ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

April 18, 2018

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The Digital Inclusion Lab in the Office of Human Rights, Freedoms and Inclusion (OHRFI) at Global Affairs Canada is pleased to welcome you to the 2018 Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights Student Symposium. The Lab explores issues at the intersection of digital technology and foreign policy. We are honoured to have partnered with the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) to host what we hope will be a day of constructive exchange on a cutting-edge policy issue.

Our goal is to engage students, innovators, scholars, and government officials in developing strategies that will help position Canada as a global leader on AI that respects and promotes human rights. We are excited to welcome you to Ottawa on April 18, 2018, and look forward to your contribution and participation.

Tara Denham - Director of the Digital Inclusion Lab, OHRFI, Global Affairs Canada

Welcome to the 2018 Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights Student Symposium, hosted by Global Affairs Canada and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR). It is a privilege to welcome today a group of young researchers working at the intersection of technology and social good. As the world becomes more complex, it is more and more important that exactly this interdisciplinary and collaborative approach be brought to bear on the biggest challenges facing the globe.

Canada is uniquely well positioned to take a leadership role in the global community to promote the use of Artificial Intelligence for good. Canada is home to both incredible talent in Artificial Intelligence, as well a history and reputation for supporting human rights, cooperation, and inclusivity. Thank you for coming to Ottawa to share the results of your work, and for dedicating your time to this important topic. I look forward to learning more from all of today’s attendees.

Alan Bernstein - President and CEO of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research
8:30 am – 9:00 am  
COFFEE & REGISTRATION - OD SKELTON LOBBY

9:00 am – 9:45 am  
OPENING SESSION - CADIEUX AUDITORIUM

Keynote Address by Omar Alghabra, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Consular Affairs)

Opening Panel Discussion

Moderator  
Tara Denham - Director of the Digital Inclusion Lab, OHRFI, Global Affairs Canada

Speakers  
Ian Kerr - Full Professor and Canada Research Chair in Ethics, Law, and Technology at the University of Ottawa

Ben Wagner - Director of Privacy and Sustainable Computing Lab and Assistant Professor at Vienna University of Economics and Business

Maroussia Lévesque - Policy Analyst, AI and Human Rights, Digital Inclusion Lab, OHRFI, Global Affairs Canada

9:45 am – 10:30 am  
STUDENT PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH FINDINGS TO ADVISORY BOARDS

Breakout 1 - Rendez-vous room

AI & extremist content - University of Laval & Balsillie School of International Affairs

Detecting fake news - Université du Québec à Montréal

Role of Government in countering online extremism - Concordia University

Disinformation in news & social media - University of Laval

Advisory Board: Bram Abramson, Citizen Lab; Sébastien Gambs, Université du Québec à Montréal; Marc-Etienne Ouimette, ElementAI; Isabelle Lajeunesse, Justice Canada.

Breakout 2 - Cadieux Auditorium

AI & human rights - University of Windsor

Race and gender bias in AI - Concordia University

Multi-stakeholder governance - University of Toronto

When AI systems go awry - Balsillie School of International Affairs & University of Ottawa

Advisory Board: Michael Karlin, Treasury Board Secretariat; Brenda McPhail, Canadian Civil Liberties Association; Marie-Jean Meurs, UQAM; Kenton White, Advanced Symbolics.
Breakout 3 - Robertson Room

AI & refugees - Balsillie School of International Affairs
Privacy in the age of AI - Windsor University
Rights-led labour: an AI perspective - Concordia University
Responsible development & regulation - Carleton University
Autonomous vehicles - Dalhousie University

Advisory Board: Gregg Blakeley, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Jacquelyn Burkell, University of Western Ontario; Tamir Israel, Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic; Bernard Shen, Microsoft.

10:30 am – 10:45 am  BREAK - OD SKELETON LOBBY

10:45 am – 11:30 am  STUDENT PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH FINDINGS TO ADVISORY BOARDS (CONTINUED)

Breakout 1 - Rendez-vous room
Breakout 2 - Cadieux Auditorium
Breakout 3 - Robertson Room

11:30 am – 12:15 pm  LUNCH - OD SKELETON LOBBY

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Preparatory Session for Final Presentations, Students and Facilitators Only
Breakout rooms
Multi-Stakeholder Strategy Session - AI & Human Rights
Robertson Room (Chatham House Rule)

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm  BREAK - OD SKELETON LOBBY

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm  FINAL PRESENTATIONS TO SENIOR PANEL - CADIEUX AUDITORIUM

Ian Shugart, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Alan Bernstein, President of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research
Erin Kelly, President, Advanced Symbolics Inc.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  CLOSING SESSION - CADIEUX AUDITORIUM

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