

MatchPoints 2021: “Democracy and Culture in the Digital Age”

May 27-29 2021, Aarhus University, Denmark

The internet brought hopes of a broader and better democratic culture, where everyone could participate directly in public debate. Reality turned out to be more complicated. Hate speech, nameless trolls and a fractured public sphere are just some of the challenges brought on by digitalization. Still, digital technologies continue to carry great promise and spearhead innovation. Challenges like climate change and the Covid-19 crisis may well be unsolvable without the internet’s infrastructure. But how was that infrastructure built, and who profits from it?

MatchPoints 2021 explores the hopes and fears of an age where digitization is both ubiquitous and more ambiguous than ever. With democracy, the economy, a worldwide pandemic, the fabric of culture and even the fate of the planet at stake, there has never been a better time to consider the relation between digitalization and society. The conference features international keynote speakers and panels organized by Aarhus University researchers. MatchPoints 2021 will have a hybrid format, meaning that you can either participate in person, choosing between four main tracks onsite, or participate as a virtual attendee in a hybrid track.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

MatchPoints 2021 consists of four parallel tracks:

Democracy in the Digital Age focuses on the effects of digitalization and social media on democratic politics, journalism, and the economy.

Communication and Education explores the nature of digital communication: between scientists and citizens, teachers and students, politicians and voters.

Building a Digital Society dives into the digital infrastructures that underpin our world, tracing their effects on culture, privacy, leadership, and sustainable growth.

Grand Challenges! Digital Solutions? tackles some of the most pressing issues of our time, such as the health crisis, climate change, and the future of humanity.

THURSDAY MAY 27

Opening session:				
Nicolai Wammen, Minister of Finance				
Brian Bech Nielsen, Rector of Aarhus University				
Jacob Bundsgaard, Mayor of Aarhus				
Professor Mads Rosendahl Thomsen				
10.00-10.30				
10.30-11.45	Keynote by Francis Fukuyama			
11.45-13.00	Lunch			
13.00-14.45	Can Freedom of Speech Survive Fake News?	Knowledge & Communication: Journalistikkens plads i det digitale medielandskab (DA)	Trust & Mistrust: Trust Across Borders	Medicine & the Internet: Digitalisering og sundhedsdata (DA)
14.45-15.15	Coffee and network			
15.15-17.00	Can AI solve century-old social problems?	Knowledge & Communication: Museums and Culture	Trust & Mistrust: Digital discrimination (DA)	Medicine & the Internet: Trusting the Science of Covid-19
17.00-20.00	Buffet dinner and lounge event with DMJX			

FRIDAY MAY 28

08.30-10.15		Children & Education: Digital dannelse (DA)		
10.15-10.30	Coffee and network			
10.30-12.15	Can Digital Tools Support Democratic Values?	Children & Education: Læring, demokrati og digitalisering (DA)	Information Infrastructures: Privacy and Cybersecurity	Digitalization & Climate Change: Part I
12.15-13.15	Lunch			
13.15-15.00	Will the New Digital Economy Be a Business Revolution?	Children & Education: Children's Online Media	Information Infrastructures: Shaping Societies and Decision-Making	Digitalization & Climate Change: Part II
15.00-15.20	Coffee and network			
15.20-16.30	Keynote by Anne Applebaum			
17.00-20.00	Network event, dinner, and panel debate for IT businesses in Aarhus. Featuring Anne Applebaum, Francis Fukuyama, Tommy Ahlers, Anne-Marie Engtoft Larsen, Marianne Dahl, and Søren Eskildsen, moderated by Jacob Rosenkrands.			

SATURDAY MAY 29

10.30-12.15	Are Digital Grey Zones a Challenge to Democracy?	Online Politics: Political Communication on Social Media	Digital Leadership: Udvikl dit digitale lederskab (DA)	Beyond Humans: Virtual Reality
12.15-13.15	Lunch			
13.15-14.15	Keynote by Mark van Vugt			
14.15-14.45	Coffee and network			
14.45-16.30	Is the Internet Changing Our Political Behavior?	Online Politics: Den digitale offentlighed (DA)	Digital Leadership: Cross-Sectoral Transformation	Beyond Humans: Artificial Intelligence

NB: Panels in Danish are marked as “DA”. All other panels are in English.

DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Can Freedom of Speech Survive Fake News?

Thursday May 27, 13.00-14.45

Digitalization has radically expanded the public sphere by giving everyone a freely available platform on which to share their opinions. But social media have also exposed public debate to harmful disinformation, fake news, and baseless conspiracy theories, which have warped political debate all over the Western world. How can journalists, politicians, and engaged citizens tackle disinformation without compromising the right to free speech? And what does the right to free expression even mean in the age of digitalization?

Speakers

Chair: Roger Buch, Senior Researcher in Political Science, Danish School of Journalism

Anja Bechmann, Professor of Media Studies, Aarhus University

Frederik Stjernfelt, Professor of Intellectual History, Aalborg University Copenhagen

Ulrik Haagerup, Founder and CEO of Constructive Institute

Can AI solve centuries-old social problems?

Thursday May 27, 15.15-17.00

We are on the eve of a technological revolution: the creation of social intelligence in machines. But how will the social robotics of the future impact our culture? Can artificial intelligence solve the social problems that we have been struggling with for centuries, or will it only entrench and magnify those problems? The panel combines perspectives from computer science, anthropology, psychology, and pedagogy to understand how social robotics and artificial intelligence can be developed, harnessed, and regulated to create a better society.

Speakers

Chair: Andreas Roepstorff, Professor of Anthropology, Aarhus University

Catherine Hasse, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Aarhus University

Virginia Dignum, Professor of Computing Science, Umeå University

Can Digital Technologies Support Democratic Values?

Friday May 28, 10.30-12.15

As recent experience shows, our current use of digital technologies facilitates ideological polarization and threatens the very foundations of democracy and moral autonomy. This multidisciplinary panel discusses visions and concrete strategies for how we can use digital technology to protect or even enhance political, social, and cultural values. A necessary requirement for these strategies is that expertise from the humanities is integrated into the development of new technologies from the very beginning. The panel discusses current initiatives aimed at cultural change, led by new alliances of researchers and professionals, and presents ideas for how to create extracurricular online education for better citizenship.

Speakers

Chair: Johanna Seibt, Professor of Philosophy, Aarhus University

Hannes Werthner, Professor Emeritus of Informatics, Vienna University of Technology

Jacob Sherson, Professor of Management, Aarhus University

Raffaele Rodogno, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Aarhus University

Valentine Goddard, Founder of AI Impact Alliance, AI ethics expert for the UN

Will the New Digital Economy Be a Business Revolution?

Friday May 28, 13.15-15.00

The new digital economy will be a decentralized economy. Digital technologies have given businesses the tools to reroute the normal flows of trade and decision-making, circumventing large, centralized actors. The privacy of information can be secured with multi-user tools like blockchain, and new forms of netbanking and online advising can empower citizens to take control of their own finances. Digital platforms can connect consumers and suppliers across borders and across sectors to ensure a smooth, tariffless trade. But what new challenges does this radical decentralization of the economy bring with it?

Speakers

Chair: Andrea Carugati, Professor of Management Studies, Aarhus School of Business

Jesper Buus Nielsen, Professor of Computer Science, Aarhus University

Lars Seier Christensen, CEO of Seier Capital, founder of Saxo Bank

Stine Kalmer Jørgensen, Co-Founder and CEO of DreamPlan

Rikke Zeberg, Head of Digitalization at the Confederation of Danish Industry

Rasmus Lundgaard Pedersen, CTO of Danske Commodities

Are Digital Grey Zones a Threat to Democracy?

Saturday May 29, 10.30-12.15

The increasing digitalization of our everyday lives has created a new social divide, between the seen and unseen: information about ordinary citizens is gathered in huge troves of data, but digital tools can also be used to escape the public eye and hide from democratic oversight. While tech companies stockpile vast amounts of information about their users, some work to create digital grey zones that allow for tax evasion and shadowy financial flows. Over the past years, revelations about these digital grey zones have come from whistleblowers who have passed data on to journalists, raising broader and much-needed debates about democracy, information access, and regulatory oversight in the digital age.

Speakers

Chair: Thomas Olesen, Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Sune Lehmann Jørgensen, Professor of Computer Science, Technical University of Denmark

Niels Johannesen, Professor MSO of Economics, University of Copenhagen

Bastian Obermayer and Frederik Obermaier, journalists at Süddeutsche Zeitung

Is the Internet Changing Our Political Behavior?

