Ethics, Law & IT – From Theory to Practice

In the past few years, digital technologies such as speech assistants, facial recognition or digitized border control systems have sparked increased public debate. While it is claimed that such technologies contribute to human well-being, there are worries that new forms of surveillance and algorithmic discrimination will compromise civil liberties and the rule of law, plunging the world into a technocratic dystopia. Academic disciplines such as ethics and law have sought to highlight emerging problems and develop ideas on how to deal with the challenges posed by rapid digitization, Big Data, and AI. This semester, our public lecture series presents talks by distinguished academics whose work aims to shape the course of technological development as well as the legal and policy environments in which modern ICTs are deployed.

14.04.2021  Power, Freedom and Democracy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and the Responsibility of Engineers
Paul Nemitz (Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Brussels)

28.04.2021  Why Is Normalizing Surveillance Dangerous?
Prof. Dr. Evan Selinger (Rochester Institute of Technology, NY, USA)

12.05.2021  AI and Development: A Global (South) Policy Response
Amba Kak (Director of Global Strategy & Programs, AI Now Institute, New York University, NY, USA)

19.05.2021  The Case Against Facial Recognition
Prof. Dr. Woodrow Hartzog (Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA)

Keynote Address: Joint Event with the CEPE/IACAP 2021 Conference

07.07.2021  TBA
Prof. Dr. Helen Nissenbaum (Cornell Tech, Ithaca, NY, USA)
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