Data Science Meets Law: Learning Responsible AI Together

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An academic course on "*Responsible AI, Law and Society*" ■ Mixed class of 20 Data Science (senior B.Sc.) and 20 Law (LL.M.) students • Multidisciplinary staff ■ Six 4-hour interactive workshop ■ Spring 2020 ■ Zoom!

Learning Objectives (both DS & Law)

Dialogue: Fostering communication with professionals from other discipline and developing a shared language.

Responsible AI (introductory): Spotting ethical and legal issues, oversighting and auditing AI systems and taking actions accordingly.

Professional responsibility: Shaping it and being motivated to act upon it.

Fundamental Approach

Dialogue between DS and Law

As a mean: The other discipline as a learning scaffolding for Responsible AI.
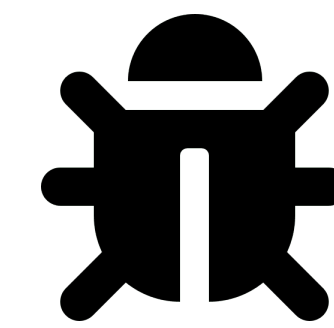
As an end: Foster a joint problem-solving approach in the professional setting post-graduation.
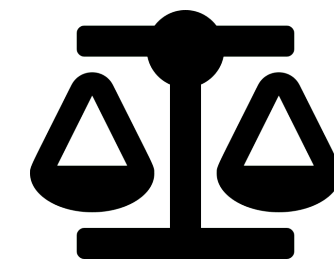
How to achieve?

(a.k.a pedagogical principles)
- Challenge-based learning
- Multidisciplinary staff and student teams
- Signature pedagogy: Case-studies (Law) and Iterated and interactive research of data (DS)
- Real-world scenarios
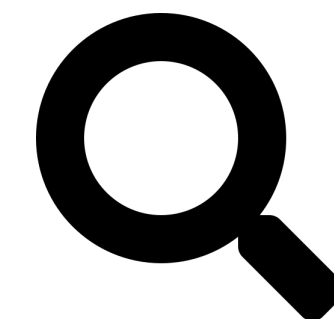- Adversarial tasks to motivate team-work

Course Structure

Four classes, each devoted to **elements** of Responsible AI

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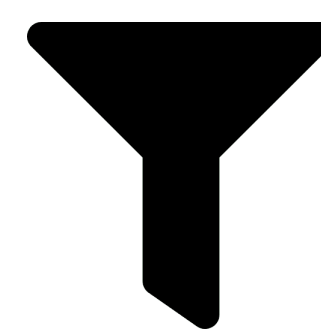Autonomous vehicles

Discrimination | Fairness
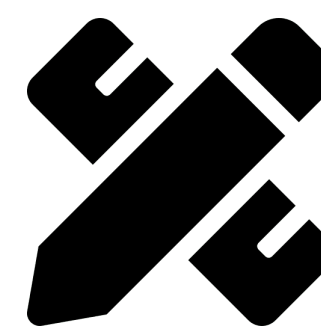Labor Market | HR

Transparency
Finance

Privacy
Geolocation | Smart cities

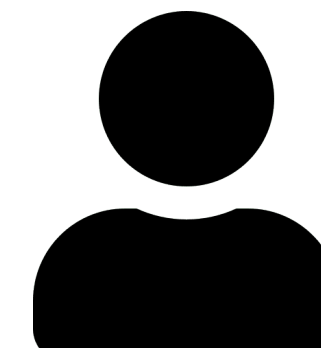**Then**, two classes on **integration**

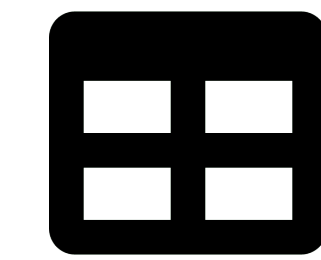Content moderation Platforms

Student project: design your own class (data-driven legal case-study)
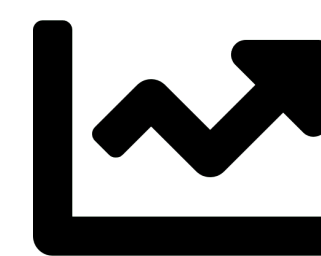
Recurring themes in all classes

Value | Rights

Data

Governance

Optimization

Class Template

- **Initial reflection** on the topic based on home reading
- **Short lectures** on legal aspects and tech aspects of class's specific topic
- **Main activity**: mixed teams tackling a data-driven legal case-study
- **Presentations, discussion** & **feedback**
- **Wrap-up** & **take-aways**

Methodological Toolbox for Dialogue

- Real-world analysis of potential data usages
- Build-it, break-it, fix-it
- Glossary building

Challenges & Upcoming Work

Building framework for DS/Law dialogue
First encounter & onboarding
Shared language
Mutual aversion to other discipline (e.g., Formalism vs. Fuzziness)
Heterogeneous knowledge & skills

Framing what is "Responsible AI"?

Developing Professional responsibility

Evaluating students, deliverables and course

Online teaching
Interactive format requires collaboration
Alienation between disciplines

What's Next

Scaling-up
Releasing materials under CC license
Building community of instructors

Developing methods for effective multidisciplinary policy-making
The course as a lab for experimentation

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Read more and reach out:

https://learn.responsibly.ai