Saturday May 29, 14.45-16.30

How has the political behavior of ordinary citizens been reshaped by the advent of digitalization? According to cyber-optimists, the new digital sphere has allowed for a radical expansion of public debate, accommodating many more voices and letting them speak freely, unfiltered by officiating institutions. According to the pessimists, however, public debate has been warped and fractured by misinformation, hostility, and bubbles of selective exposure. The panel takes a fresh look at online political behavior, by combining perspectives from psychology, anthropology, computer science, and political science.

Speakers

Chair: Lene Aarøe, Associate Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Michael Bang Petersen, Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Leon Derczynski, Associate Professor of Computer Science, IT University of Copenhagen

Alberto Acerbi, Lecturer in Psychology, Brunel University London

COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Knowledge & Communication: Journalistikkens plads i det digitale medielandskab (DA)

Thursday May 27, 13.00-14.45

Det digitale landskab har fundamentalt forandret journalistikkens vilkår og har konfronteret medier verden over med nye udfordringer og nye muligheder. Panelet samler forskere fra Danmarks Medie- og Journalisthøjskole. De belyser journalistikkens plads i et medielandskab, der i stigende grad domineres af sociale medier og internationale tech-giganter. Er det stadig muligt at producere kvalitetsjournalistik under de omstændigheder? Fører medier som Twitter nødvendigvis til en mere overfladisk reportage og mindre tillid til journalisternes autoritet? Giver de nye medier journalisterne mulighed for at nå borgerne på nye måder og for at kommunikere deres viden på tværs af platforme?

Speakers

Chair: Vibeke Thøis Madsen, Senior Associate Professor of Communication, Danish School of Media and Journalism

Annette Holm, Associate Professor of Journalism, Danish School of Media and Journalism

Jakob Linaa Jensen, Associate Professor of Media Studies and Journalism, Aarhus University

Steffen Moestrup, Senior Associate Professor of Journalism, Danish School of Media and Journalism

Mette Mørk, Associate Professor of Journalism, Danish School of Media and Journalism

Troels Gregersen Østergaard, Associate Professor of Journalism, Danish School of Media and Journalism

Knowledge & Communication: Museums and Culture

Thursday May 27, 15.15-17.00

The ways museums create, store, share, and archive information on cultural artefacts has become a vital question in a time where digital technologies are developing at an ever-increasing pace—and losing their innocence along the way. The panel examines knowledge production in the post-truth era, the role of museums in society, and the impact that digital tools will have on the study of the cultural world.

Speakers

Chair: Lisbet Tarp, Associate Professor of Art History, Aarhus University

Merete Sanderhoff, Curator and Senior Advisor, SMK – The National Gallery of Denmark

Saskia Scheltjens, Head of Research, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

Peter B. Kaufman, Strategic Initiatives, Office of Open Learning, MIT

Children & Education: Digital dannelse (DA)

Friday May 28, 08.30-10.15

Hvordan klæder vi børn og unge på til at leve gode og meningsfulde liv i en verden, der oplever en stigende digitalisering? Er undervisningsverdenen klar til at undervise i teknologiforståelse-fagligheden fra grundskolen over ungdomsuddannelserne til de videregående uddannelser, og hvad skal vi i det hele taget undervise dem i? Paneldebatten byder på en analyse af behovet for digital dannelse blandt børn, unge og alle os andre i Danmark, og lægger op til en selvkritisk debat om uddannelsernes muligheder og udfordringer, når der står teknologiforståelse på skoleskemaet.

Speakers

Chair: Ole Sejer Iversen, Professor, Center for Computational Thinking and Design, Aarhus University
Lene Tanggaard, Professor of Psychology, Aalborg University
Stefan Hermann, Rector, University College Copenhagen

Children & Education: Læring, demokrati og digitalisering (DA)

Friday May 28, 10.30-12.15

Panelet fremlægger resultaterne fra fire storstilede internationale undersøgelser af studerendes kompetencer, som DPU har været med til at foretage: International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS), International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS), Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS), og Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). Paneldeltagerne diskuterer, hvad disse undersøgelser kan fortælle os om danske studerendes demokratiske værdier og digitale færdigheder.

