



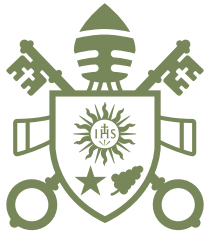
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY



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Artificial intelligence is an extremely powerful tool, employed in many kinds of human activity: from medicine to the world of work; from culture to the field of communications; from education to politics. It is now safe to assume that its use will increasingly influence the way we live, our social relationships and even the way we conceive of our identity as human beings. [3]

The question of artificial intelligence, however, is often perceived as ambiguous: on the one hand, it generates excitement for the possibilities it offers, while on the other it gives rise to fear for the consequences it foreshadows. In this regard, we could say that all of us, albeit to varying degrees, experience two emotions: we are enthusiastic when we imagine the advances that can result from artificial intelligence but, at the same time, we are fearful when we acknowledge the dangers inherent in its use. [4]

After all, we cannot doubt that the advent of artificial intelligence represents a true cognitive-industrial revolution, which will contribute to the creation of a new social system characterised by complex epochal transformations. For example, artificial intelligence could enable a democratization of access to knowledge, the exponential advancement of scientific research and the possibility of giving demanding and arduous work to machines. Yet at the same time, it could bring with it a greater injustice between advanced and developing nations or between dominant and oppressed social classes, raising the dangerous possibility that a “throwaway culture” be preferred to a “culture of encounter”.

Address of His Holiness Pope Francis, the G7 Session on Artificial Intelligence
Borgo Egnazia (Puglia), Friday, 14 June 2024

Concept Note

With the emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI), we are at the cusp of grasping the promise of humankind's latest technological tools, which have great transformational potential. The development of new, large language learning models—such as OpenAI's o1 and others—continues to propel AI into known and unknown technological frontiers.

Like all previous transformative technology, AI is raising a universe of possibilities and unleashing real and imagined threats. As with previous planetary technological changes, promise and peril co-exist, and threats and opportunities must be studied and acted upon. AI holds potential, but its advancement must neither undermine citizen protections, data privacy, or anti-discrimination efforts nor sow misinformation.

We must endeavor to understand how AI is reshaping the economy, society, work, and family. As with other powerful human tools, AI is a product of human creativity and has the potential to improve work conditions, democratize access to knowledge, open new avenues in education, advance scientific research, aid medical advances, fight climate change, automate routine and complex tasks, and more. Yet Pope Francis highlights AI's duality, showing promise and concern. AI offers multiple possibilities and poses risks, including increased inequality, misinformation, the displacement of workers, the reinforcement of biases, and the corrosion of democracy, justice, and human dignity. In his message of January 23, 2025, at the World Economic Forum, Pope Francis notes, "There is, however, the risk that AI will be used to advance the "technocratic paradigm", which perceives all the world's problems as solvable through technological means alone. Within this paradigm, human dignity and fraternity are frequently subordinated in the pursuit of efficiency, as though reality, goodness, and truth inherently emanate from technological and economic power. Yet human dignity must never be violated for the sake of efficiency. Technological developments that do not improve life for everyone, but instead create or worsen inequalities and conflicts, cannot be called true progress. For this reason, AI should be placed at the service of a healthier, more human, more social and more integral development."

Geoffrey Hinton, the 2024 Nobel Laureate in Physics and the so-called Godfather of AI, has noted, qua AI, "We're entering a period of great uncertainty where

we're dealing with things we've never dealt with before. And normally, the first time you deal with something totally novel, you get it wrong. And we can't afford to get it wrong with these things."

So, in times of great uncertainty, we offer faith and reason.

Towards an 'Algor-Ethics,' Human Dignity in the Age of AI

Pope Francis has made a powerful plea for putting ethical considerations first in the development and use of AI. He warns against allowing machines to make decisions that should remain under human control, particularly in areas such as automated weapons systems, the administration of justice, the pursuit of truth, and the practice of democratic citizenship. Indeed, AI's impact will depend on its educated uses, ethical considerations, and governance structures to maximize benefits and minimize risks.

The Holy Father introduces the concept of "algor-ethics," emphasizing the need for ethical moderation of algorithms and AI programs to ensure they serve humanity. With Pope Francis, we emphasize the importance of prioritizing human dignity, agency, and decision-making in the face of AI advancements. We warn against delegating decisions to machines when said decisions undermine human freedom and responsibility and are detached from ethical considerations. We echo Pope Francis' call for "healthy politics" to guide the ethical use of AI. Indeed, political action is necessary to ensure AI contributes positively to society and does not reinforce a technocratic paradigm devoid of human wisdom and judgment.

In response to Pope Francis's plea, the Workshop on AI, Justice, and Democracy explores AI's multifaceted impacts with particular attention to the domains of justice and the practice of democracy.

Theme 1: AI and Justice – Ensuring Fairness and Equity

- ① Addressing Bias and Discrimination: Examining how AI can perpetuate and mitigate biases in systems, particularly in areas like criminal justice, employment and housing discrimination. Discussions will focus on developing strategies to ensure AI systems promote fairness and equity.

