

## **SA2001 Individual assignment: Reflection on first seminar**

In the second seminar, you will work on Intersectional Design Levels 3 and 4 for the *same* (or a *new*) AI or machine learning product or service selected during the first seminar.

For those present at the seminar, your individual assignment for the second seminar is a reflection on the first seminar:

### **Reflection questions if you were present during the first seminar**

- How did the first seminar go?
- Was it easy to connect the intersecting social factors to your selected product or service? Why/why not? Could you specify your selected product or service further – for example, by selecting an existing product or service - so that it becomes more relatable to the intersecting social factors?
- What are your key takeaways from the first seminar?
- What do you feel the group needs to focus on at the next seminar (to improve the discussion and/or results)?

I reckon the seminar went quite well. The group managed to discuss and listen to each other. Although, the product was extremely simple I believe our discussion was pragmatic, and it made sense not letting too many social factors be the main factors.

It was not easy to disregard the social factors. Since in practice (and theory, I guess), not considering some social factors might affect others that is chosen as the main part, negatively. I am not aware of a specific similar product that is used in practice; however, it probably exists since the assigned reading was demonstrating an algorithm to avoid biases in giving bank loans; which is what our product was ought to be.

My key takeaway from the seminar is that it is not an easy task to be completely unbiased. As in real life, the affections and effects are somewhat circular, hence most factors must be considered; disregarding one might have severe impact on multiple social groups in the end.

I feel the group might gain by specifying the product further and deepen the knowledge of the impact by the product. For instance, since Social and economic status is one factor used, should the algorithm consider if a person has a high social status? Would it be morally justified to give a loan to someone for a political position or some other hierarchal position, for instance?

### **Reflection questions if you were not present during the first seminar**

If you were not present during first seminar, you should reflect on your group's documented summary of their discussions on Design Levels 1 and 2.

Study your group's documented discussion (see your group's PPT) and reflect on:

- What main intersecting social factors were selected by your group?
- Suggest one more intersecting social factor that might also be relevant/important.

- Related to your additional intersecting social factor, discuss this factor from one of the six questions on Design Levels 1 and 2.
- Is it needed to specify your group's selected product or service further – for example, by selecting an existing product or service - so that it becomes more relatable to the intersecting social factors? Why/Why not?

[Write your answer here!]