



AI, Digital Governance and Techno-Politics

**Week-long (5 Days)
Capacity Building Training programme/ Faculty Development Programme**

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Concept Note

The rapid growth of generative artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT has made AI a buzzword, but all buzzwords run into the danger of being reduced to platitudes and clichés. Today it has become almost mandatory to invoke AI in every sphere of public and intellectual life, often as a token gesture rather than as part of a sustained critical engagement. The transformations we are living through in this technological age extend far beyond artificial intelligence. Digital infrastructures, digital identification, platform economies, algorithmic governance, surveillance technologies, and algorithm-driven research are reshaping the very fabric of society in ways that demand deeper theoretical and conceptual engagement from the social sciences and humanities. The current discourse is largely limited to technological determinism, where technology is seen as a universal solution, or dystopian anxiety, where its overwhelming influence threatens employment, scholarship, and even provokes war. This dualistic perspective hinders a nuanced understanding of its political, legal and societal implications.

This FDP will explore the profound and multifaceted impact of technology on society, focusing on its role as a fundamental force reshaping governance, politics, law, human cognition, and indeed the very meaning of life. We will move beyond approaching AI and other forms of technological infrastructure from an instrumental perspective, and instead analyse their role as a powerful, all-encompassing force that needs to be understood through a historical and critical lens. The FDP aims to examine how technology intersects and in the process transforms core dimensions of collective life- the knowledge discourse, democratic processes, socio-political identities, legal frameworks, environmental governance and the pursuit of justice itself. By situating these themes in historical and postcolonial contexts, the sessions will open up deeper debates on human thought, power, justice, and collectivity. In addition to a theoretical engagement with technology, the



FDP will include hands-on sessions on quantitative tools for AI analysis, with a focus on data-driven governance and its implications for social, political, and economic decision-making. Participants will be introduced to methods such as regression, natural language processing, and cluster analysis, and will work with widely used datasets, ranging from case law, election results to social media sentiment, to explore how these tools can enrich social science and legal research.

To move in this direction, it is vital to develop a multidisciplinary perspective. In this FDP, we follow a multipronged approach, drawn from the Social Sciences, such as Political Studies, Economics, Education, Ecology, etc. on the one hand and Sciences and Technology Studies (STS), Critical Legal Studies, and Computation, on the other. Social Sciences raise fundamental questions of governance, justice, and human agency in an age of automated decision-making. They allow us to grapple with who is accountable for algorithmic outcomes and how we can ensure that AI systems align with democratic principles and constitutional values rather than undermining them. STS offers a framework to analyse AI through the lens of Techno-Politics. Rejecting an instrumental approach to technology that sees it as an external, neutral force that supplements the domain of the political, STS emphasises the fact that technology and politics are mutually constitutive; they shape and define one another. AI in this account is necessarily underwritten by political values, social dynamics, and power relations by the people who design, produce, and use them. Finally, Critical Legal Studies can deconstruct how law is being reconfigured by AI, examining issues of bias in legal algorithms, the future of rights in a world of generative content, and the development of new legal frameworks to regulate increasingly autonomous technologies. By integrating quantitative methods into social and legal research, the programme also seeks to bridge computational techniques with critical inquiry. Collectively, these approaches provide us with the necessary theoretical tools to move beyond technological determinism and dystopian anxieties, fostering a more nuanced and holistic understanding of AI's complex societal implications.

Objectives

- *Examine how AI and algorithmic governance reshape traditional notions of political authority, legitimacy, and justice.*
- *Examine the critical challenges of thought and pedagogy in the AI age, including the impact of generative AI on thinking, teaching and learning.*
- *Investigate the implications of data-driven governance for participation, accountability, elections, and policymaking.*
- *Explore issues of bias, fairness, and opacity in AI-driven decision-making.*
- *Analyse how digital infrastructures, platform economies and technologies for environmental governance transform ideas of freedom, work, sovereignty and sustainability.*
- *Assess the reconfiguration of citizenship and identity in an age of surveillance and algorithmic control.*
- *Provide practical training in quantitative tools such as regression, natural language processing, and cluster analysis, using datasets related to governance, law, etc.*
- *Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration among scholars in the social sciences, law, and computational fields.*

Themes to be Covered

- *Foundations of Techno-politics: Theoretical and technocratic approaches*



- Algorithmic bias and Predictive Modelling
- Techno-politics and the challenges to political thought
- AI and the Classroom
- Digital Citizenship and Tech Rights
- Technology and Elections
- Security and digital surveillance
- Law, Algorithm and Computational Justice
- AI and Regulations
- Digital technologies and Ecological Commons
- Introduction to Quantitative Tools for AI Analysis: Hands-On Workshops

Designed For

- Faculty members and researchers in political studies, philosophy, law, public policy, sociology, economics, environmental studies, technology studies and related disciplines.
- Scholars/ professionals/ freelancers in digital governance, technology policy, environmental governance, elections, and algorithmic justice.
- Researchers seeking to integrate computational and quantitative tools into social science and legal analysis, and those aiming to enhance pedagogy in these areas.



Registration for AUD participants

- There is no Registration Fee for AUD participants
- AUD Participants can only join in physical mode in the Karampura campus
- To register click below

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Registration for External Participants

Registration Fee:

- Doctoral scholars/ Students enrolled in any Higher Education Institution:
Rs. 1500
- All others including faculty members, lawyers, journalists:
Rs. 3000

Registration will automatically close once all available seats are filled.

To register:

- Step 1: Scan the QR code, take a screenshot of the payment
- Step 2: Click on the link below and attach the payment screenshot

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Note:

- Those external participants who prefer to attend in person, seating at the venue is limited and will be assigned on a first-registered, first-served basis. All other participants will join online.
- Participation allowed only on prior registration. Participants will be awarded a Certificate on successful completion of the programme after meeting the attendance and assessment requirements

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