



Interactive dialogue on emerging issue
Artificial Intelligence to advance gender equality
Thursday, 21 March 2024, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Speaker biographies:

Ivana Bartoletti: is Global Chief Privacy and AI Governance Officer at Wipro. She is an internationally recognized thought leader in the fields of privacy, data protection and responsible technology. She has many years of experience working for large organizations in privacy policy, strategy and programmes related to digital transformation, cloud and automation. In 2022, Ivana received the Privacy Leader of the Year Award in London. She is an expert in AI and gender rights at the Council of Europe. She is founder of the influential Women Leading in AI network.

Abeba Birhane: is a cognitive scientist who works at the intersection of complex adaptive systems, machine learning, algorithmic bias, and critical race studies. Birhane's work with Vinay Prabhu uncovered that large-scale image datasets commonly used to develop AI systems, including ImageNet and 80 Million Tiny Images, carried racist and misogynistic labels and offensive images. She has been recognized by VentureBeat as a top innovator in computer vision and named as one of the 100 most influential persons in AI 2023 by TIME magazine. She is a member of the High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence.

Ivana Feldfeber: is a feminist activist from Bariloche, Argentina. She is the co-founder and Executive Directress of the first Gender Data Observatory in Latin America, "DataGénero." She is part of the Feminist AI network for Latin America and she was a team leader at the Center of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Policy (CAIDP), where she worked to analyze different AI policies in her region. In 2022 Ivana and her team were selected by A+ Alliance to research AI tools for Criminal Courts working with gender-based violence data in Argentina and Mexico. She is also part of the steering committee at FAcCT conference and a core partner of the Gender and Environment Data Alliance (GEDA).

Paola Ricaurte: is an associate professor at the Department of Media and Digital Culture at Tecnológico de Monterrey and a faculty associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. Expert Group for the implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI. She is a member of the AI Ethics Experts Without Borders (AIEB) network, A Plus Alliance for Inclusive Algorithms and coordinates the Latin American and Caribbean hub of the Feminist AI Research Network, from where she promotes the development of Feminist AI.

Irena Bakane: is a researcher at the Institute of Legal Science, Faculty of Law, University of Latvia. Her expertise covers AI regulation, law and technologies, EU law, human rights, data protection and privacy. In 2020, she served as expert and Vice-Chairperson of the UNESCO Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG) for the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence. She is a member of the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) Support Pool of Experts. The Latvian Academy of Science has recognised her book "The Role of Human Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" as one of the most significant achievements in Latvian science in 2023.