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TOMORROW (Wednesday 4 February): Ethics in AI Lunchtime Research Seminar, 12:30pm (GMT) - The 'Public', Disrupted: The Transformative Effects of Technology on Democracy (ONLINE joining instructions)

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Dear all,

We are looking forward to you joining our Lunchtime Research Seminar tomorrow.

You are receiving this email as you have registered to attend the Ethics in AI Lunchtime Research Seminar on Wednesday, 4 February. Please find the details of this week's talk below, along with the connection details:

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Date: Wednesday, 4 February, 12:30pm – 1:30pm**Arrival:** The seminar will start **promptly** at 12:30pm.**Duration:** 1 hour**Presenter:** Dr Neli Frost**Title:** The 'Public', Disrupted: The transformative effects of technology on democracy**Abstract:** Digital and artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies are increasingly mediating our political and legal interactions. This is manifest, for example, in the ways in which judges and civil servants increasingly rely on algorithmic tools in their decision making, or in how political communications increasingly take place on, and are structured by, digital platforms. These technological

developments have been the focal point of legal scholarship engaging with deep-seated puzzles about what is it that we gain and lose from the penetration of digital and AI technologies into political and legal spheres.

In this discussion, I will share my insights on the implications of these transformations for the notion of the 'public' as a fundamental category and unit of analysis. The project examines the role that the notion of the 'public' plays in democratic politics and jurisprudence, and how this role is obstructed when humans and human functions are replaced by machines. It illuminates the evolving triadic interplay between the 'public', democracy, and technology, and considers the ways in which these understandings set novel priorities for law in the regulation of digital and AI technologies.

Hosted by: Dr Federica Fedorczyk

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With best wishes

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