

HUMAN RIGHTS AND AI SYSTEMS

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ACROSS SOCIAL GROUPS

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DESCRIPTION

This course examines the relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and human rights through the lived experiences of diverse social groups. Beginning with a grounding session on what AI systems actually are and an overview of the relevant regulatory frameworks, the course establishes that technology is never neutral: it is designed, deployed, and experienced in profoundly human contexts. Across seven sessions, participants explore how AI systems intersect with gender, childhood, disability, migration, criminal justice, and civilian-military dynamics. Each lens shows how AI systems can both threaten and promote fundamental rights, depending on their users, governance, and creators. The course encourages critical engagement, preparing participants to reflect meaningfully on how to shape AI systems that enhance fundamental rights rather than undermine them.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explain the foundational concepts of AI systems and their governance landscape, distinguishing between technical realities and common misconceptions, and situating both within existing international human rights frameworks.
- Analyse how AI systems operate differently across social groups, including women, children, persons with disabilities, migrants, and others, identifying the structural conditions that produce harm as well as the contexts in which technology can improve rights.
- Evaluate real-world AI system applications from a human rights-based perspective, using group-specific lenses to assess opportunities for more equitable design and deployment.
- Engage constructively in ongoing regulatory debates, developing the critical literacy needed to advocate for the development of AI systems in a diversity-sensitive human-rights-based manner.

LECTURER

Dr Anna Rosalie Greipl is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Geneva. Her research focuses on the intersection of international law and new technologies, especially in the contexts of armed forces and law enforcement

She previously worked as a Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, contributing to projects on IHL and digitalisation in armed conflict. Before academia, she held legal roles at the ICRC, including as Thematic Legal Adviser on urban warfare, and gained field experience in Cameroon with GIZ. Anna holds a PhD from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, which examined the evolving role of human decision-makers alongside artificial intelligence systems in military operations and their impact on international humanitarian law.

She has been awarded the 2018 Henry Dunant Research Prize for her LLM Thesis on '[International State Responsibility: The Role of Italy in Outsourcing Migration Management to Libya](#)'.

AGENDA OF THE ONLINE SESSIONS

- Wednesday 19 August, 12:00 to 13:00 - **Introduction**
- Tuesday 25 August, 12:00 to 14:00
- Friday 28 August, 12:00 to 14:00
- Tuesday 1 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Friday 4 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Tuesday 8 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Friday 11 September, 12:00 to 14:00
- Wednesday 16 September, 12:00 to 14:00

EVALUATION

Evaluation is composed of class participation where students are pre-selected to engage in specific sessions as sort of “Special Rapporteurs” and oral evaluation.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send an email to digital.academy@geneva-academy.ch with a CV and a motivation letter letter expressing your interest in the specific course.

Selected applicants will receive a confirmation of acceptance. To secure their place, accepted participants are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of **CHF 100**.

Please note that this course is subject to a minimum of 10 participants. If this minimum is not reached two weeks prior to the start date, this course will not be delivered and all registered participants will receive a full refund of the deposit. Places are limited to 25 participants, and therefore early application is strongly encouraged.

TUITION FEE

CHF 950.

A discount of CHF 100 is available for students and alumni of the Academy, and individuals who have previously participated in our trainings or educational activities.

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