

# Digitalization in Culture & Arts Education: Chances, Challenges and Opportunities for Action

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creative commons-Lizenz:  
nichtkommerzielle Nutzung,  
Abwandlung, Weitergabe (bei  
Nennung der Quelle)  
*erwünscht.*

# Chances, Challenges, and Opportunities

*Digitality as a new  
means of individual  
cultural expression*

*Archives, access to  
regional/glocal ICH,  
TEK, and other forms  
of heritage*

**Chances**

*Enabling glocal &  
global connection and  
cultural encounters*

*Available new tools for  
creation & learning*

*Participatory divide:  
who creates and owns  
algorithms?*

*Access: whose  
heritage is being curated,  
archived,  
made accessible?*

## Challenges

*Commodification of  
culture & individuality as  
data within closed  
platform economies*

*Environmental effects of digital technology  
(material – rare earths, toxic waste  
& energy/CO2-costs)*

*Engaging in the arts &  
aesthetics of  
algorithmic creation!*

*Fostering participatory  
curating and archiving  
practices!*

**Opportunities  
for Action**

*Fostering diverse,  
culturally sensible ways of  
perceiving and sensing!*

*Teaching participatory design  
of new ways for sustainable  
ways of life and use of  
resources!*

# Navigating the Future: What Does Today's Research Tell Us About Digitality in Culture & Arts Education?

1. Digitalization is a process of deep cultural transformation: Digitalization and cultural traditions, perceptions, aesthetics, belief systems and epistemologies are intertwined.

