



Will democracy survive artificial intelligence?

This series of seminars examines the relationship between artificial intelligence technologies and democracy from an interdisciplinary perspective, addressing the future of democracy in the context of new algorithmic technologies, databases and automated decision-making. To what extent is the idea of democracy as the rule of the people compatible with the growing presence of algorithmic decision-making systems?

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Will artificial intelligence save democracy or destroy it?

30 January 2024 at 6.30 pm

As artificial intelligence progresses, it kindles both expectations and fears regarding the impact this technology might have on democracy. Might artificial intelligence enable us to have more objective, less ideological politics? Will this technology bring us to have a better democratic dialogue and make better collective decisions?

- » **Dr. Daniel Innerarity**, Professor of Political Philosophy (Ikerbasque / UPV-EHU) and holder of the Chair on Artificial Intelligence and Democracy at the European University Institute in Florence
- » **Dr. Theodore Lechterman**, Professor of Philosophy at IE University and holder of the UNESCO Chair in AI Ethics and Governance

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Who does data belong to and what does it reveal about us?

27 February 2024 at 6.30 pm

Data analysis, intelligent systems and increasingly integrated technologies are the three cornerstones that are going to change the world we live in. Is it possible to develop these technologies from a humanistic perspective and without discriminations? How can the aspirations of fairness, equality and participation that are at the origin of democratic institutions be fulfilled in the new digital environment?

- » **Helga Nowotny**, former President of the European Research Council and honorary researcher at the Chair on Artificial Intelligence and Democracy at the European University Institute in Florence
- » **Stefania Milan**, Professor of Critical Data Studies at the University of Amsterdam and researcher at the Chair on Artificial Intelligence and Democracy at the European University Institute in Florence



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Is it possible to regulate artificial intelligence so that it stimulates democracy and participation?

19 March 2024 at 6.30 pm

The first AI regulation initiatives (EU, USA, UK) show, among others, two fundamental shortcomings: their necessary territorial limitation, and the missed opportunity to foster the more interesting uses of AI in public management and democratic decision-making processes. Despite this, could there be an AI regulation that seeks not only to mitigate risks but also to encourage a global and participatory gaze? Can a democratic governance of AI systems prevail, in private and public uses alike?

» **Dr. David Runciman**, Professor of Politics at the University of Cambridge

» **Dr. Josep Lluís Martí**, Professor of Philosophy of Law at Pompeu Fabra University

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What new ethical and legal challenges are posed by artificial intelligence?

30 April 2024 at 6.30 pm

From the EU Artificial Intelligence Act to facial recognition and autonomous weapons, to what extent are the various risks posed by these new technologies correctly identified in current regulations and how is their governance likely to develop, in Europe and worldwide? Is there any way of regulating and governing it?

» **Dra. Julia Pareto**, researcher at the Chair on Artificial Intelligence and Democracy at the European University Institute in Florence and at the Institute of Robotics and Industrial Informatics, CSIC-UPC

» **Marta Cantero**, researcher at the Chair on Artificial Intelligence and Democracy at the European University Institute in Florence and professor at the School of Law, University of Tartu

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What effects will artificial intelligence have on equality and fairness?

27 May 2024 at 6.30 pm

The issues of algorithmic bias, the digital divide and social cohesion are a source of serious concern, at the same time raising the possibility that this same technology might help us to identify these inequalities more accurately and correct them. Is algorithmic governance compatible with the democratic ideals of equality?

» **Jude Browne**, Head of the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge

» **Bernard Hartcourt**, Professor of Law and Politics at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris