



THIRD AGIDE WORKSHOP

DIGITAL ETHICS IN PRACTICE

CULTURAL DIMENSIONS

The digital transformation is changing the way we live and the way our societies and economies function, and is shifting global power relations. It has also brought about an unprecedented degree of global interconnectedness. The project “Academies for Global Innovation and Digital Ethics” (AGIDE), in collaboration with other Academies of Sciences worldwide, seeks to embrace the socio-cultural diversity of perspectives from around the world and to further explore the plurality of approaches without forcing uniformity or consensus.

The First AGIDE Workshop in April 2023 and the Second AGIDE Workshop in June 2023 focused on investigating, beyond stereotypes, how cultural dimensions influence the way technologies are received, perceived, and dealt with, by inviting a series of international speakers to talk about the topic of digital ethics in relation to various cultural contexts from all around the world.

The Third AGIDE Workshop “Digital Ethics in Practice. Cultural Dimensions” will continue to concentrate on the project’s main topic – from a more practical point of view. To this end, members of the AGIDE Working Group will reflect and comment on the most essential facets of the overall project. Additionally, on the first day of the workshop, AGIDE will host a world café to examine use case scenarios with respect to “a good digital future”.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2023

- 09:30–10:00** WELCOME COFFEE
- 10:00–10:15** **Introductory Words**
Christiane Wendehorst | President of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences | Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 10:15–11:00** **World Café: Use Case Scenarios**
Moderation: Astrid Weiss
- 11:00–11:45** **World Café: Use Case Scenarios**
Moderation: Astrid Weiss
- 11:45–12:00** COFFEE BREAK
- 12:00–12:45** **World Café: Use Case Scenarios**
Moderation: Astrid Weiss
- 12:45–13:00** **Discussion**
Moderation: Astrid Weiss
- 13:00–14:00** LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00–14:40** **What is Digital Ethics?**
Moderation: Markus Aspelmeyer
- Manisha Pathak-Shelat** | MICA, Ahmedabad, India
Zabta Khan Shinwari | Pakistan Academy of Sciences
Soraj Hongladarom | Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
Anat Ben-David | The Open University of Israel
- 14:40–15:30** **Discussion**
Moderation: Markus Aspelmeyer
- 15:30–16:00** COFFEE BREAK

16:00–16:30 Universalist Approaches to Digital Ethics

Moderation: Markus Aspelmeyer

Payal Arora | Erasmus University Rotterdam
Sarayu Natarajan | AAPT Institute, India
Herta Nagl-Docekal | University of Vienna

16:30–17:30 Discussion

Moderation: Markus Aspelmeyer

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09:00–09:30 WELCOME COFFEE

09:30–10:10 Differences Beneath the Surface

Moderation: Astrid Mager

Keymanthri Moodley | Academy of Science of South Africa
Yishu Mao | University of Zurich
Teki Akuetteh | Africa Digital Rights' Hub
Te Taka Keegan | University of Waikato, New Zealand

10:10–11:00 Discussion

Moderation: Astrid Mager

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–12:10 Mapping Digital Ethics

Moderation: Astrid Mager

Emma Ruttkamp-Bloem | University of Pretoria, South Africa
Shoko Suzuki | Kyoto University
Yi Zeng | Chinese Academy of Sciences
Barbara Prainsack | University of Vienna

12:10–13:00 Discussion

Moderation: Astrid Mager

13:00–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00–15:30 Drafting Workshop

Moderation: Christiane Wendehorst

15:30–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00–17:30 Drafting Workshop & Final Discussion

Moderation: Christiane Wendehorst

INTRODUCTION TO THE SPEAKERS

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Manisha Pathak-Shelat is Professor of Communication & Digital Platforms and Strategies at MICA, Ahmedabad, India and chairs MICA's Centre for Development Management and Communication. She is the Editor of the Journal of Creative Communications published by Sage with MICA. Manisha believes in scholarship that is socially engaged, accessible, and global in scope. Manisha has taught and worked as a media consultant and researcher in India, Thailand, and the US. She has a Ph.D. in Mass Communication with a minor in Gender and Women's Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA and in Education from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India. Manisha's research interests are media and information literacy, young people's media cultures, inclusive design, communication for social change, new media, gender, and transnational citizenship. The common thread that connects her work is exploration of how ordinary citizens engage with media and use communication to experience agency, explore identities, and participate in social change. She has shared her research globally as a speaker and through her books, journal papers, book chapters, and articles. Awards and fellowships include the Soviet Land Nehru Award, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Faculty Research Award, the Salzburg Seminar Fellowship, the TATA Fellowship for the Study of Contemporary India, the MICA AGK Award for meritorious service, and the lifetime achievement award for contribution to media and communication education of the Global Media Education Council. Manisha has been part of several international collaborations and represents MICA at UNESCO's Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue University Network and as a member of the Global Kids Online and Femlab research networks. She has led several capacity building programs for non-profits, various state governments, the corporate sector, and international organizations.

Zabta Khan Shinwari received his Ph.D. from Kyoto University (Japan) followed by several postdoc. fellowships in Japan. He worked at the Pakistan Museum of Natural History, the National Agricultural Research Centre, WWF-Pakistan, and COMSTech before his appointment as Vice Chancellor of Kohat University of Science & Technology. One of his major achievements is to extend higher education facilities to the neglected communities of Pakistan, especially to females. He also established the University of Science & Technology, Bannu. He is the founder of KUST Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS). Dr. Shinwari has also worked in the private sector as CEO of Qarshi Research International and as Vice Chancellor/PD of Qarshi University, Lahore. He was a tenured Professor of Biotechnology and Dean of the Faculty of Biological Sciences at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and President of the National Council of Tibb. He also served as Secretary General of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Islamabad. He is a fellow of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and Vice President of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences. Recognizing his efforts in Ethics in Science and Technology, UNESCO awarded him the Avicenna Gold Medal in 2015. He has been the Vice Chairman of the World Commission of Ethics in Scientific Knowledge & Technology (COMEST) since 2016. He was the Focal Person of the Alliance of International Science Organizations (ANSO-HO, China), 2016–2022. He received the prestigious title of "Distinguished Scientist" from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2019/2020 and was listed among the top 2% in the world whose published research manuscripts have accelerated progress in their respective fields and influenced the productivity of other researchers' work, as established by Stanford University, USA, Nov. 2020, 2021, and 2022.



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Soraj Hongladarom is a Research Fellow at the Center for Science, Technology and Society at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He has published books and articles on such diverse issues as bioethics, computer ethics, and the roles that science and technology play in the culture of developing countries. His concern is mainly how science and technology can be integrated into the lifeworld of the people in the so-called “third world countries”, and what kind of ethical considerations can be obtained from such relations. A large part of this question concerns how information technology is integrated in the lifeworld of the Thai people, and especially how such integration is expressed in the use of information technology in education. He is the author of *The Ethics of AI and Robotics: A Buddhist Viewpoint* (Rowman and Littlefield), *The Online Self* (Springer) and *A Buddhist Theory of Privacy* (Springer). His articles have appeared in *The Information Society*, *AI & Society*, *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, and *Social Epistemology*, among other publications.



Anat Ben-David is an Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication at the Open University of Israel. She is a co-founder of the Open University’s Open Media and Information Lab (OMILab). Focusing on New Media, her primary research interests are the history and geopolitics of the web, Digital STS, social and political studies of social media, and digital and computational methods for web research.



Payal Arora is a digital anthropologist, TEDx speaker, and author of the award-winning book *The Next Billion Users* with Harvard Press. Her expertise lies in user experience in the Global South and inclusive design. Several international media outlets have covered her work, including *the BBC*, *The Economist*, *Quartz*, *Tech Crunch*, *The Boston Globe*, *F.A.Z.*, *The Nation*, and *CBC*. Forbes named her the “next billion champion” and the “right kind of person to reform tech”. She has consulted for numerous organizations including Adobe, UNHCR, GE, HP, Interpol, UNDP, Spotify, and many others. She is a Professor at Erasmus University, the Academic Director of UX and Inclusive Design at the Erasmus Centre for Data Analytics, and a Co-Founder of FemLab, a feminist future of work initiative.

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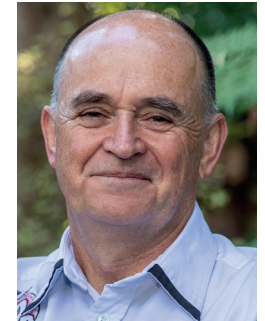
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Te Taka Keegan received a Diploma in Computer Engineering from CIT (Wellington) in 1987. He completed a PhD in 2007, titled *Indigenous Language Usage in a Digital Library: He Hautoa Kia Ora Tonu Ai*. Te Taka has worked on a number of projects involving the Māori language and technology. These include the Māori Niupepa Collection, Te Kete Ipurangi, the Microsoft keyboard, Microsoft Windows and, Microsoft Office in Māori, Moodle in Māori, Google Web Search in Māori, the Māori macronizer, and the Google Translator Toolkit for Māori.



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Shoko Suzuki is a Professor at Kyoto University, a School of Educational Studies and Principal Investigator, in the AI Ethics and Society Team and Advanced Integrated Project at the RIKEN Center (Japan): "Artificial intelligence and other forms of information technology have advanced rapidly in recent years. This has led to both excessive expectations for this technology and at the same time has given rise to questions about how to relate to more humanlike artifacts, and fears about the possibility that technology that might acquire not only emotions and intuitions but also consciousness, leading to increasing anxiety and an unfounded sense of crisis that machines may come to dominate or destroy human society. There is an urgent need to develop an ethical foundation for continued coevolution with technology through coexistence and symbiosis with things and machines, while retaining an appropriate awe of technology."

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