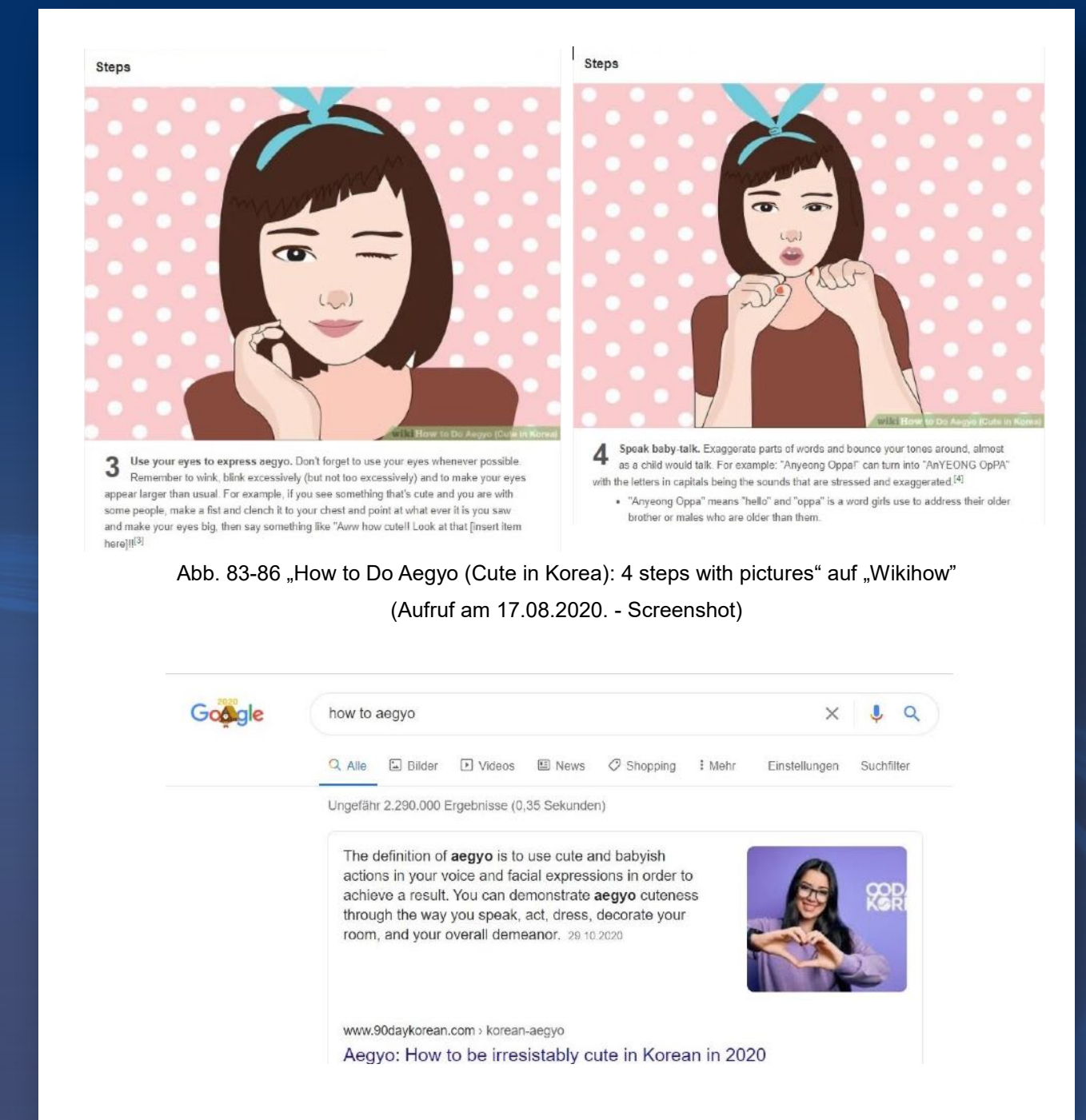
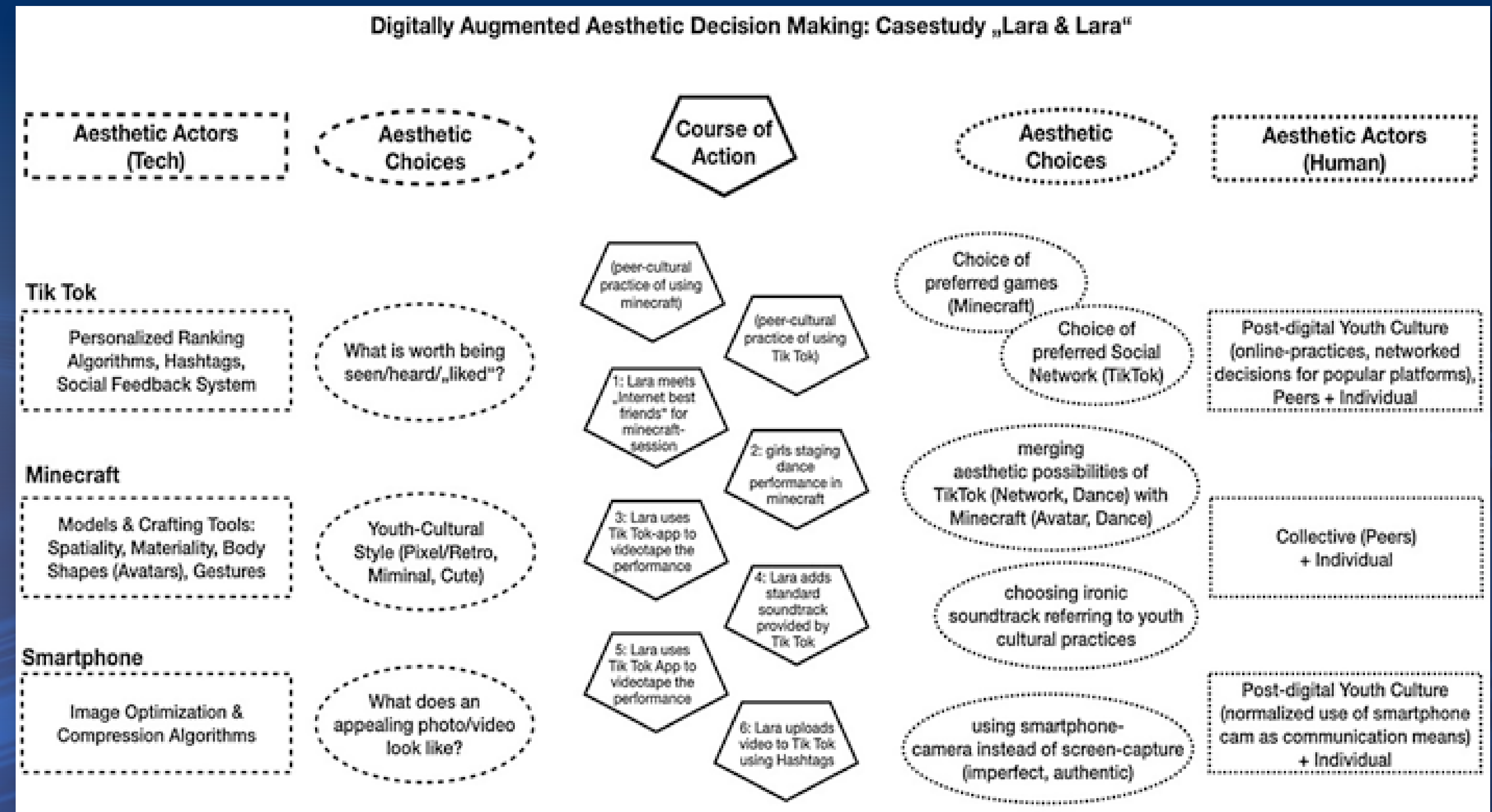


