

Social Media Netiquette @HIIG

We welcome open exchange with you on our social media channels. Different opinions and constructive criticism are welcome – as long as the dialogue remains fact-based, the tone respectful, and the interaction objective and fair. Please observe the following rules for a good discussion culture:

1. Courtesy and Respect

Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself. Ensure a friendly tone, stay factual, and respect other opinions. Behind every post is a person – personal attacks or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. Allow others to express their views and do not try to impose your own opinion on others.

2. No Discriminatory Content

Posts with racist, sexist, violent, offensive, pornographic, or unconstitutional content are prohibited. Defamatory statements, slander, and calls for violence against individuals, groups, or institutions will also not be tolerated.

3. Topic Relevance and Relevance

Please stay on topic with the respective post. Repeated or off-topic comments, advertising, spam, commercial content, or calls for external campaigns, demonstrations, or petitions that are not related to our themes are unwelcome.

4. Privacy Protection

Do not publish personal or confidential information – neither your own nor that of others. This includes addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or other sensitive data.

5. Respect Copyright and Intellectual Property

Only publish content (e.g., texts, images, videos) for which you hold the necessary usage rights. Share third-party content only if its distribution is explicitly permitted. If you reproduce third-party content within the allowed scope, please refer to the original source.

6. Clear Communication

Formulate your posts clearly and objectively, argue in an understandable and comprehensible manner, and ensure adherence to grammar and spelling rules.

7. Adherence to Platform Rules

Please also observe the terms of use and guidelines of the respective social networks.

8. Moderation

We reserve the right to delete posts that violate the netiquette or infringe applicable law. Users who repeatedly or severely violate these rules may be temporarily or permanently banned. You do not have the right to participate in discussions.

9. Communication and Response Behaviour

We strive to respond promptly to constructive questions and factual comments. Please understand that we cannot comment on every post individually. Comments that have a trolling character, provoke, or violate this netiquette will remain unanswered or will be removed.

10. Language

As an international research institute, we publish posts in both German and English. Comments in both languages are welcome.

11. Scientific Diligence

Please ensure the accuracy of your statements. The spread of misinformation or unfounded claims is not welcome. We encourage fact-based discussions based on trustworthy sources.

12. Transparency in AI-Generated Content

If you publish content created with the help of Artificial Intelligence (e.g., text generators), please indicate this. You are responsible for the accuracy and copyright compliance of such content.

Thank you for your attention and your contribution to respectful digital interaction.