Algorithmic inequality: Governance, representation and rights in Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence has penetrated in our societies increasingly making decisions about our daily lives. Algorithmic decision-making systems deployed in public administration are already automating governmental tasks or identifying profiles, challenging the legitimacy and even rationality of institutional decisions in a society governed by new centers of power.

The future of technology is intertwined with the future of democracy. Machine learning technologies and AI have raised complex questions about the trade-offs between freedom of expression, privacy, citizens safety, and even the nature of truth and authenticity.

This experts seminar wants to promote analysis and discussion on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on governance and citizens' rights, but also explore how to ensure a democratic AI system and the protection of equality and human rights in the digital sphere.

11:00 – 11:10 **Welcome and goals of the dialogue**
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

11:10 – 12:30 **AI ETHICS: Rethinking algorithmic governance**
How can we have a responsible Artificial Intelligence?
How can Artificial Intelligence contribute to a political world that is not based on linear and deductive reasoning?

José Luís Martí, Professor of Philosophy of Law and Politics, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF); member of the AI Advisory Council, Barcelona City Council
Hadrien Pouget, Associate Fellow in the Technology and International Affairs Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Carme Colomina, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
César Rosales, technology and democracy Consultant for multilateral organizations; Director of ethics and rights, CIVICAI
Moderated by: **Marta Galceran**, Research Fellow, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

12:30 – 13:00 **Open discussion with participants**

13:00 – 14:15 **Working lunch**

14:15 – 15:30 **AI AND RIGHTS: Preventing bias, digital hatred and inequalities**
Algorithmic decisions perpetuate inequality and biases. It has been shown that AI-driven profiling and decision-making are biased against certain ethnic and minority groups. What it the real impact of algorithmic decision-making systems in gender rights and human rights? How can we ensure that these automated decisions will be fair and relevant?

Alexandra Wudel, Co-Founder and Managing Director, FemAI – Center for Feminist Artificial Intelligence

Alberto Quintavalla, Assistant Professor, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam; Co-editor of "Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights" (Oxford University Press)

Núria Tria Parareda, PhD in Anthropology; Associate Professor, University of Barcelona (UB); Co-author of the research "Algorithmic ethics and gender perspective: from opacity to transparency" of the Ethos Chair at Ramon Llull University

Moderated by: **Inés Arco**, Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

15:30 – 16:00　**Open discussion with participants**

16:00 – 16:15　**Conclusions**
Carme Colomina, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

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