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Workshop AI, Politics and Societies

11 December 2024 – Aula P Complesso Belmeloro

13:00-13:30 **Registration**

13:30-14:00 **Welcome Address**, Francesco Niccolò Moro, Head of the Political and Social Sciences Department, University of Bologna

14:00-15:30 Panel I – Generative AI and Labour Markets

Chair: Chiara Benassi, University of Bologna

Presentations

- *What if you see it? Workers' perceptions of and reactions to LLMs*
Italo Colantone, Massimo Anelli, Aina Gallego, and Piero Stanig, Bocconi University
- *AI and Job Insecurity: Winners and Losers*
Alessio Rebecchi, University of Luxemburg; Chiara Binelli, University of Bologna, Michela Bia, University of Luxemburg ; Conchita d'Ambrosio, University of Luxemburg
- *Use of Generative AI in News Production in Turkey*
Gülden Demir and Melek Kılıçgedik, Istanbul Nişantaşı University

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Roundtable: Current Perspectives on Generative AI, Politics and Societies

Chair: Augusto Valeriani, University of Bologna

Participants: Chiara Benassi, University of Bologna; Elena Esposito, University of Bologna; Alice Mattoni, University of Bologna; Laura Sartori, University of Bologna

19:30-21:30 Networking Dinner





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9:30-11:00 Panel II – Generative AI and Journalism

Chair: Augusto Valeriani, University of Bologna

Presentations

- *Generative AI and Italian Journalism: Uses, Impacts, Data Governance and Socio-technical Imaginaries*
Riccardo Corsi, Università di Pisa and Gran Sasso Insite
- *Understanding journalism's role in addressing the rise of artificial intelligence*
Philip di Salvo, Universität St. Gallen
- *AI images, social media protest and visual journalism: the case study of “All Eyes on Rafah”*
Emma Garzonio and Marco Solaroli, University of Bologna

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Panel III - Gen AI and People's Engagement with AI

Chair: Laura Sartori, University of Bologna

Presentations

- *Protecting Consumers from Steering by Conversational AI*
Ivan Soraperra, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Center for Humans and Machines
- *Echoes of History? The Impact of AI-Generated Historical Figures on Informal Education*
Lina Ruth Harder, University of Bergen
- *Making, sharing, (dis)liking: Exploring the digital lives of generative imagery across platform-mediated ‘publics of practice’*
Giorgia Aiello, Massimo Airoidi, Giulia Giorgi, Ilir Rama, University of Milano

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch





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14:30-16:00 **Keynote Speech**

Artificial Intelligence and Democracy: Why Social Scientists Need to Take AI Seriously to be Taken Seriously, Andreas Jungherr, University of Bamberg

16:00-16:30 **Break**

16:30-18:00 **Panel IV - Generative AI creation and training**

Chair: Elena Esposito, University of Bologna

Presentations

- *Prompting from the bottom-up: the material conditions for creating generative AI to enhance societal accountability over public spending*
Fernanda Odilla, University of Bologna and Danilo Favoratti, independent researcher
- *When can humans-in-the-loop create rather than mitigate bias in algorithms?*
Terence D. Dores Cruz, Nils C. Köbis, Chris Starke, Tim Katzke, Emmanuel Müller, Martha Kwiatkowska⁴, & Shaul Shalvi University of Amsterdam, University of Duisburg-Essen, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Technical University Dortmund, University of Oxford





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9:30-11:00 Panel V - Generative AI, Politics and Democracy

Chair: Alice Mattoni, University of Bologna

Presentations

- *Generative AI, political narratives and cultural hegemony*
Maria Francesca Murru, University of Bergamo and Donatella Selva, University of Firenze
- *Contesting Sociotechnical Orders: Activist Imaginaries of AI*
Luigia Tricase, University of Bologna
- *DemBots and Chat-Democracy*
Jan Løhmann Stephensen, Aarhus University

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 - Collective Wrap-Up Session with all Workshop Participants: Future Perspectives on Generative AI, Politics and Societies.

