Die digitalen Technologien haben das Potenzial, eine neue Renaissance von Menschheit und Planeten zu entfalten oder sie zu zerstören.

Mit der vierten digitalen **Konferenz Ethik und Digitalisierung am 01.12.2022, 14 - 18 Uhr**, möchten wir anhand von theoretischen und praktischen Beispielen aus Wissenschaft, Wirtschaft und Politik sowie gesellschaftlichem Engagement darüber informieren, wie wir die Digitalisierung der Gesellschaft zum Wohl der Menschheit und des Planeten einsetzen können.

In diesem Jahr überraschte uns die Invasion der Ukraine seitens Putins Regime und der fortwährende Krieg gegen die demokratischen Werte der westlichen Welt. Auch protestieren Frauen gegen misogyne Theokratien wie den Iran, und riskieren im Namen der Freiheit ihr Leben.
Weiterhin beschäftigt uns die bedrohliche globale Umweltkrise.

Während die Auswirkungen der Digitalisierung auf ökologische Fragen bereits letztes Jahr besprochen wurden, müssen die Auswirkungen der Digitalisierung im Krieg noch vollständig begriffen werden.

Populisten, Diktatoren und Fundamentalisten setzen die modernsten technologischen Anwendungen ein, um Bürger*innen zu kontrollieren und Konsens zu bilden. Dabei verbreiten sie zurückgewandte ideologische Ansichten, in denen wissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse, ethische Prinzipien und demokratische Werte keine Rolle spielen.

Solche Figuren sind zunehmend auch im Cyberraum aktiv, um für sie feindliche Unternehmen, Organisationen sowie Aktivist*innen zu bedrohen oder sogar mundtot zu machen. Selbst die Infrastruktur von - demokratischen - Staaten würden sie lahmlegen, um ihren geopolitischen Einfluss zu erweitern.

In Europa hat die von der Europäischen Kommission eingesetzte hochrangige Expertengruppe für Künstliche Intelligenz (AI HLEG) ihre Ethik-Leitlinien für vertrauenswürdige KI (AI HLEG, 2019) vorgelegt, die den Begriff buchstäblich in den Mittelpunkt stellen. Dieser Begriff umfasst (1) die Achtung der menschlichen Autonomie, (2) die Vermeidung von Schaden, (3) Fairness, und (4) Erklärbarkeit.

Viele Institutionen, Unternehmen und große Teile der Gesellschaft sind bereits offen für derartige Lösungen und dafür, dass Ökologie, Demokratie und alle humanistischen Werte, auf die sich die EU gründet, auch in der digitalen Sphäre gesichert werden.

Wichtig ist es auch, die Digitalisierung so zu gestalten, dass sie Frauen und Männern gleiche Chancen bietet.

Indem wir die Ethik der Digitalisierung untersuchen, können wir nicht nur Konsequenzen einschätzen, sondern viel mehr auch die zukünftige - gerechte - Digitalisierung der Gesellschaft gestalten und realisieren.

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Keynote: Prof. Mariarosaria Taddeo

Mariarosaria Taddeo is Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, where she is the Deputy Director of the Digital Ethics Lab, and is Defence Science and Technology Fellow at the Alan Turing Institute. Her work focuses mainly on the ethical analysis of Artificial Intelligence, cyber security, cyber conflicts, and ethics of digital innovation. Her area of expertise is Philosophy and Ethics of Information. She has received multiple awards for her work, among which the 2010 Simon Award for Outstanding Research in Computing and Philosophy; the 2016 World Technology Award for Ethics. In 2018, InspiringFifty named her among the most inspiring 50 Italian women working in technology, in 2020 she was listed as one the top 100 most influential women in UK technology by ComputerWeekly. In the same year, ORBIT listed her among the top 100 women working on Ethics of AI in the world. Since 2016, Taddeo serves as editor-in-chief of Minds & Machines (SpringerNature) and of Philosophical Studies Series (SpringerNature).

Digital technologies have the potential either to unfold a new Renaissance for humanity and for the planet or to destroy them. At our fourth digital **Conference Ethics and Digitalization on 1 December 2022, at 2 - 6 pm**, we shall be asking how the digitalization of society can be used for the good of humanity and the planet and exploring some practical examples from research, business, politics and civic engagement.

This year we were surprised by the invasion of Ukraine by Putin's regime and the ongoing war against the democratic values of the western world. Women are also protesting against misogynist theocracies like Iran and risking their lives in the name of freedom. While the effects of digitalization on ecological issues have already been exposed, in the case of war, the full impact of digitalization has yet to be fully understood.

