

SALZBURG WORKSHOP IN LEGAL AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY 2020

HUMAN RIGHTS AND AI

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With the proliferation of AI (artificial intelligence) systems, more and more areas of our daily lives are subjected to ubiquitous data generation, aggregation, and algorithmic decision-making. Especially, AI has more and more influence on sensitive fields such as the labour market, traffic, the health care system, the democratic public sphere, and the judicial system. This poses serious challenges to human rights, especially with regards to responsibility, accountability, privacy, and autonomy etc. These challenges can be condensed into two main questions:

- How do (moral and legal) human rights influence and constrict the design of AI?
- Does AI challenge fundamental concepts of human rights, e.g. normative agency?

Considering the first question: The development or implementation of AI (especially self-learning algorithms) affect individual's human rights, especially with respect to integrity of the person, individual (digital) self-determination, the right to privacy, the right to non-discrimination, as well as free speech and political participation. How should human rights inform and shape the structure, development, application, and legal supervision of AI applications? How do we secure the accountability, transparency of AI systems, its developers and the institutions that employ them?

The fact that AI "makes" decision that have the potential of far-reaching consequences for individuals and society as a whole, prompts various challenges for the application of human rights. For example, should AI be considered to be a normative, especially a legal agent, as this heavily depends on the concept of agency and related concepts like action, decision, and (free) will. Is the concept of "electronic personhood" viable for distributing responsibilities? What influence has algorithmic decision-making on judicial supervision and review, how do implicit biases in the training data or the algorithmic structure? Should there be a right to only be subjected to human decision-making in sensitive areas?

Young researchers (pre- and postdoc) are cordially invited to submit abstracts addressing the workshop theme. We will try to reimburse as much travel and accommodation expenses as possible.

Please send extended abstracts of no more than 1000 words together with a short CV to kristin.albrecht@sbg.ac.at. Deadline for submission is February 25, 2020. Applicants will be informed within one week. The workshop will take place on May 29, 2020.