



**Spokesperson Chaos Computer Club**

Constanze Kurz is spokeswoman for Chaos Computer Club. She gained nationwide recognition through her commitment to data protection as well as through the sometimes spectacular activities of Europe's largest hacker association CCC.

After studying economics in Berlin, Dr. Kurz (\*1974) turned to computer science. Her dissertation was about electronic voting machines and electronic voting systems. Based on her research in the field of data protection and data security, Constanze Kurz was appointed technical expert at the Federal Constitutional Court during the appeal proceedings against data retention. From 2005 to 2011 she was a research associate in the working group "Computer Science in Education and Society" at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. After this she worked as project manager at the Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft in Berlin until September 2014.

Her research areas monitoring technologies, data protection and biometrics make Kurz a sought-after expert. From 2010 to 2013, DIE LINKE party nominated Kurz as an expert for the Enquête Commission "Internet and Digital Society" of the German Bundestag. Since the beginning of 2015, she has been a permanent team member of the internet platform netzpolitik.org. Dr. Constanze Kurz is honorary spokeswoman for the Chaos Computer Club, which describes itself as a mediator between the poles of technical and social developments.

In 2013, Dr. Kurz was awarded the Theodor Heuss Medal for her exemplary democratic conduct, and in 2014 she received the Tolerance Prize of the Evangelische Akademie Tutzing in the category of civil courage .

As a keynote speaker Constanze Kurz presents her topics with passion and impresses with her extensive knowledge.

**Topics (Selection):**

- Strategic Control of Telecommunications - The Post-Snowden Era
- The everyday networking