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Niloofar holds a Master's degree in Computational Social Systems from RWTH Aachen University, with a focus on human-technology interaction and the ethics and philosophy of AI. Her research explores deliberative democracy, digital participation, and the ways social learning influences civic attitudes in digital spaces. Prior to her Master's studies, she spent two years researching technology adoption and trust in smart environments.

She is one of the founders of *Takt*, a project designed to make citizen participation more accessible through interactive technologies such as VR, AR, and smart boards. *Takt* was awarded first prize in the City of Aachen's *Ideenwettbewerb* competition. In collaboration with the Chair of Planning Theory at the RWTH Aachen University, she is currently researching methods for evaluating digital prototypes for democratic participation through an ERS grant project.

Beyond academia, she works as a Product Manager at KONUX, where she contributes to AI-driven innovations aimed to create a more sustainable future for the railway industry. Her broader interests include deliberative democracy, digital participation, sustainability, and the evolving relationship between humans and technology.

