AI and law breakfasts webinar series

7th edition: certification of algorithmic systems

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The AI and Law breakfasts, co-organised by the Council of Europe and the University of Strasbourg (UMR DRES), are regular meetings open to a wide public, public decision-makers, officials from international organisations and national administrations and academics, whose aim is to measure the stakes of subjects at the frontiers of digital techniques and the practice of law.

The 7th edition will deal with the certification of algorithmic systems, including those relating to the latest developments in artificial intelligence (AI). At a time when public opinion is very concerned about the certain consequences of some AI applications, such as discrimination or the weakening of human agency, regulators are looking for specific solutions to create trust among users.

The idea of guaranteeing, through the intervention of an independent third party, the conformity of an algorithmic system to certain number of rules, including human rights principles, has been raised in academic and institutional literature, with references to other industries, such as pharmaceuticals.

The purpose of the webinar on the certification of algorithmic systems is to explore in a practical way both the opportunities and the functional issues of such a proposal.

Hosts: Juliette Lelieur (University of Strasbourg) and Yannick Meneceur (Council of Europe)

Agenda

13.00 ● **Opening**

- **Lord Tim Clement-Jones,** Former Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (2017-2018) (United Kingdom)

13.10 ● **Speakers**

- **Arisa Ema**, PhD, Project Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo (Japan)
- **Nicolas Economou**, Chief Executive of H5 and Chair of the Law Committee of the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems (United States)
- **Yaniv Benamou**, PhD, Of Counsel Attorney, Lecturer at the University of Geneva (intellectual property, digital privacy and technology law) (Switzerland)

13.45 ●

Questions from the audience selected by the hosts

14.00 ● **Discussion and closing**

Council of Europe's representatives

- **Jan Kleijssen,** Director, Information Society - Action against Crime
- **Claudia Luciani,** Director, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance
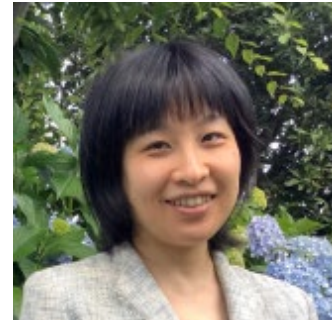- **Patrick Penninckx,** Head of Department, Information Society

Closing by

- **Lord Tim Clement-Jones,** Former Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (2017-2018) (United Kingdom)

Biographies

Lord Clement-Jones has long experience of parliamentary affairs in the UK, EU and internationally, and has advised governments, blue chip companies and trade associations operating in highly regulated fields including financial services, utilities, health, pharmaceuticals and the environment.

Arisa Ema, PhD, is a Project Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo and a Visiting Researcher at RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project in Japan. She is an academic in the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS) with a focus on artificial intelligence (AI) ethics and governance. She leads and participates in various initiatives in Japan and abroad, working to ensure responsible use of AI that is inclusive and beneficial for all. Dr. Ema posts regular updates on her blog.

Nicolas Economou is the chief executive of H5, a company that provides Artificial Intelligence-enabled solutions for civil and criminal legal discovery. Nicolas was a pioneer in advancing the application and governance of AI in legal systems. He leads the Law Committees of The Future Society and of the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems. He is a member of the Council on Extended Intelligence (CXI), a joint initiative of the MIT Media Lab and IEEE-SA, and served as chair of the Global Governance of AI Roundtable hosted in Dubai as part of the annual World Government Summit.

Yaniv Benhamou (PhD in Law, *Of counsel* attorney, lecturer at the University of Geneva) specialises in data protection, technology law and digital governance. He is also appointed expert by WIPO for copyright and museums, executive director of the Digital Law Summer School and Expert Committee Member of the Swiss Digital Initiative. One of his current research relates to self-regulation, including certifications mechanisms and their interface with liability and public participation.