Speakers

Chair: Christian Christrup Kjeldsen, Deputy Head of Department, Danish School of Education
Jeppe Bundsgaard, Professor of Educational Theory, Danish School of Education
Jonas Lieberkind, Associate Professor of Educational Sociology, Danish School of Education
Simon Skov Foug, Associate Professor of Educational Theory, Danish School of Education
Katja Neubert, Academic Administrator, Danish School of Education
Rune Müller Kristensen, Assistant Professor of Educational Sociology, Danish School of Education

Children & Education: Children's Online Media

Friday May 28, 13.15-15.00

How do the digital platforms used by children and young adults affect their language, shared culture, and democratic participation? What possibilities do these media afford for children to communicate and engage in society, and what voices do they silence? How can we secure children's right to free expression while also protecting them from harm? The panel brings together a variety of perspectives on children's digital media, combining insights from linguistics, media studies, the humanities, and the IT industry.

Speakers

Chair: Stine Liv Johansen, Associate Professor of Children's Media, Aarhus University
Alexandra Evans, Head of Child Safety Public Policy, Europe at TikTok
Tina Thode Hougaard, Associate Professor of Scandinavian Studies, Aarhus University
Jannis Androutsopoulos (virtually), Professor of Media Linguistics, Hamburg University

Online Politics: Political Communication on Social Media

Saturday May 29, 10.30-12.15

Social media are an increasingly essential tool for political campaigns: politicians use them to connect with voters, target their message, and project the public image they wish to be associated with. But social media is still a new field for political discourse, allowing for both innovative experiments and exploitative manipulation. Further, the politicians' freedom to express themselves even on their private accounts may be more limited than it seems. And what does this reliance on privately owned media sites mean for the future of democracy?

Speakers

Chair: Lasse Lindekilde, Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Helene Helboe Pedersen, Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Jakob Linaa Jensen, Associate Professor in Media Studies and Journalism, Aarhus University

Axel Bruns (virtually), Professor of Digital Media Research, Queensland University of Technology

Rosa Lund, MP for the Red-Green Alliance in the Danish Parliament

Online Politics: Den digitale offentlighed (DA)

Saturday May 29, 14.45-16.30

Den demokratiske offentlighed er blevet digital, og det har både fordele og ulemper. De nye datastrømme giver os mulighed for at foretage kvalificerede beslutninger og udvide den politiske debat, men vi må også leve med digitale dobbeltgængere, der handler og behandles på vores vegne – uden at vi altid kan kontrollere dem. For at forstå den nye sociale virkelighed, kan det være nyttigt at se tilbage på den sidste store medierevolution: trykpressens indførelse førte kontroverser med sig, som har paralleller til debatterne om sociale medier og som vi kan bruge til at begribe deres indflydelse på vores samfund. Panelet trækker historiske og informationsvidenskabelige spor for at forstå den demokratiske offentlighed i en tid, hvor data og digital kommunikation er blevet en del af os og af vores møde med hinanden.

Speakers

Chair: Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Gorm Harste, Associate Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Michael Böss, Associate Professor Emeritus of History and Social Sciences, Aarhus University

Peter Lauritsen, Professor MSO of Information Science, Aarhus University

More speakers to be announced.

BUILDING A DIGITAL SOCIETY

Trust & Mistrust: Trust across Borders

Thursday May 27, 13.00-14.45

Digitalization is connecting people as never before, leading to a range of new research questions about trust and social cohesion at a distance. This panel explores social trust in institutions and information across national borders, bringing together perspectives from political science, computer science, literary criticism, and anthropology. How and why do we trust information about other nations that we come across in media and literature? Why and to what extent do migrants and refugees crossing national borders trust the institutions and digital services on which they rely? And how can scholars today study social trust in an international perspective: Does the digital age invite a one-size-fits-all model, or should approaches be tailored to specific national contexts?

