

# Emerging Technologies for the Circular Economy

## Lecture 0: Organization

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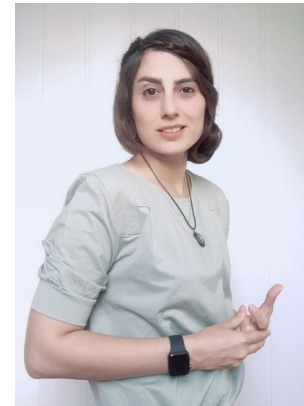
## Team



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## ETCE Research Group

- **Emerging Technologies for the Circular Economy → ETCE**
- Research focus:
  - Intersection of IT and sustainability
  - Circular Economy
  - Self-organized, decentralized and distributed systems
  - Sustainable and resilient food production
- Other courses:
  - The Limits to Growth – Sustainability and the Circular Economy (WS – open for everyone)
  - Requirements Engineering (WS – M.Sc.)

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- Experience in prototyping such applications and systems

## Lectures

- 15.04.2024 → Organization (L00) + Introduction (L01)
- 22.04.2024 → Circular Economy (L02)
- 29.04.2024 → Lifecycle Assessment – LCA (L03)
- 06.05.2024 → Introduction to the Internet of Things (L04)
- 13.05.2024 → Internet of Things – Communication + Security and Privacy (L05)
- 27.05.2024 → Internet of Things – Data Processing and BigData (L06)
- 03.06.2024 → Industrial Internet of Things (L07)
- 10.06.2024 → Introduction to Blockchain Technology (L08)
- 17.06.2024 → Blockchain Technology – Consensus (L09)
- 24.06.2024 → Blockchain Technology – Ethereum and Smart Contracts (L10)
- 01.07.2024 → Blockchain Technology and Sustainability (L11)
- 08.07.2024 → The Machine-to-Everything Economy – A step towards the CE 2.0? (L12)
- 29.07.2024 → Exam Q&A

# Exercises

- 15.04.2024 → Exercise 01 - Knowledge Test (MC)
- 22.04.2024 → Exercise 02 - Circular Economy (MC)
- 29.04.2024 → Exercise 03 - Lifecycle Assessment (LCA)
- 06.05.2024 → Exercise 04 - IoT Sensing and Gathering Data
- 13.05.2024 → Exercise 05 - IoT Security
- 27.05.2024 → Exercise 06 - IoT Data Processing
- 03.06.2024 → Exercise 07 - Industrial IoT
- 10.06.2024 → Exercise 08 - Blockchain (MC)
- 17.06.2024 → Exercise 09 - Blockchain Basics
- 24.06.2024 → Exercise 10 - Blockchain Consensus
- 01.07.2024 → Exercise 11 - Blockchain Tokens

## Course Organization

- Organization of the lecture:
  - Slides are available on Github ([Link](#))
  - Please report bugs!
  - Lectures and exercises as live stream (BBB – next slide)
  - Lecture recordings will be available on StudIP and on Github
  - Exercise time slots = Time for questions and eventual tutorials related to the exercises

Questions? Write us an email: [etce-etce@tu-clausthal.de](mailto:etce-etce@tu-clausthal.de) ← **We will only respond to emails written to this specific email address!**

## Dates/Times/Locations

- Lecture:

- Monday **2:15 pm to 3:45 pm** (Berlin time) – **15.04.2024** to **08.07.2024**
- Location: Goslar Gotec (Am Stollen 19 C, 38640 Goslar, Germany) or via BigBlueButton ([Link](#))

- Exercise / Q&A:

- Monday **4 pm to 5 pm** (Berlin time) – **15.04.2024** to **08.07.2024**
- Location: Goslar Gotec (Am Stollen 19 C, 38640 Goslar, Germany) or via BigBlueButton ([Link](#))



## Exercises

- Individual work → no group submissions
- Multiple-Choice or coding tasks
- 7-14 days to submit (depending on the task)
- Submission deadline is always Monday at 1:59pm (right before the next lecture)
- Submission of **each** exercise is **mandatory**
- **You pass by submitting an exercise - even if it is an empty page**
- You will receive feedback on your submission
- Exercise = learning feedback

## Coding Exercise Submission and Grading

- Coding exercises are graded semi-automatically. Due to this it is highly important that you follow the required submission format. Otherwise the grading process will fail and you will receive 0 points.
- Coding exercises will be provided in the form of Jupyter Notebooks, and provided to you via Moodle and on our GitHub repository.
- You can run these notebooks on the GWDG's jupyter cloud service: <https://jupyter-cloud.gwdg.de/>, or on your local machine.
- Once you have finished the editing the Jupyter notebook, submit your edited copy of the notebook back to the Moodle Exercise page.
- Exercises which are not valid Jupyter Notebook files will be marked as having failed.