Abb. 83-86 „How to Do Aegyo (Cute in Korea): 4 steps with pictures“ auf „Wikihow“  
(Aufruf am 17.08.2020. - Screenshot)

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2. Digitalization leads to (varying) hybrid forms of creativity – with algorithms, softwares, and devices as powerful instances/actors.



Jörissen, B., Schröder, K., & Carnap, A. (2022). Creative and Artistic Learning in Post-digital Youth Culture: Results of a Qualitative Study on Transformations of Aesthetic Practices. In A. Kraus & C. Wulf (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Embodiment and Learning* (pp. 367–382). Palgrave Macmillan. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-93001-1\\_23](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-93001-1_23)



### 3. Digitalization opens up new opportunities for inclusion, empowerment and unexpected ways of engaging with arts and aesthetic practices.

Only one of seven types of empirically found creative digital practices are typically addressed by public music schools in Germany.

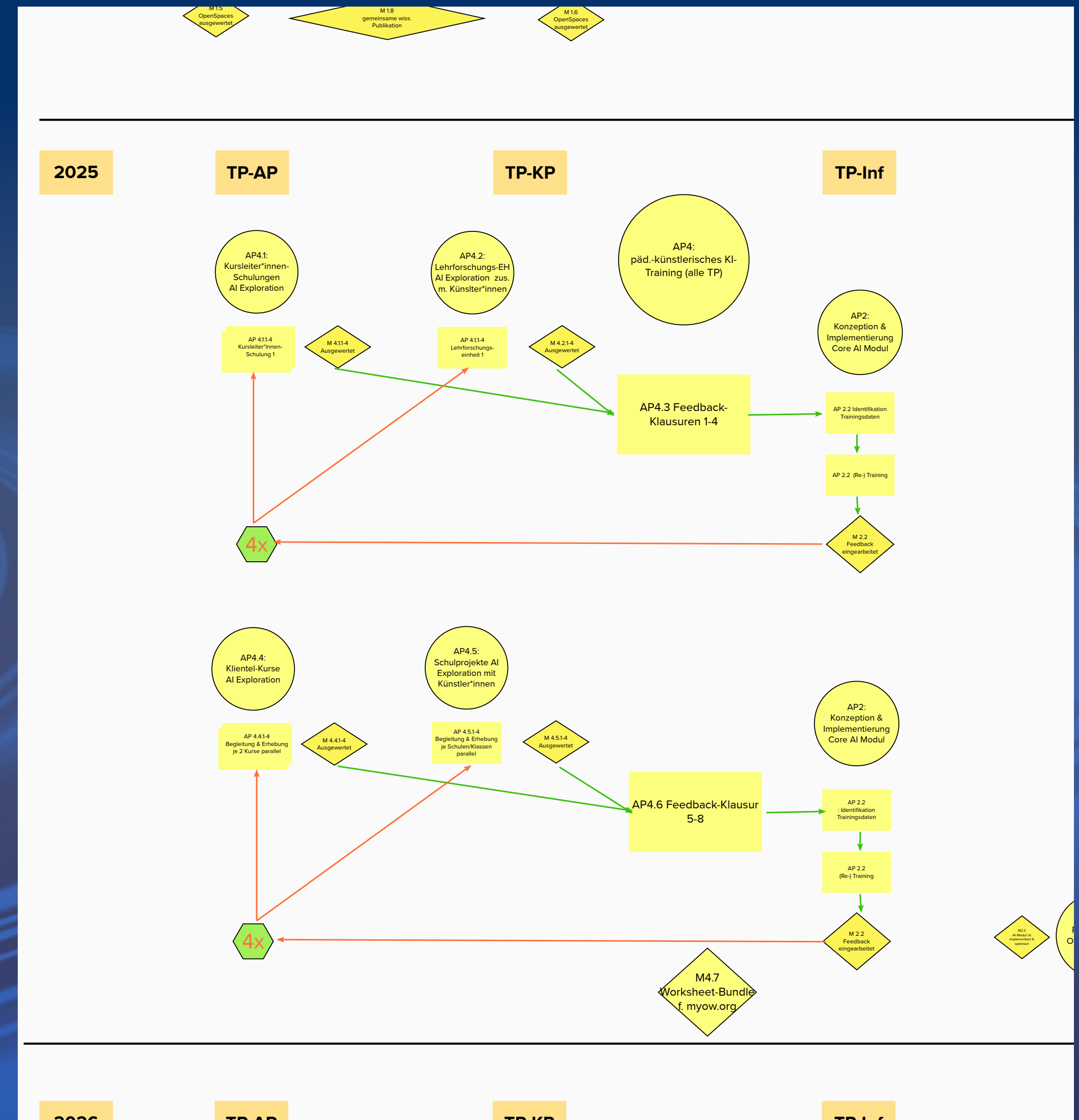
	<b>HALTUNG 1</b> handwerklich orientiert	<b>HALTUNG 2</b> emotional- gefühlorientiert	<b>HALTUNG 3</b> künstlerisch orientiert	<b>HALTUNG 4</b> ästhetisch experientiell	<b>HALTUNG 5</b> technisch experientiell	<b>HALTUNG 6</b> hybrid produktionsorientiert	<b>HALTUNG 7</b> elektronisch produktionsorientiert
<i>Referenz Schlagworte</i>	Musikschule	Musik emotional zentraler Bezugspunkt im Leben	Post-digitale Künstlerbohème	Ästhetisch Explorierende	Technologisch Explorierende	Popmusik produzierende Musiker*innen	Clubmusik Produzierende und DJs
<i>Alter</i>	14-23	20-24	22-25 (und >40)	13-22	14-15	17-24	21-23 (und >40)