Speakers

Chair: Michael Bøss, Professor Emeritus of English, Aarhus University

Gert Tinggaard Svendsen, Professor of Comparative Politics, Aarhus University

Tabish Khair, Associate Professor of English, Aarhus University

Lisanne Wilken, Associate Professor of European Studies, Aarhus University

Mads Schaarup Andersen, Senior Usable Security Expert at the Alexandra Institute

Trust & Mistrust: Digital diskrimination (DA)

Thursday May 27, 15.15-17.00

Digitale teknologier kan have en udlignende effekt på samfundet, idet de giver den brede befolkning en stemme i den offentlige debat, men de kan også forstærke og forværre eksisterende fordomme. Når vi møder andre mennesker på internettet, ikke som individer, men som en samling af data og billeder, kan vi nemt lade os styre af stereotyper. Panelet undersøger tre situationer, hvor digital diskrimination påvirker beslutningsprocesser (ansættelse, domsfældelse og dating) og diskuterer i hvor høj grad denne form for digitalt medieret diskrimination udgør et samfundsfagligt problem, samt hvad man kan gøre ved det.

Speakers

Chair: Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Wiki Møller Lyngby Pedersen, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Søren Flinch Midtgaard, Associate Professor of Political Science, Aarhus University

Ditte Marie Munch-Juriscic, Postdoctoral Researcher at Political Science, Aarhus University

Information Infrastructures: Privacy and Cybersecurity

Friday May 28, 10.30-12.15

In an age where many of us feel that we have little or no control over our data and that we are constantly being surveilled by Big Brother–like organizations, what can businesses, governments, and individuals do to reclaim their data and protect their privacy? How can we strengthen the security and privacy of ordinary citizens in an increasingly digitized age?

Speakers

Chair: Ivan Damgård, Professor of Computer Science, Aarhus University

Gert Læssøe Mikkelsen, Head of Security Lab at the Alexandra Institute

Annemette Broch, Found and Chairperson of Data for Good

Thomas Lund-Sørensen, Director of the Danish Center for Cyber Security

Information Infrastructures: Shaping Societies and Decision-Making

Friday May 28, 13.15-15.00

Information infrastructures shape the way we live, think, and make decisions. They are made up of technologies like digital hardware and software, but also forms of collaboration, management, and policymaking. The creation of information infrastructures requires both technical and political work, and these infrastructures have far-reaching consequences for our common future. This session explores the building of information infrastructures as a complex network of innovation, organization, and social values.

Speakers

Chair: Peter Danholt, Associate Professor of STS, Aarhus University

Geoffrey C. Bowker, Professor of Computer Science, University of California at Irvine

David Ribes, Associate Professor of STS, University of Washington

Brit Ross Winthereik, Professor of Science and Technology Studies and Ethnography, IT University of Copenhagen

Digital Leadership: Udvikl dit digitale lederskab (DA)

Saturday May 29, 10.30-12.15

Med nye digitale teknologier kan både medarbejdere og ledere løse opgaver på nye måder ved hjælp af data. Det stiller nye krav til offentlige og private lederes digitale lederskab – eksempelvis til deres udøvelse af faglig ledelse og datainformeret visionsledelse. Samtidig er de digitale teknologier selv med til at forme og fremme bestemte typer af ledelsesadfærd. Baseret på helt ny forskning og indsigter fra praktikere i private og offentlige organisationer, diskuterer panelet især ét spørgsmål: Hvordan lykkes vi bedst muligt med at udvikle vores digitale lederskab?

Speakers

Chair: Lotte Bøgh Andersen, Center Director and Professor, Crown Prince Frederik Center for Public Leadership, Aarhus University

Clara Siboni Lund, PhD student in Political Science, Aarhus University

Ina Bøge Eskildsen, Senior Consultant at the Municipality of Aarhus

Joachim Langagergaard, Director and Partner at Musskema.dk

Digital Leadership: Cross-Sectoral Transformation for a Sustainable Future

Saturday May 29, 14.45-16.30

The panel brings together top-level representatives from the private and public sector to discuss how digital leadership and cross-sectoral cooperation can bring about a better digital future. Rethinking our approach to digitalization in more secure, sustainable, and democratic ways is a challenge that affects every level of business and governance, from the local to the global. The panel explores what potentials and obstacles lie ahead, and what preconditions and shared standards must be met for our society to reap the full rewards of digitalization.

Speakers

Chair: Martin Brynskov, Associate Professor of Information Science, Aarhus University

Davor Meersman, CEO of Open and Agile Smart Cities

Bianca Wylie, Co-Founder of Tech Reset Canada and Digital Public

Lars Frelle-Petersen, Head of Department at the Ministry of Climate, Energy, and Utilities

Søren Ilsøe, Director of Analytics and Cognitive at Deloitte Consulting

GRAND CHALLENGES! DIGITAL SOLUTIONS?