# Multiple-Choice Exercises

Every student enrolled in this course is advised to take the knowledge quiz in first two weeks of the course.

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  - To check the knowledge level of the student that is relevant to this course of study.
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**Link for all multiple-choice exercises → [etce.etce-lab.de](https://etce.etce-lab.de)**

## E01: Prior Knowledge

### Introduction

This question is the exercise for "*L01 - Introduction*" of the "Emerging Technologies for the Circular Economy" course taught at the TU Clausthal. All the course material is hosted on our [GitHub](#) page. This multiple-choice quiz tests your prior knowledge of the topics that we will discuss during the course.

You must answer at least half **the questions** correctly to pass the exercise.

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Choose one or more options then select Submit.

- ☐ This is called ECB mode
- ☐ This is called CBC mode
- ☐ Patterns in the data will show up, which can impact security
- ☐ There is no integrity protection
- ☐ It will be easy to calculate the key

Submit

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Show correct answer



# Examination

- Prerequisite for admission to the final exam (all criteria have to be fulfilled):
  - Submit all exercises (except for the MC exercises).
- Final exam:
  - Written exam (120min) via Moodle
  - Date → Most likely **05.08.2024 from 2 pm - 4 pm**

## Self-Study Star

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- Slides with the self-study star indicate optional/additional study material that is **not** mandatory but could be helpful or interesting



# Literature

- This course is not based on a single book and you **do not** need to buy a book to pass the exam.
- Donella H. Meadows, Jorgen Randers, and Dennis L. Meadows. *The Limits to Growth* (1972).
- Donella H. Meadows, Jorgen Randers, and Dennis L. Meadows. *Limits To Growth: The 30-Year Update* (2004).
- Baccini et al. *Metabolism of the Anthroposphere: Analysis, Evaluation, Design* (2012).
- Walter R. Stahel. *The Circular Economy: A User's Guide* (2019).
- W. Brian Arthur. *The Nature of Technology: What It Is and How it Evolves* (2011).
- David Wallace-Wells. *The Uninhabitable Earth, Annotated Edition* (2017).

## Literature

- (German) Stefan Rahmstorf, Hans Joachim Schellnhuber. *Der Klimawandel* (2019).
- David Archer, Stefan Rahmstorf. *The Climate Crisis* (2010).
- Gabrielle Walker, David King. *The Hot Topic: How to Tackle Global Warming and Still Keep the Lights on* (2008).

## Literature

- Satoshi Nakamoto. *Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System* (2008) – ([Link](#)).
- Gavin Wood. *Ethereum: A Secure Decentralized Generalised Transaction Ledger* (2014) – ([Link](#)).
- Andreas Schütz und Tobias Fertig. *Blockchain für Entwickler: Grundlagen, Programmierung, Anwendung* (2019).
- M.A. Khan, M.T. Quasim, F. Algarni, A. Alharthi. *Decentralised Internet of Things* (2020).
- Dimitrios Serpanos und Marilyn Claire Wolf. *Internet-of-Things (IoT) Systems Architectures, Algorithms, Methodologies* (2018).
- Perry Lea. *Internet of Things for Architects: Architecting IoT solutions by implementing sensors, communication infrastructure, edge computing, analytics, and security* (2018).
- Dan Boneh, Amit Sahai und Brent Waters. *Functional Encryption: Definitions and Challenges* (2010).

## Further Resources

- Climate University – Teaching and learning for a sustainable future – [Link](#)
- Circular Societies (German) – [Link](#)
- Server Infrastructure for a Global Rebellion – [Link](#)
- Podcasts:
  - Drilled ([Link](#))
  - How to Save a Planet ([Link](#))
  - 1,5 Grad – der Klima-Podcast mit Luisa Neubauer (German) ([Link](#))

# Questions?