Donner, M., & Jörissen, B. (2022). Digitale Designs und ästhetische Praxis: Biographische, situative und produktionsorientierte Haltungen junger Menschen im Umgang mit materiell-digitalen MusikmachDingen. In M. Ahlers, B. Jörissen, M. Donner, & C. Wernicke (Eds.), MusikmachDinge im Kontext. Forschungszugänge zur Soziomaterialität von Musiktechnologie (pp. 231–264). Olms.

Donner, M., & Jörissen, B. (2022). Digital designs and aesthetic practice: Young people's biographical, situational and production-oriented attitudes towards material-digital music-making.

# 4. Artificial Intelligence affects Culture & Arts Education at the intersection of **AI in Education** and **AI in Arts and Aesthetics**, calling for participatory design-based research on the topic.

*„AI4ArtsEd“ - including educational researchers, applied informatics, teachers, students, and artists (pending application)*





# Recommendations: stepping ahead and beyond

# 1. Professionalization on (Post-) Digital Culture and Aesthetics throughout the area!

i.e. organizational and professional development enabling change-oriented mindsets based upon knowledge and experience regarding (post-) digital culture, digital tools & possibilities



Practitioners and Researchers discussing organizational development at the Main Conference of the Association of German Music Schools, 2022

## 2. New alliances between the arts, education, and technology!

The contemporary arts are our allies. Strengthen the connection to artists and aesthetic innovators from arts in all parts of the world. Discover & develop aesthetics and ethics of digitality and ai, from avoiding social/cultural biases to regarding fair culture principles.