Medicine & the Internet: Digitalisering og sundhedsdata (DA)

Thursday May 27, 13.00-14.45

I vores digitaliserede verden har læger, hospitaler og forskere, men også private firmaer adgang til mere data om deres patienter end nogensinde før. Sundhedsdata indhentes i overflod, blandt andet takket være nye teknologier, der tillader læger at indsamle informationer om borgernes helbred i en detaljegrad, man ikke før ville have troet muligt. Men med den overflod af data følger også en række nye svære spørgsmål om etik, jura, ulighed og økonomiske interesser. Hvordan bliver sundhedsdata egentlig brugt - og af hvem? Kan det være uetisk at indsamle data til sundhedssystemet - og kan det være uetisk ikke at gøre det?

Speakers

Chair: Carsten Obel, Professor of Medicine, Aarhus University

Hanne Marie Motzfeldt, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Copenhagen

Morten Sodemann, Professor of Medicine, University of Southern Denmark

Medicine & the Internet: Trusting the Mediatized Science of Covid-19

Thursday May 27, 15.15-17.00

The panel explores trust and mistrust in the scientific establishment in the wake of Covid-19. The pandemic dramatically exposed the importance of scientific expertise for society, as scientists were thrust into the media limelight to make policy recommendations and share the constantly evolving scientific knowledge about the virus. The relationship between politicians and scientific advisors also came under scrutiny, and lively debates proliferated on social media, mixing science, skepticism, ideology, and conspiracy theories. The panel examines how traditional, digital, and social media depicted scientific expertise relating to Covid-19, and considers the broader implications for public trust in science.

Speakers

Chair: Antoinette Fage-Butler, Associate Professor of Communication, Aarhus University

José van Dijck, Professor of Media and Digital Society, Utrecht University

Mikael Klintman, Professor of Sociology, University of Lund

Anabela Carvalho, Associate Professor of Communication Sciences, University of Minho

Digitalization and Climate Change: Part I and II

Friday May 28, 10.30-15.00

Abstract to be announced.

Speakers

Chair: Christoffer Karoff, Associate Professor of Geoscience, Aarhus University
Steen Hildebrandt, Professor Emeritus of Management Studies, Aarhus School of Business
Torsten Bondo, Business Development Manager at DHI
Pierre du Plessis, Postdoctoral Researcher in Anthropology, Aarhus University
Mikkel Bennedsen, Assistant Professor of Economics, Aarhus University
Tage Duer, Senior Analyst at the Danish Council on Climate Change
More speakers to be announced.

Beyond Humans: Virtual Reality

Saturday May 29, 10.30-12.15

The panel asks what it means to be a virtual human, exploring how virtual reality may impact our society. Current uses of virtual reality range from industry applications such as remote collaboration to research on human perception, therapy for physical or psychological disorders, and the creation of novel forms of social interaction. The panel discusses a variety of topics related to how virtual reality can enhance (or limit) our human abilities, what realistic simulations and fantastical worlds we can create virtually, and the power of immersive experiences to change what we feel and believe.

Speakers

Chair: Tiare Feuchtner, Postdoc in Computer Science, Aarhus University
Sune Wolff, CTO and Partner at Unity Studios
Sofia Seinfeld, Lecturer in Multimedia Studies, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
Claudio Pacchierotti, Researcher, CNRS and Université de Rennes 1

Beyond Humans: Artificial Intelligence

Saturday May 29, 14.45-16.30

Artificial intelligence is the talk of the town, but what is the reality behind the headlines? The panel gathers leading computer scientists, politicians, and entrepreneurs to discuss the future and implications of AI. What are the social ramifications of leaving decision-making up to automated algorithms, and how can the data ethics around artificial intelligence be brought into line with democratic values and human rights?

Speakers

Chair: Kasper Green Larsen, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Aarhus University
Suresh Venkatasubramanian, Professor of Computer Science, University of Utah
Alexandros Iosifidis, Associate Professor of Computer Engineering, Aarhus University
Christel Schaldemose (virtual), MEP for Denmark in the European Parliament
Stephen Alstrup, CEO of SupWiz and Professor of Computer Science, University of Copenhagen