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TAMING THE MACHINES

Discussing Ethics and Information Technologies

Powered by algorithms, music and video streaming platforms can offer us a unique personalized entertainment experience. Robots can replace humans to complete tedious and dangerous tasks. Big data analytics has become a powerful tool for scientific research. Yet, the destructive potential of information technologies should not be overlooked: software has been shown to be discriminatory, people were killed in accidents involving self-driving cars, and the now-defunct Cambridge Analytica showed that social media platforms can be exploited to spread fake news and disrupt democracy. It is therefore imperative to critically reflect upon the social, ethical, and political dimensions of information technologies. This public lecture series invites internationally renowned scholars to explore and discuss promises and perils of information technologies for our society.

14.11.2018	Regulated Data - Regulated Activism? Digital Activism in the GDPR Era Prof. Dr. Payal Arora Erasmus University Rotterdam/Catalyst Lab
21.11.2018	Are Machines Better Judges? Prof. Dr. Katharina Anna Zweig TU Kaiserslautern
12.12.2018	Love, Sex and Power: The Rise of the Machines and the Arts of Being Human Prof. Dr. Charles Ess University of Oslo
18.12.2018 Tuesday Hörsaal A	Rethinking the Ethics of Communication* (Second Christmas Lecture of the Politics, Economics and Philosophy Master) Prof. Dr. Onora O'Neill University of Cambridge
09.01.2019	The Ethics of Law and the Laws of Ethics Prof. Dr. Mireille Hildebrandt Vrije Universiteit Brussel/Radboud University Nijmegen
23.01.2019	Soft Ethics, Hard Ethics, and the Governance of the Digital* Prof. Dr. Luciano Floridi University of Oxford/The Alan Turing Institute

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