



February 2021

## Digital Ideas Lunch Series

# Law in the Algorithmic Society

March 3 – May 26 2021  
Wednesdays 12:00 –13:00 CET

The first two decades of the 21st century have been characterised by rapid technological innovation and profound economic transformations. Ubiquitous data collection and analysis, automated decisions, machine learning-based profiling, micro-targeted advertisement, face recognition, natural language processing, platforms covering speech and commerce for billions of people, social media bots – the list of technological developments altering our social, political and societal existence is growing each year. At the heart of many of these developments sit algorithms. Algorithms constitute the foundation of what is often described as a new era, poignantly referred to as Information Capitalism or the Algorithmic Society.

In this Digital Ideas Lunch Series, we invite young scholars from around the world to share what they believe the most pressing issues are, how they identify problems, and what solutions they suggest as we move into the new era. We invite master and PhD students to get to know emerging research fields, to comment and to connect with world-leading institutions. In three of the sessions, more senior researchers provide context and share recent research on the impact of algorithms.

Each session begins with a presentation by the speakers, is followed by a comment of one of the students and a discussion. After the session, there is opportunity for networking.

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the [European Law School at Humboldt University](#), Prof. Dr. Dr. Stefan Grundmann,  
in cooperation with [King's College London's Centre for Technology, Ethics, Law and Society](#)  
and digital partner [Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society](#) for the [Global Network of Internet and Society Research Centers](#).*

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## Program

3 March 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

### Sovereignty, International Law and the Internet

Anna Sophia Tiedeke

Junior Researcher at the Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans-Bredow-Institut/Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

*„Are We Taking States (Too) Seriously? - How the Cyberge Challenges the Subject/Object Distinction of Public International Law“*

Rafael Bezerra Nunes

Fellow at the Information Society Project Yale/Fellow at the WZB Berlin

*„Government-Mandated Internet Shutdowns“*

10 March 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

### The Future of Facebook

Natalia Menéndez González

PhD Candidate at the European University Institute

*„Facial Recognition Technology and Facebook: Another Brick in the Wall“*

Przemyslaw Palka

Assistant Professor, Future Law Lab, Jagiellonian University

*„The World of Fifty (Interoperable) Facebooks“*

### Senior Panel I

17 March 2021 – 12:00-13:30 CET

### The Challenges of Digital Governance

Sofia Ranchordas

Professor of Public Law and a Rosalind Franklin Fellow at the Faculty of Law of the University of Groningen

*„Digital Governance and Inequality“*

Stefan Grundmann

Professor at Humboldt University Berlin/ Dean of the Law Faculty

*„Digital Governance and the Distribution of Information“*

Roger Brownsword

Professor of Law at King's College London/ Founding Director of The Centre for Technology, Ethics, Law & Society

*„Digital Governance and Respect for the Law“*

Moderator: Mateja Durovic

Reader in Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Technology, Ethics, Law and Society at Kings College London



24 March 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

**Collaboration, Internet Governance and Policy Making**

Florian Glatz

President Blockchain Bundesverband

*„Applying the Wikipedia Model to Policy Making“*

Michael Karanicolas

Wikimedia Fellow at Yale Law School/ Information Society Project

*„Comments on the Potential of the Wikipedia Model in Policy Making“*

31 March 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

**Technological Transformations, Labour and Resistance**

Wenlong Li

Postdoctoral Researcher at Birmingham University

TBA

Jill Toh

PhD Candidate at the Institute for Information Law (IViR) Amsterdam University/The Digital Transformation of Decision Making

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7 April 2021 – 18:00-19:00 PM

**AI, Decision Making and the Law**

Christoph Winter

Director Legal Priorities Project/Assistant Professor Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

*„The Challenges of Artificial Judicial Decision-Making for Liberal Democracy“*

Christopher Markou

King's College London/University of Cambridge

*„Characteristica Universalis Lex: Artificial Intelligence and the Ghosts of LegalTech Past“*

**Senior Panel II**

14 April 2021 – 13:00 - 14:30 CET

**Platform Governance and Content Moderation**

Natali Helberger

Professor at University of Amsterdam

*„Challenging Platform Power: Exploring New Governance Approaches for Big Tech“*

Moderator: Jill Toh

PhD Candidate at the Institute for Information Law (IViR) Amsterdam University

Matthias C. Kettemann

Senior Researcher at Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans-Bredow-Institut/Head of Research Group at the Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

*„Normfare: Ruling Platforms Can Be Dangerous“*

21 April 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

**Law, Language and Legal Tech**Maria Mena Duran

PhD Candidate at King's College London

*„Moving to Technological Trust: Bridging the Gap Between Smart Contracts and Contract Law“*Maren Woebbecking

PhD Candidate at University of Göttingen

*„Natural Language Processing and the Formalisation of Law and Contracts“*

28 April 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

**The Law and Politics of Content Moderation and News Personalisation**Sarah Eskens

Lecturer at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

*„The Fundamental Rights of News Users: A Legal Groundwork for a Personalized News Environment“*Robert Gorwa

PhD Candidate at University of Oxford

*„The Regulatory Politics of Content Moderation“*

5 May 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

**The Power of Platforms**Amélie Pia Heldt

Researcher at the Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans-Bredow-Institut/Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

*TBA - A Constitutional Perspective on Content Moderation*Nikolas Guggenberger

Executive Director Yale Information Society Project

*„Essential Facilities“*

12 May 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

**AI's Impact on Society and Democracy**Yuval Goldfus

PhD Candidate at Univ. of Jerusalem

*„How AI Creates a Deterministic World“*Margarita Amaxapolou

PhD Candidate at King's College London

*„Epistemic Bias in Law and AI Research and the Future of Democratic Law-Making“*



### Senior Panel III

19 May 2021 - 18:00 - 19:30 CET

### Freedom in the Algorithmic Society

#### Laura DeNardis

Professor and Interim Dean of the School of Communication at American University in Washington, DC

*„The Internet in Everything: Freedom and Security in a World with No Off Switch“*

#### Moderator: Niklas Eder

PhD Candidate at the Humboldt University Berlin/ Fellow at the Information Society Project Yale Law School

#### Frank Pasquale

Professor of Law at the Brooklyn Law School/Affiliate Fellow at Yale University's Information Society Project/ Member of the American Law Institute

*„New Laws of Robotics: Defending Human Expertise in the Age of AI“*

26 May 2021 - 12:00-13:00 CET

### Algorithmic Opacity and Fundamental Rights

#### Francesca Palmiotto

PhD Candidate at the European University Institute

*TBA - Algorithmic Evidence and Fundamental Rights*

#### Eliška Pírková

Policy Analyst at Access Now

*TBA - Amplification of potentially harmful content, recommender systems and algorithmic transparency*