International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Privacy and Governance

30 November - 02 December 2024

Bennett University, Noida India

INET-YSI-Bennett University Conference

While making it easier to govern citizens, the palpable possibility of self-censorship can potentially affect not only creativity, but the very humans' capacity to experience their own emotions. Such unintended effects can potentially have devastating cascading effects on our social, economic, political, and cultural institutions.

Against this background, this conference, jointly conceived by the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), its Young Scholars Initiative (YSI), and the School of Liberal Arts, Bennett University aims to explore important issues of the economics of AI, good governance, humanization of AI technologies, privacy, considerations of creative thinking and imagination, and take a comprehensive look at the challenges and opportunities of AI technologies.

There is a complex connection between technology and privacy that becomes a pressing concern. Critical theories, particularly those analyzing power, surveillance, and control, provide a valuable framework for understanding how AI impacts individual privacy. AI technologies, especially those based on data collection, are perpetuating these dynamics. For example, algorithms can analyze large amounts of personal data, resulting in the normalization of surveillance of people based on their behavior, decisions, preferences, and vulnerabilities without ever physically intruding on others' private realms. This can potentially lead to an internalization of the observer's gaze. This internalization can lead to self-censorship and conformity as individuals modify their behavior under the assumption that they are being watched; there are many historical examples of such self-censorship, which brings to the fore the important question: How can individuals truly experience their creativity?

Saturday 30 November

16:00   **Registration** | Bennett University- A Block, Reception Area

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17:30   **Inauguration** | Room 002 - A- LH, Ground Floor A Block

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17:30 - 17:40   **Welcome by Vice Chancellor - Bennett University |** Prof. Ajith Abraham

17:40 - 17:45   **Welcome by Director, South Asia INET - YSI |** Sunanda Nair-Bidkar

17:45 - 18:00   **Introduction of Panel and Overview of Conference |** Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean- School
             of Liberal Arts, Bennett University

18:00 - 19:30   **Keynote Session |** Rajeev Chandrashekhar
             Former Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development
             and Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti

20:00   **Dinner (by invitation)** | Bennett University -B block

Sunday 01 December

10:00 - 11:30   **Plenary Session 1** | "Antitrust and Generative AI Supply Chains"
Prof. Maurice Stucke- Douglas A. Blaze Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee and the **Honorable Justice Dr. A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar -** Judge, High Court of Kerala

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11:30 - 11:45   **Break | Tea** | 3rd floor, A Block, Hatchery area

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11:45 - 12:45   **Panel Session 1: AI, Governance, and Privacy**
Niranjan Reddy- Senior Advocate, Supreme Court and Member of Parliament
Arjun Sinha- Lawyer and Founding Partner, AP and Partners
Rakesh Maheshwari- Advisor Cyber Laws and Tech Policy, Former Sr. Director and Group Coordinator (Cyber Law and Data Governance) at MeitY
Mr. Apar Gupta, Lawyer, Policy Expert, and Writer on democracy and technology

Given the concentrated nature of AI firms and the high fixed costs involved (raising high entry barriers), governance should be manageable, as the government only deals with a few firms. However, these firms have a significant capacity to influence government machinery, raising questions about how easy or difficult it will be to protect privacy.

12:45 - 14:00
Lunch | Dining Hatchery area, 3rd Floor A Block

14:00-15:00   **Paper Presentation 1 |** AI, Health, and Competition | 301-A-LH, 3rd Floor, A Block
Discussant : Prof. Ajith Abraham, Vice Chancellor - Bennett University
1. *"Prevention is Better Than Cure" – Relevance of AI Driven mHealth in India* by Vijayalakshmi S | RV University
2. *Breaking Free of Controlled Market Societies: A Post-Intelligent Approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance by Enhancing Capability* by Anshuman Sahoo | Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

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15:00 - 16:00   **Panel Session 2: AI and Creativity: Redefining Interiority**
Prof. K. Gopinath- Professor, Newton School of Technology, Rishihood University
Prof. Sanjeev Kumar- Dean- School of Liberal Arts, Bennett University

Given the low cost of privacy infringement, it's reasonable to assume privacy is already compromised. How can individuals navigate and protect themselves with this assumption in mind?

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16:15 - 17:15   **Panel Session 3: AI and International Relation**

          Prof. Tanvir Aeijaz, University of Delhi

          Mr. Apar Gupta, Lawyer, Policy Expert, and Writer on democracy and technology

          Prof. Anuradha Parasar, Dean, Centre For Excellence In Peace Education & Research, Galgotias University

          Should India allow global firms to exploit citizen data or seize this opportunity to rethink global governance? Could decentralized governance be the key to managing global public goods effectively?

17:15-17:30   **Takeaways from Day 1 of Conference**

18:00   **Cultural Evening**

20:00   **Dinner** |3rd floor, A Block, Hatchery area

Monday 02 December

10:00 - 11:00   **Panel Session 4: AI and India**
Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarti, Dean- School of Management, Bennett University
Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean- School of Liberal Arts, Bennett University
Dr. Sonajharia Minz, Professor- School of Computer & Systems Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Ms. Aparajita Bharati, Founding Partner of The Quantum Hub

India's diverse data is highly valuable for AI globally. How can India leverage this comparative advantage to strengthen its position in AI innovation and development?

11:00 - 11:15   **Break | Tea** | 3rd floor, A Block, Hatchery area

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11:15 - 12:30   **Paper Presentation 2 |** AI, Inequality, and Labor Market| 301-A-LH, 3rd Floor, A Block
Discussant : Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Indian Statistical Institute , Delhi

    3. ***The Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Shaping Economic Inequality*** by Sukhwinder Kaur | Panjab University, Chandigarh
    4. ***Exploring AI and Labour Market Outcomes: Evidence from India*** by Minali Grover |Indian Institute of Management Indore

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14:00-15:00   **Paper Presentation 3 |** AI and Philosophy **|** 301-A-LH, 3rd Floor, A Block
Discussants : Dr. Ananya Barua, Associate Professor, Hindu College, University of Delhi

    5. ***Embodied AI: Philosophical Insights and Ethical Challenges*** by Iyarana Sarkar | IIT Bombay
    6. ***AI-Assisted Co-intelligence: Unveiling Authorial Intent and Creativity in Modern Short Stories*** by Sanmit Sarkar | Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, Pune

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15:00 - 16:00   **Plenary Session 2** | "Topics and Themes in AI Governance"
Dr. Akash Kapur-Senior Fellow at the GovLab & the New America foundation, and Visiting Research Scholar at Princeton University and **Mr. Anand Prasad**- Lawyer and Founding Partner, AP and Partners

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16:15 - 17:30   **Brainstorming Session** - **Way Forward, Future of Privacy in the age of AI**

Organising Committee

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