



# Sankt Interface 2020

## Virtual Space

*4th December 2020, 17:00- open end*

**at:** <https://gather.town/app/NUihsMTQIxJhg5oS/sanktinterface>

**Streaming:** <https://youtu.be/WQFRaNOOLno>

**Web:** <http://interface.ufg.ac.at/blog/sankt-interface-2/>

Dear friends of Interface Cultures,

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us 'Sankt Interface Day' on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

'Sankt Interface' is an artistic project organized by Interface Cultures which serves also as the annual celebration of our department. It is not a coincidence that it is celebrated around every ninth of December, the same day of 1968 when Douglas Engelbart did his ultra-famous conference, known today as "The Mother of All Demos".

At Sankt Interface, academic conferences, artistic performances, exhibitions, concerts and a "Computer Mouse Award" conform a celebration transforming into a happening in which students, professors, and friends of Interface Cultures participate at the same level.

This year's event includes the keynotes by art historian, curator and lecture **Valentina Tanni**. Her research focuses on the relationship between art and technology, with a particular focus on internet culture. She is adjunct professor of Digital Art at Politecnico University in Milan and lecturer of the course Culture Digitali (Digital Cultures) at NABA. URL: <http://www.valentinatanni.com/>

The second speaker is **Benjamin Grosser**, Associate Professor of New Media in the School of Art + Design, co-founder of the Critical Technology Studies Lab at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), and a faculty affiliate in the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory and the School of Information Sciences, all at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is an artist focusing on the cultural, social, and political effects of software; URL: <https://bengrosser.com/>

But Sankt Interface 2020 also includes art performances, the sixth edition of the infamous '**Computer Mouse Award**' and a series of live music performances with electronic instruments, as well as some hot DJ sessions, which will close the night. It's all a must see!

# Program:

17:00-17:10 Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Christa Sommerer

17:10-17:20 Introduction to Sankt Interface 2020! by Ph.D. Candidate César Escudero

17:20-18:05 Keynote by *Valentina Tanni*.

18:05- 18:50 Keynote by *Benjamin Grosser*.

18:50- 19:20 Q&A session.

19:20- 20:20 [Computer Mouse Contest Award](#) presented by Enrique Tomás (apply by/until 02/12/2020)

20:20- 20-40 Jury decision and awards ceremony

20:40- 21:40 Concerts from Interface Cultures Students, Teachers & Friends: (To be confirmed)

21:40- Open end DJ sessions.