# ***Coding Guidelines - Perception of Soft Robots***

Before starting coding, if you have not mentally present the study and study design, please (a) click through our main study on risks and benefits of soft robots & read the scenario texts on (i) socially assistive robots + information “soft”, (ii) search and rescue robots + information “soft”, (b) read the yellow marked 250 words from our randomly created sub-word list generated by Shiny-App which we provide to you. The random sub-word list was created based on all concepts that have been written by participants in our CAM-study, (c) read the coding guidelines below (the category system) several times, and (d) the “to consider” section below. It is strongly recommended to display the coding guidelines on a second screen during coding or to print them out in advance.

Link to main study (click twice on the link to see both studies: (i) socially assistive and (ii) search and rescue robots): [https://studien.psychologie.uni-freiburg.de/publix/BouM0e5AbxG?PROLIFIC\_PID=111](https://mail.uni-freiburg.de/SRedirect/1D7C7710/studien.psychologie.uni-freiburg.de/publix/BouM0e5AbxG?PROLIFIC_PID=111)

**General remarks:**

* After reviewing the coding guidelines, categorize the 250 concepts from the provided word list into subordinated categories based on our coding guidelines, please consider the comment columns and the valence of the respective words
  + Important: After our joint session, 2 new categories were added to the coding guidelines and two categories were modified: new categories: (i) technological limitations, (ii) rest category, ambiv. Modified categories: (i) Perceived usefulness -> now: rest category, pos.: perceived usefulness, (ii) Perceived uselessness -> now: rest category, neg.: perceived uselessness
* Important: The word list also includes our predefined concepts for the CAMs. Please do not summarize them into superordinate categories. The predefined terms are: “Vorteile”, “Nachteile”, “sozialer Assistenzroboter”, “Rettungsroboter”
* Please consider the valence of the different words in the coding process
* Please carefully decide which category each concept belongs to

**How to proceed:**

* To summarize the concepts, please do the following: In the first column of the wordlist (A) you will see concepts, which have been written by the participants in our study.
  + Based on our coding guidelines, you should consider which superordinate category the respective concept should be assigned to. You then enter the superordinate term based on our coding guidelines in column B (“Superordinate”). For example, the concept “Diskriminierung” could be superordinate into the category “HRI, neg.” from our coding guidelines
* You should not summarize the predefined concepts (see general remarks above)
* If you are facing any problems or have any open questions regarding single concepts, please write them down in the respective comment column (C). Please do not talk to other rather during this process, because the independence of the raters is crucial

**Timeline for the three central tasks:**

1. Finish the first coding process (each of us will code the same 100 concepts) till 20th of February - done
2. We have a joint session to discuss possible ambiguities and difficulties in a hybrid meeting on the 23th of February – done
3. Please finish the second coding process (each of us code 250 concepts) till 12th of March

**To consider**

Please consider the following while coding:

* All the key points mentioned in the “Coding Rules” do not have to be fulfilled to assign the respective categories
* If you have difficulties assigning the concepts from the wordlist to the given categories, sort them into the “Rest Categories” => You should use the comment column (C) to explain why you are assigning a term to the “Rest Category”
* You can write comments if you have assigned concepts to categories but have questions/uncertainties

If you have any questions or something is unclear, please send me an E-Mail: **[louisa.estadieu@philosophie.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:louisa.estadieu@philosophie.uni-freiburg.de)**

