

Ethics of Artificial Intelligence: Exploring Pluri-Perspectives
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Agenda

Day 2: Tuesday 25 May 2021

Opening session – 17:30 – 18:00 [IST]

17:30 – 17:35	Welcome and summary of Day 1
17:35 – 17:55	Keynote Address: Mr Ajay Sawhney , Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India [TBC]
17:55 – 18:00	Vote of Thanks

Session III - 18:00 – 19:30

Ethical AI for the SDGs: The call for a world where there is no one left behind has been at the centre of the existing quest for our desired path to development, necessitating the framing of Agenda 2030 and its attendant SDGs. Yet the underlying “model” of development around the world, while excellent at promoting rapid economic growth, has also led to egregious inequalities, devastating ecological consequences including accelerated extinction of species, climate change and other natural disasters, etc. Despite some enquiries into the nature of the prevailing models of economic growth from an ethical perspective, there has been very little uptake and innovation in our fundamental approaches to development. Surely AI, if truly intelligent, should be able to help us conceive of more intelligent approaches to human flourishing that do not leave large swathes of humanity behind, nor irreparably damage the planet and its natural environment? What would a pluri-philosophical approach to the ethics of AI have to say about this?

Facilitator: Prof. (Dr.) Milindo Chakrabarti, Professor & Associate Dean, O.P. Jindal Global University

18:00 – 18:05	Introduction and welcome
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18:05 – 18:35	Keynote Address: Dr Bibek Debroy , Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India <i>“The Adharma of Artificial Intelligence”</i>
18:30 – 18:40	Dr Soraj Hongladarom , Professor of Philosophy, Chulalongkorn University
18:40 – 18:50	Dr Pak-Hang Wong , Senior Responsible AI & Data Specialist and AI Ethicist, H&M Group
18:50 – 19:00	Dr Danit Gal , Yenching Scholar at Peking University and International Strategic Advisor to the iCenter at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China
19:00 – 19:30	Facilitated Discussion + Audience Q&A

Session IV - 19:30 – 21:00

Operationalising AI ethics from a pluri-philosophical lens: While most AI ethics regulations and philosophies have drawn on Western legal and philosophical systems, with concerns shared by communities and individuals across different contexts, all aspects of law, including AI ethics, have been a subject of vibrant conversation through the lens of Eastern philosophies. This dialogue will look for insights from a host of ethical frameworks that emerged across the globe over the long history of humanity. What are the implications of AI from the perspectives of the Indian ideas of deontic *Nyaya* (justice) and Dharma, the devolved view of responsibility, individualism versus community in the Global South? Do these perspectives contrast with the prevalent state-led versus corporate-led AI ethics landscape and geopolitical equations emerging from it? What are the Confucian and Daoist perspectives of ethics that can cope with these challenges and provide possible clues for societal re-engineering?

Facilitator: Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Singh, Professor and Director, Centre for Complexity Economics and Applied Spirituality for Public Policy, Jindal Global University

19:30 – 19:35	Introduction and welcome
19:35 – 19:50	Special Address: Swami Sarvapriyananda , Minister and Spiritual Leader of the Vedanta Society of New York
19:50 – 20:00	Ambassador Amandeep Gill , CEO and Project Director of the International Digital Health & AI Research Collaborative (I-DAIR)

20:00 – 20:10	Dr Peter Hershock , Director, Asian Studies Development Program, and Coordinator, Humane AI Initiative, East-West Center
20:10 – 20:20	Dr Chaitanya Giri , Gateway House Fellow of Space and Ocean Studies Programme
20:20 – 20:30	Ms Mary Reisel , Research and Design Anthropology, Rikkyo University, Japan
20:30 – 21:00	Facilitated Discussion + Audience Q&A