



1. Personal Profile

- 25 years of academic experience: teaching, research, organizational development, leadership, research and science management
- Experienced in planning and implementing cooperative leadership structures in the University environment / Corporate Governance processes
- Experienced in establishing international collaborations, project and program development
- Active collaboration on the requirements of the evolution of the design discipline and profession
- Strong engagement, proactive, divergent thinking, goal-orientation and highly integrative
- Readiness of mind, highly analytical skills, structural thinking, process understanding
- Highly accomplished in leadership and motivation
- Strong social competencies, empathy, integrity
- Broad, holistic and integrated understanding of Design
- Research focus: Transformation of Design Education, Food Systems, Human-Environment Interactions, City as Interface, Citizen Participation, Urban Transformations

2. Summary

Philipp Heidkamp has a background in Visual Communication and Information Design running his own studio in Cologne for 20 years. He was a full professor in different Universities, since 2001 he is professor and chair for Interface / Interaction Design at KISD (Köln International School of Design at TH Köln). Philipp has more than 25 years of academic experience in the design teaching and research on the one hand and organizational development, leadership and science management on the other hand.

He is currently Head of Program MA Integrated Design Research/ European Studies in Design (MEDes) and heading the Global Strategy and Relations at KISD/TH Köln. Since 2022, he is elected Vice Dean International of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences at TH Köln. 20 years earlier, in 2002, Philipp has been elected as Director of KISD for 4 years, in 2006 he has been elected as Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences at TH Köln until 2018. He was heading both the MA Integrated Design and the MA European Design program for years. He was establishing Double Degree programs on the MA level with various Asian universities.

One of his passions and academic core activities is developing global formats and partnerships for international and intercultural exchange and collaboration. He is working on that with partners from all over the world since more than 20 years. Besides collaborations in existing structures, he is developing new formats (e.g. the Cultural Library project) inside and parallel to existing academic structures and paths. As current Chair and founding member of the Global Design Initiative with Lasalle University of the Arts Singapore, Central St. Martins London, SCID Taipei and Musashino Art University Tokyo, he is pushing the boundaries of both the design agenda and educational / academic formats to come. In 2017, he was appointed as Senior Fellow of Musashino Art University, Tokyo.

In 2019, he was elected as Executive Board Member of the Cumulus International Association of Universities and Colleges Art, Design and Media and appointed as Vice President of Cumulus from 2019-2022. Since 2022, Philipp still serves Cumulus as Board Advisor. In 2024, he was appointed as Editorial Board Member of She Ji, Journal of Design, Economics and Innovation.

His focus in design shifted from *information and interface design to System Oriented Design and Human Environment Interactions*. In the last 10 years, Philipp was looking at the digital aspects and opportunities of urban transformations in a globalized world and the city as an interface to be designed empowering citizens, creating communities and cohesion. As a consequence, he was one of the founding members of the research lab "Realtime City" at the TH Köln University of Technology, Arts and Sciences in 2018 where he is interested in the cultural implications of digitalization in cities, opportunities of digital empowerment and connectedness of citizens, spaces and objects. In the last years, he is focusing on Food Systems and seeks opportunities to promote proximity, redesign the food value chain and re-connect consumers in the city to "the origins" of food.

He gives lectures and runs workshops around those topics in different countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

In summer 2023, Philipp moved to Spain/Barcelona as a Visiting Professor at ELISAVA for a research sabbatical on Proximity Food Systems in Barcelona. For a year, he was working with different universities, organisations and stakeholders to set up joint research projects.

Philipp Heidkamp is a passionate global traveler and lives in Cologne (Germany) and Barcelona (Spain).

3. Professional / Academic Experience

TH Köln University of Technology, Arts and Sciences / KISD

- since 2020* Co-initiator and project leader of the University-wide program on Data Literacy, funded by the German Stifterverband
- since 2019* Program director MA Integrated Design Research / European Design and Global Degrees
Member of the Strategy Task Force to develop the Internationalization Strategy of TH Köln
- 2015-2017 Deputy chairman of the search committee for the new President of TH Köln
- 2013-2017 Advisory Board Member International Affairs of the University
- 2012-2017 Chairperson Faculty Board of the University TH Köln
- since 2011* Member Selection committee of the German National Merit Foundation
- 2010-2011 Concept of the degree course MA Integrated Design International (China)
- since 2009* Setting up and chairing the International Committee at KISD
- 2008-2016 Program director MA Integrated Design
- since 2007* Member in various executive committees at the University (e.g. Online Communication, Campus Management, Blended Learning)
- 2006-2018 Dean Faculty of Cultural Sciences (re-elections 2010, 2014) leading the three institutes / departments KISD (Köln International School of Design), CGL (Cologne Game Lab) and CICS (Cologne Institute of Conservation Sciences)
- 2003-2008 Program Director MA European Studies in Design
- 2002-2006 Founding of KISD, Founding Head of School / Director
- 2001-2002 Vice Dean, Department of Design
- since 2001* Full tenure professorship Chair „Interface/Interaction Design“
KISD / TH Köln, University of Technology, Arts, Sciences

