

Newsletter

February 2021

We hope that your exam session is going well so far! I'm excited to introduce Kristina, who will be joining CSNOW as a new co-leader. We also have an exciting external event to share and some news from the department.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter where we share our upcoming events for this semester!

- Joel from CSNOW

Welcome, Kristina!



I am very excited to join CSNOW as a co-leader and I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself via this newsletter.

From December 2020, I am working in the group of Dennis Hofheinz as a Postdoc. My research focuses on provably secure design of cryptographic protocols and their underlying cryptographic primitives. I studied Mathematics at Charles University in Prague (Czechia) and recently completed my Ph.D. in Applied Cryptography at TU Darmstadt (Germany). I am grateful that I could join ETH as a Postdoc and I am very much looking forward to hiking in the beautiful Swiss mountains.

I have been active in the area of equality in computer science for several years, so the mission of CSNOW is very close to my prior activities. Gender disbalance in computer science (and research in general) is a very complex question that does not have a simple solution. This is why I consider it important to raise awareness about the problem and stimulate discussions in the community about possible measures to, step by step, overcome existing social presumptions and make computer science a

welcoming field for young students, regardless of gender.

It is an honor to be part of the inspiring and energetic CSNOW team and I hope that I can use my experience of prior events and workshops when working together with the team.

- Kristina Hostáková

G-Research Women's University Coding Challenge

At this challenge, you'll get the chance represent your university and compete in teams in a series of progressively more difficult software development challenges.

- Thursday, **February 25**
- 🕒 18:00 - 21:00
- 🚫👤 Only women can participate
- ➡️ Register by February 23

[Learn more](#)

Congratulations, Olga!

Prof. Olga Sorkine-Hornung has been awarded the prestigious and very exclusive title of *ACM Fellow*. Olga was responsible professor of CSNOW until last year. It's exciting to see the amazing work from our female professors at the department being recognized!

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