**Coding Guidelines for Assessing Risks and Benefits of (Soft) Robots**

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| **Code** | **Category** | **Definition** | **Coding Rules** | **Anker** |
| SA | safety | The belief that the robot is   * operating safely * performing tasks without posing risks and/or harm to humans * performing tasks even safer than humans | Compared to “Trust” this concept primarily concerned with operational safety rather than overall reliability and integrity of the robot | “Genauigkeit der Ausführung”; “Sicherer für Menschen”; “Präzise und Effizienz”; “Verletzungsrisiko gemindert”; “Schnelles Handeln” |
| R | risk | The belief that the robot is   * operating unsafely * performing tasks that pose risks to humans * performing tasks riskier than humans | Compared to “Mistrust” this concept emphasizes the assessment of risky behaviors and actions on the operational level, rather than focusing on the robot's overall reliability and integrity | “Mangel an Genauigkeit”; “leichte Beschädigung”; “Mögliche Fehlfunktionen” |
| T | trust | The belief that the robot   * performs with integrity and/or reliability * is thus considered trustworthy | Compared to “Safety” this concept focuses on the overall reliability and integrity of the robot, rather than focusing solely on operational safety components | “Einheitlichkeit der Pflege”; “objektiv/neutral”;  “Anpassung an Patient/Klient”; “besseres Wissensvermögen”;  “bewertet nicht” |
| MT | mistrust | The lack of belief that the robot   * performs tasks with integrity and/or reliability * leading to mistrust, skepticism and/or doubt | Compared to “Risk” this concept focuses on skepticism or doubts about the robot's reliability and integrity, rather than focusing on specific risky behaviors or actions on the operational level | “Diskriminierung von Personen”; “Bevorzugung”; “können missbraucht werden”;  “Allgorithmen-  voreingenommenheit” |
| AP | anthropomorphism, pos. | Positive evaluation of the   * attribution of human characteristics and/or behaviors to the robot * such as autonomy or emotions | Compared to “HRI, pos.,” this concept focuses more on the evaluation of specific positive robot characteristics than on the interaction itself | “Autonome Entscheidungen”; “Beruhigt verletze”; “Gesprächspartner für Einsame” |
| AN | anthropomorphis, neg. | Negative evaluation of the   * attribution or lack of human characteristics and/or behaviors to the robot such * as autonomy or emotions | Compared to “HRI, neg.,” this concept focuses more on the evaluation of specific negative robot characteristics than on the interaction itself | “Autonome Entscheidungen”; “begrenzte emotionale Intelligenz”; “fehlende Empathie”; |
| HRIP | Human-Robot-Interaction = HRI, pos. | Positive implications of the   * interaction between humans and robots | Compared to “Social impact, pos.,” this concept emphasizes positive aspects of the direct interaction of humans and robots, not broader societal impacts | “Interaktion mit Älteren/Autisten”; “Hilfe bei Schamgefühl (objektiv/neutral)”; |
| HRIN | Human-Robot-Interaction = HRI, neg. | Negative implications of the   * interaction between humans and robots | Compared to “Social impact, neg.,” this concept emphasizes negative aspects of interaction, not broader societal impacts | “unerwünschte emotionale Beziehung”; “unpersönlich”; “Ausgrenzung”; “Abhängigkeit”; |
| SIP | social impact, pos. | Positive impacts of   * robots * & human-robot-interaction on society | Compared to “HRI, pos.,” this concept is not about the direct interaction between humans and robots but emphasizes positive impacts that robots and HRI might have on society, including long term impacts | “mehr Arbeitsplätze”; “fördert soziale Interaktion/Integration”;  “Gerechtigkeit (Objektivität”; “verringert Einsamkeit” |
| SIN | social impact, neg. | Negative impacts of   * robots * & human-robot-interaction society | Compared to “HRI, neg.,” this concept emphasizes negative impacts that robots and HRI might have on society, including long term impacts | “weniger Arbeitsplätze”; “Verlust menschliche Natur”; “Verlust menschliche Interaktion”; “Verlust menschlicher Fähigkeiten”; “Verrohung des menschlichen Verhaltens”; “Menschen werden ersetzt” |
| TL | technological limitation | Technological limitations of the   * robot | Compared to “Mistrust”, “HRI, neg.” & “Social impact, neg.” this concept focuses solely on the technological limitations of the robot. It can be rated positively or negatively | “Beschränktes Knowhow”; “beschränkte Autonomie”; “Defekte”; “Eingeschränkte Lernfähigkeit” |
| LC | low cost | Low cost of   * robot fabrication & deployment * on a personal and/or societal level | Compared to “High Cost,” this concept focuses on economical aspects and cost-effectiveness in robot development and deployment | “günstig”; “kosteneffizient”, “günstige Arbeitskräfte” |
| HC | high cost | High cost of   * robot fabrication & deployment * on a personal and/or societal level | Compared to “Low Cost,” this concept highlights the higher financial investment required for robot development and deployment | “teuer”; “hohe Kosten” |
| RCP | rest category, pos.: perceived usefulness OR greater good | The belief that the robot is   * useful and/or assistive and/or overall good * on a personal and/or societal level * or concept cannot be assigned, but is general positive | All positive terms that cannot be clearly assigned to one of the above-mentioned belong in this category. Can be concepts regarding usefuleness… |  |
| RCN | rest category, neg.: perceived uselessness OR greater bad | The belief that the robot is   * useless and/or overall bad * on a personal and/or societal level * … | All negative terms that cannot be clearly assigned to one of the above-mentioned belong in this category .. |  |
| RCA | rest category, ambiv. | * All terms that do not fall under above constructs and or neither positive or negative but ambivalent | All terms that cannot be clearly assigned to one of the above-mentioned constructs because of their ambivalent valance belong in this category |  |