: Ethical Per-  
spectives on the Use of AI in Medical Prenatal Care between Cer-  
tainty and Uncertainty]**

Conference of the Theology AI Network, 8-9 October 2021

**Transparency & Pregnancy – Not a Perfect Match? Ethical Design As-  
pects of Transparency and Data Obfuscation for AI-Driven Medical  
Pregnancy Care**

with Michael Nissen

Workshop "Artificial Intelligence and Ethics" at KI2021: 44th German Conference  
on Artificial Intelligence, 27 September 2021

**Das Digital Ethics Lab. Ein didaktisches Konzept forschenden Ler-  
nens zur Ausbildung digitaler Souveränität [The Digital Ethics Lab. A  
didactic concept for research-based learning to develop digital sov-  
ereignty]**

with Max Tretter

Forum Sozialethik "Der Mensch zwischen Technik und Natur. Neubestimmungen  
des Sozialen durch die digitale Transformation",  
13-15 September 2021, Katholische Akademie Schwerte

**'How to Give Sovereign Consent? Data Sovereignty and Consent Mod-  
els for AI-driven Data Processing Health Contexts'**

International Spring School 'Own Data. Systems Medicine between Sovereignty  
and Solidarity',

15-17 March 2021, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

2019

### **Us against Them – Bonhoeffer’s Ethical Concept of ‘Paving the Way’ in Terms of Agonistic Political Theory**

Global Network for Public Theology “Place and Space: Theological perspectives on living in the world”, 23-26 September 2019, Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Research-Centre for Public Theology, University of Bamberg

## **SCHOLAR- & FELLOWSHIPS**

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**2023**

**Zia-Fellow „Visible Women in Science and Humanities“**  
Fellowship-Programme of the ZEIT Publishing House

**06/2022**

**ERASMUS+ Scholarship**  
for Teaching Activities at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), Spain

**01/2012-09/2018**

**Scholarship for outstanding theologians of the Protestant Church  
in Württemberg**  
Evangelisches Stift Tübingen

**01/2012-09/2018**

**Scholarship for outstanding students with civil engagement**  
Konrad Adenauer Foundation

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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**GERMAN**

native

**LATIN**

Latinum

**ENGLISH**

fluent (C1 level)

**ANCIENT GREEK**

Graecum

**FRENCH**

basic (A2 level)

**ANCIENT HEBREW**

Hebraicum

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**2020 – 2024**

**Family Support at the Child Protection Association Germany**

**2019 – 2020**

**Spokesperson for Junior Researchers at the Department of Theology,  
FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg**



Stuttgart, 12 August, 2025