Populists, dictators and fundamentalists are using cutting-edge technological applications to control people and build their own consensus. They spread reactionary ideologies in which scientific insights, ethical principles and democratic values play no part. These characters are increasingly active in cyberspace, threatening and sometimes silencing the companies, organisations and activists they have marked as enemies. They are even prepared to cripple the infrastructure of - democratic - countries if it helps to strengthen their geopolitical influence. Cybersecurity is being reinforced to protect the democratic order and our citizens from increased hacking. Freedom and transparency on the Internet must be guaranteed, social inequality countered, green growth enhanced and gendered innovation advanced. In Europe, the High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI HLEG) set up by the European Commission (EC) has presented its Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI (AI HLEG, 2019), literally placing the notion front and center. This notion includes (1) respect for human autonomy; (2) prevention of harm; (3) fairness; and (4) explicability.

Many institutions, companies and social sectors are already open to solutions of this kind and want to extend the environmental, democratic values on which the EU was founded to the digital sphere.

Trustworthy digitalization must also take a form that offers equal opportunities to women and men.

By examining the ethics of digitalization, we can not only assess the consequences but also - and far more importantly - design and implement the future digitalization of our society to ensure that it is fair.

The Cultural Entrepreneurship Institute Berlin promotes ethics as an innovative and economically productive force in business.

We promote ethical principles in industry and politics, and entrepreneurial skills for people engaged in cultural activity. Our inspiration comes from the intersection between different disciplines and sectors, combining existing concepts to generate outstanding new ideas (Medici effect). These ideas can only be implemented properly and sustainably if students and trainees and interested members of the public have free access to information.

To this end, we hold international, interdisciplinary conferences bringing together eminent academics, exemplary entrepreneurs and committed men and women from all walks of life. These speakers pursue their commitment with expertise and passion. We record their contributions and post them on ceberlin, the YouTube channel of the Cultural Entrepreneurship Institute.

We produce ethical focused digital content for business and human life and support gendered innovation.

Ethical principles and democratic values - the European Union's fundamental values - are independent of religion and serve our common good. They need a voice. Ethics are an inexhaustible resource that ensure certain and lasting returns for human society and for the environment. Ethics are the foundation of digital and ecological prosperity, enabling us and future generations to lead a good life and unleashing a global renaissance.

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Programme 14-18h

13:50 – 14:00 Accreditation

14:00 – 14:20 Dr. Clara Mavellia – Cultural Entrepreneurship Institute, Berlin (Germany)

14:20 – 14:40 Prof. Mariarosaria Taddeo – Keynote – Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow – ICSS DPhil Programme Director Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford (UK)
Dstl Ethics Fellow | Alan Turing Institute, London (UK)
"On Cyber Defence"

14:40 – 15:00 Prof. Fiorella Battaglia – Università del Salento, Lecce (Italy) and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich (Germany)
„Trustworthy AI"

15:00 – 15:20 Prof. Atoosa Kasirzadeh – University of Edinburgh (UK)
„Benefits and perils of digitalisation in relation to Iran and women"

15:20 – 15:40 Prof. Frauke Kreuter – Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (Germany)
„Data Ethics: Ensuring appropriate flow in data collection and analysis"

15:40 – 16:00 Prof. Carla Conti – Conservatorio Santa Cecilia, Rome (Italy)
„Gender issues and digitalization in musical careers"

16:00 – 16:10 Dr. Gloria Mähringer – Centre for Ethics and Philosophy in Practice (ZEPP) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (Germany)

16:10 – 16:20 Beatrice and Ahmad Mansour – Founder of MIND prevention - Mansour-Initiative für Demokratieförderung und Extremismusprävention GmbH, Berlin (Germany)

16:20 – 16:30 Massimo Cerofolini – Television journalist and editor (Eta Beta) at RAI (Radiotelevisione Italiana), Rome (Italy)

16:30 – 16:40 Dr. Ines Kappert – Director of the Gunda Werner Institute at the Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Berlin (Germany)

16:40 – 17:00 Prof. Riccardo Pozzo – Università Tor Vergata, Rome (Italy)
„Social, Cultural and Religious Innovation: Convergence and Divergence: Iran and the West"

17:00 – 17:15 Prof. Ruth Edith Hagengruber – Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University (Germany)
„1789 – 2022. From France to Iran. Women pave the way to freedom. Introducing Shohreh Bayat. Voices from Iran."

17.15 – 17.30 Shohreh Bayat – International Chess Arbiter, London (UK)

17:50 – 18:00 Dr. Clara Mavellia closing words

Presenter: Isabella R. Agostino

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