

Workshop AI, Politics and Societies

10 and 11 December 2025

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Preliminary Programme

10 December 2025 – Aula Seminari SDE - Palazzo Hercolani

13:00-13:30 **Registration**

13:30-14:00 **Welcome Address**

14:00-15:30 **Panel I – Professionals and Trust in AI**

Chair: Chiara Benassi

Presentations

- **Clinicians' trust in AI in their everyday professional lives**
Grazia Ragone, Paolo Buono, and Rosa Lanzilotti (University of Bari).
- **When the white coat meets the code: medical professionals and AI in Italy negotiating with trust and boundary work**
Laura Sartori (University of Bologna)
- **The bias of thinking you're unbiased" – attribution of bias in human-AI interaction for recruitment and its impact on trust**
Silvia Ecclesia, Shan Wang, and Roger A. Søråa (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

15:30-16:00 **Break**

16:00-17:30 **Roundtable: Journalism and Artificial Intelligence**

Chair: Augusto Valeriani (University of Bologna)

A roundtable with journalists sharing their experiences of embedding AI in the newsroom and the profession, reflecting on trust/mistrust towards emerging digital technologies when producing news, and what this does to the relationship between news media and their audiences.

19:30-21:30 **Networking Dinner**

Location TBA, for workshop participants only.

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9:30-11:00 Panel II – AI and trust in opinion formation

Chair: Alice Mattoni (University of Bologna)

Presentations

- **Artificial Opinion. The impact of ChatGPT on the “Italian Citizenship” referendum**
Valeria Donato (University of Urbino)
- **Generative AI, Trust and Opinion Formation. Evidence from a Survey Experiment**
Rune Karlsen (University of Oslo), Atle Haugsgjerd (Institute for Social Research, Norway), and Kari Steen-Johnsen (Institute for Social Research, Norway)
- **Gearing up to Protest: A Cross-National Vignette Experiment on GenAI as a Source of Protest Information**
Dan Mercea (City St George's, University of London)

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Panel III - AI, trust and democratic institutions

Chair: Augusto Valeriani (University of Bologna)

Presentations

- **AI and Parliamentary Trust: A Comparative Analysis of Public Engagement Tools**
Paolo Gambacciani and Luca Pinto (University of Bologna)
- **Ad Machina: Partisanship and Support for Delegating Government Decisions to Autonomous Algorithms**
Matthew di Giuseppe (Leiden University), Katrin Paula, (Technical University of Munich), and Tobias Rommel (Technical University of Munich)
- **A Chain of Trust? Political Attitudes, Media Experiences, Personality Traits, and Dispositions Toward AI**
Gaetano Scaduto (University of Rotterdam) and Augusto Valeriani (University of Bologna)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

Boschereccia at Palazzo Hercolani, for workshop participants only

14:30-16:00 Panel IV - Trust and Mistrust in AI for the public good
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Chair: Alice Mattoni (University of Bologna)

Presentations

- **(Dis)empowering AI? Negotiating Power and Trust in GenAI-based Civic Engagement Tools**
Francesco Nasi (University of Bologna)
- **Trusting the Voice of the State? Democratic implications of AI-generated text-to-speech communication on the webpages of public authorities**
Iben Have (*Aarhus University*)
- **AI in Anti-Corruption: Unpacking Multi-Stakeholder Imaginaries**
Carolina Gerli (University of Bologna)

16:00-16:30 Break

16:30-18:00 Panel V – Trust towards AI in cultural industries
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Chair: Laura Sartori (University of Bologna)

Presentations

- **AI and institutional trust in the professional field of news photography: the case study of the World Press Photo awards**
Marco Solaroli (University of Bologna)
- **Fast writing vs. slow writing: trust and mistrust in using GenAI within novel writing**
Clementine Collet (Cambridge University)
- **How Fact-Checking Organizations Frame AI: A Comparative Policy Analysis**
Paulo Ferraccioli (University of Bologna)

18:00-18:30 Concluding Remarks