Others

- 2023-2024 Visiting Professor ELISAVA, Barcelona
- 1995-2011 Co-founder and CEO *syntax design* studio Cologne; concept and development of interactive media and applications (electronic publishing, new media formats and applications, corporate communication and consulting, interactive online communication, information architecture and experience design)
- 1994-1998 Research Assistant and Lecturer for Interactive Media and Networks
Academy of Media Arts (KHM), Cologne / Germany
- 1993 Graduation at HfG University Schwäbisch Gmünd in Communication Design
- 1990-1994 Freelance Design / Art Direction in Digital Design in Germany and Switzerland
- 1998-2001 Visiting Professor „Interactive Media Systems“ at University Aachen / Germany
Department Visual Communication / Media Design
and Visiting Professor „Semiotics Image/Sound Design“ at Intermedia Vorarlberg / Austria

4. Global Activities / Boards

- since 2017* Senior Fellow of the Musashino Art University, Tokyo
- 2019-2022* Executive Board Member and Vice President at Cumulus Association
- 2020-2022* Executive Board Member at EQ Arts (Quality assurance in HEI)
- 2022-2024* Advisory Board Member at seekicks / Startup Incubator at Art University Berlin
- 2022-2025* Board Advisor Cumulus
- since 2024* Editorial Board Member of She Ji, Journal of Design, Economics and Innovation

5. Research / Conferences / Publications / Organisations

- 2002 Concept and chair conference „Designing Design Education" in Cologne
- 2006 „German Year" in Tokyo, panelist Design
- 2006 Concept / co-chairing conference „Designing Public" with publication at Birkhäuser
- 2008 Contribution „Dictionary Design"(D/E/J) at Birkhäuser publishers
- 2008 Initiator / co-founder „Landesdekanekonferenz Design NRW", Chairperson (2008-2018)
- 2010 Co-conception conference „Design as a Critical Gift" at Parsons School of Design New York
- 2010 Publication „Mobility: Learning from Nairobi"
- 2016, 2025 Chair Global Design Initiative, Cologne
- 2016 Co-chair KISDconference „Grow|DeGrow"
- 2017 Co-chair KISDconference „Digital Design Learning"
- 2018 Establishing the interdisciplinary research center „RealTime City" at the TH Köln
- 2018 Chair Conference Design Education: Global issues in regional contexts
- 2019 Emerging Formats: Designing Global Collaborations, Building Institutional Strategies, Rovaniemi
- 2022 Speaker International Conference on the Cooperation and Integration of Industry, Education, Research and Application at Tongji University, Shanghai
- since 2023* Annual Workshop at SIVA, Shanghai Institute of Visual Arts
- 2025 Concept and chair un.conference "Global Design Collaborations x Local Impact"

6. Selected International Activities at KISD

- since 2002* Ca. 65 additional cooperation contracts with international Universities
- since 2003* Cumulus member representative
- since 2008* Various jury memberships (e.g. if Design Award, if Student Design Award, Taiwan International Student Design Competition, Japan Design Foundation, eFood)
- since 2009* more than 70 cooperation contracts with MOUs to extend the strategic partnerships
- 2011 Setting up the excellence network International Design Education Excellence Network IDEEN
- 2011 Concept for Franchise Master program in China (with Guangzhou University / GAFA)
- 2012/13 Concept for a Certificate Course in China (with CAA Hangzhou)
- 2013 Contract and Program Lead MA Double Degree D&I Institute at Tongji Shanghai
- 2013 Co-initiator TEMPUS-IDEA project with Shenkar-University in Israel

- 2014 Founding member of the Global Design Faculty / Initiative; Summit in Tokyo
(with Lasalle University of the Arts Singapore, Central St. Martins London, SCID Taipei and Musashino Art University Tokyo)
- 2015 Global Design Initiative Workshop in Singapore, Chair Global Design Faculty
- since 2015* Co-curator annual Winter School of GSA at the School of Innovation (with changing partners)
- 2015 Concept for an Integrated Design Certificate Course (12 weeks) at the Chinesisch-Deutsche Kunstakademie (CDK / China Academy of Arts CAA) in Hangzhou in 2016
- 2016 Chair and host: Global Design Initiative workshop and board in Cologne
- 2016 GSA Glasgow: External Examiner at the School of Design: Periodic Review
- since 2017* Annual Global Design Initiative Workshop and Board in Tokyo, Taipei, London Singapore
- since 2017* Contract and Program Lead MA Double Degree Chiba University, Japan
- since 2017* Board Member of ZLE (Center for Teaching Development) at TH Köln
- 2018 Co-founder research lab "Realtime City" at the TH Köln
- 2022 Workshop Food Systems x Cities in Amman, Jordan
- 2024 Workshop Sustainable Food Design Systems in Curitiba, Brazil
- 2025 Chair and host: Global Design Initiative workshop and board in Cologne