



Collaborative AI: Mapping Stakeholders and Enhancing Cooperation

Date: November 22, 2023

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Location: Kolingasse, Room 6.58

Overview:

Collaboration among various stakeholders, such as academia, regulatory bodies, industry, and civil society, is vital in driving progress in the AI landscape. AI technologies are complex and dynamic, necessitating a multifaceted approach to development and regulation. Collaboration enables a comprehensive understanding of the nuances involved, allowing for the establishment of robust governance models that prioritize safety, ethics, and inclusivity.

At the University of Vienna, research on AI-based large language models and the promotion of innovative theoretical and methodological perspectives is facilitated by the Computational Communication Science Lab (CCL), the University of Vienna's computational social science research network; and policy engagement and innovation, by the Comms Policy Collaborative (CPC), a Department hub aimed at promoting policy development through stakeholder engagement and creating a platform for meaningful discourse.

By pooling expertise and resources, the CPC facilitates this type of collaboration - showcasing innovative research data and methodologies as key tools for filling regulatory gaps and expanding community knowledge - as a crucial component to foster an environment conducive to innovation, research advancement, and the development of effective regulatory frameworks. This discussion is a continuation of CCL collaboration through the CPC partnership network on the utilization of AI – particularly large language models – in academia, as well as implications of EU AI regulation on research, and the effective and sustainable use of machine learning in both academic and regulatory contexts.

This event takes the discussion a step further, focusing on CCL engagement with community stakeholders, to emphasize their indispensable role in shaping AI policies and research. By gaining insights into their roles and influence, discussion participants can identify the potential areas for collaboration that align with community priorities and challenges.

Objective:

The advancement of AI holds immense promise for shaping the future of societies and industries. However, to unlock its full potential and ensure its safe, sustainable, and innovative usage, collaboration becomes a critical necessity.

The panel discussion aims to illuminate the significance of CCL research within the context of AI development and regulation through CPC-facilitated collaboration with local community stakeholders on AI research and regulation.

Agenda

- 13:00-13:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jennifer Adams & Krisztina Rozgonyi, Comms Policy Collaborative
- 13:10-13:30 Importance of collaboration in AI development and regulation
Dr Damian Tambini, Distinguished Policy Fellow, London School of Economics
- 13:30-13:45 Introduction of CCL Participants and thematic foci

Setting the Stage: Community AI Stakeholders
An overview of various stakeholders, their role, and influence in the AI ecosystem

- 13:45-14:00 Research Networks for AI Advancement
Dr Annie Waldherr & Dr Hajo Boomgaarden, University of Vienna,
Computational Communication Science Lab
- 14:00-14:15 International priorities for safe and inclusive AI
Deniz Wagner, OSCE RFOM
- 14:15-14:30 An expanding regulatory framework
Roland Belfin, RTR
- 14:30-14:45 Intersectional Perspectives on AI Cooperation
Valerie Hafez, Women in AI Austria
- 14:45-15:00 Final thoughts: Opening up new paths for cooperation

The in-person event can also be accessed remotely via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81468869195>