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Noise Bodies\_MUZEUM SUSCH, Chicks on Speed  
MI-MU Gloves - Music Through Movement, Adam Stark

### 3. Participatory research designs for faster & more efficient knowledge development and transfer!

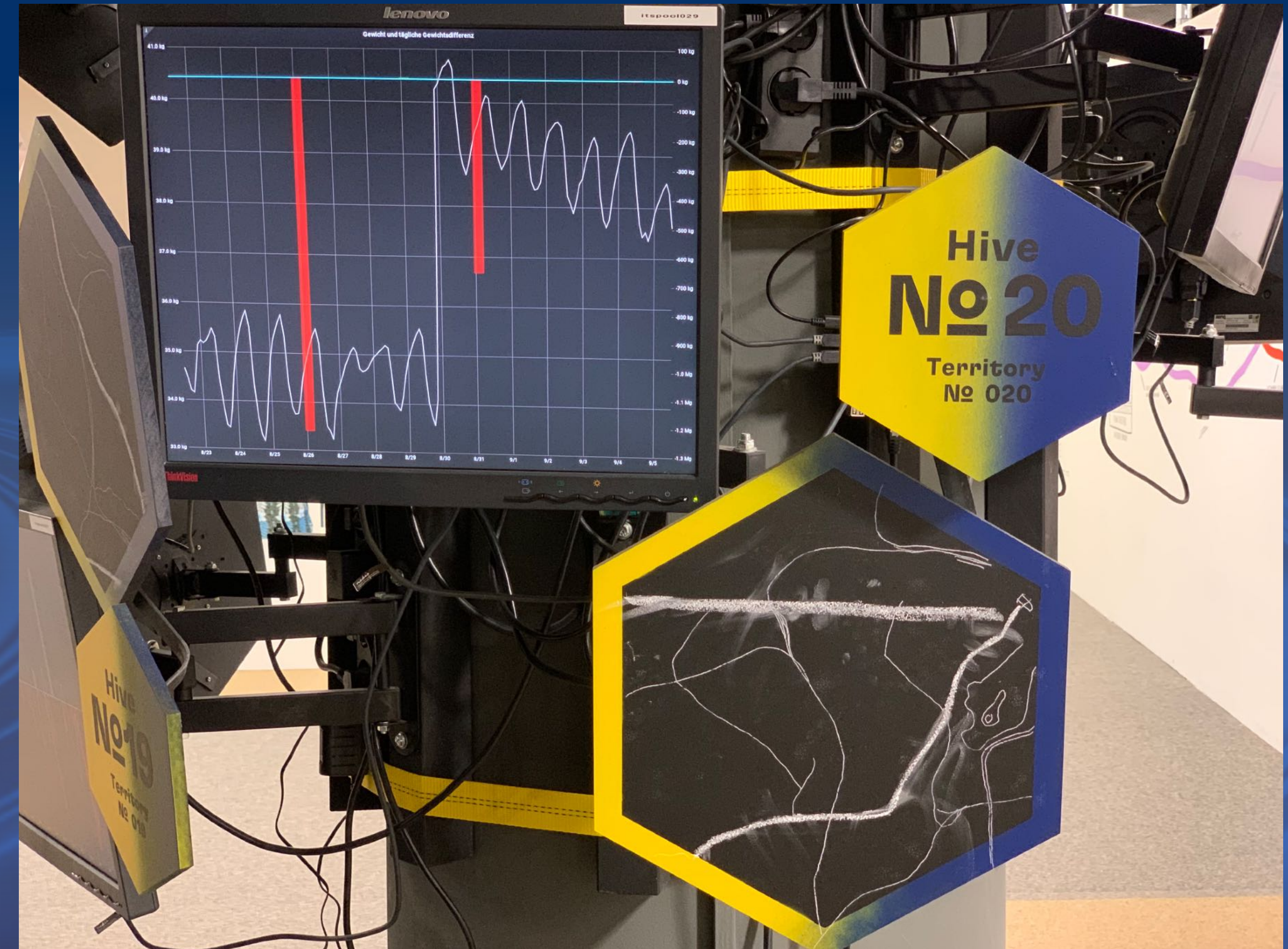
... because traditional research designs tend to take up too much time in relation to the speed of digital development and change (which has once again been dramatically accelerated by artificial intelligence).



A Research BarCamp with young people on Creativity and Digitalization in Post-Digital Youth Culture, Academy of Cultural Education Remscheid, 2018

## 4. (Re-) invent new fields of Culture & Arts Education!

... in order to deepen the connection of Cultural and Arts Education to Cultural Sustainability and Cultural Resilience, new practice areas like Sustainable Making and Designing and Citizen Sensing art projects should be established, developed and maintained, including developing established forms of C&A Education.



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