- **Transparency and Accountability:** Exploring the need for transparency in AI decision-making processes such as algorithmic development to ensure accountability and build public trust.

Theme 2: AI and Democracy – Safeguarding Democratic Processes

- **Combatting Misinformation:** This section analyzes AI's role in spreading misinformation and its implications for democratic processes. It will discuss strategies for using AI to enhance the integrity of information and protect democratic institutions.
- **Enhancing Civic Engagement:** Investigating how AI can increase citizen participation and engagement in democratic processes while addressing privacy and civil liberties threats.

Theme 3: Preparing Citizens for an AI-Driven World

- **Democratizing AI—Ethical and Responsible AI Use:** Addressing the ethical considerations and responsibilities associated with AI, including bias, privacy, and protecting workers displaced by AI.

March 4, 2025, Day 1: AI and Society

Session 1: AI and the Administration of Justice

Suggested Topics to Explore Ethical challenges of AI in judicial processes, including bias and fairness in algorithmic decision-making.

- **Human Oversight:** Emphasizing maintaining human control over AI decisions, especially in life-altering situations.
- **Case Studies:** Presenting real-world examples of AI applications in the justice system and their outcomes.

Session 2: AI and Democratic Citizenship: Suggested Topics to Explore

- **Democratization vs. Manipulation:** AI's potential to democratize access to information and its risks in manipulating public opinion, including information and misinformation.

- **Transparency and Accountability:** Highlighting the need for transparency in AI systems used in political processes.

- **Citizen Engagement:** Examining how AI can enhance or hinder citizen participation in democratic practices.

March 5, 2025, Day 2: AI's Global Challenges

Session 3: AI in Low-Income Countries: Suggested Topics to Explore

- **Digital Divide:** The disparity in AI access and capacity between developed and developing nations.
- **Sustainable Development:** Exploring AI's role in achieving sustainable development goals in resource-limited settings.
- **Capacity Building:** Discussing strategies for building AI capabilities in poorer countries to ensure equitable benefits.
- **International Collaboration in the Regulation of AI:** Learning from best practices of current AI regulations and how those can be shared with – and implemented by – countries where AI's presence is imminent.

Session 4: AI and Underserved Populations: Suggested Topics to Explore

- **Bias and Inclusivity:** Analyzing how AI can perpetuate or mitigate biases affecting marginalized communities.
- **Access to Services:** Exploring AI's potential in improving access to healthcare, education, and other essential services for underserved populations.
- **Community-Driven Solutions:** Highlighting initiatives where communities actively participate in designing AI solutions that meet their specific needs.

Programme

DAY 1 | TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 AI AND SOCIETY

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM *Word of Welcome*
Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson PAS & PASS Chancellor
Sr Helen Alford PASS President
Marcelo Suárez-Orozco PASS Council
Judge Roberto Andrés Gallardo President, COPAJU and President Instituto Fray Bartolomé de las Casas

SESSION 1 – AI, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY

9:45 AM - 10:05 AM *AI & The Administration of Justice, Reflections from Europe*
Marta Cartabia PASS Academician and Former Minister of Justice of Italy

10:05 AM-10:25 AM *Comparative Regulatory Challenges of AI from a Global Perspective, with Particular Emphasis on Public Service & Justice*
John McEldowney PASS Academician

10:25 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Panel Discussion: *Case Studies: AI Applications in Justice Systems*
Panel Leader: **Judge Gallardo** President, COPAJU
Octavio Augusto Tejeiro Duque Member, Colombia Chapter, COPAJU
Genoveva María Ferrero Head Member, Civil Association of the Fray Bartolomé de las Casas Legal Research Institute
César Raúl Jiménez Coordinator of Board of Directors, Argentina Chapter, COPAJU
Lenia Batres Guadarrama Distinguished Member, Mexico Chapter, COPAJU

11:45 AM-12:00 PM *Presentation of Photographic Sample on AI*
Hernán Reyes Alcaide
Fabrizio Intonti

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch

SESSION 2 - AI AND DIGNITY AND WORK

2:00 PM – 2:20 PM *AI Risks and Opportunities*
The Hon. Yvonne Hao Massachusetts Secretary, Executive Office of Economic Development
Discussion by **Michael J. Ahn**

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Panel Discussion: *AI and the Future of Work*
Panel Leaders: **Molly Kinder** Fellow, Brookings Metro
Roberto Carlos Pompa Vice Coordinator, Board of Directors, Argentina Chapter, COPAJU
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Jesús Zuñiga González Project Planning and Monitoring Commission, Mexico Chapter, COPAJU
Luis Duacastella Arbizu COPAJU
Pamela Scott Washington Member, Board of Directors, United States Chapter, COPAJU
Claudia Lucía Rincón Arango Associate, Columbia Chapter, COPAJU

- 3:30 PM - 3:50 PM Open Discussion
- 3:50 PM - 4:10 PM Coffee Break
- 4:10 PM - 5:10 PM Panel Discussion: *Protecting Democracy: AI Qua Politics & Justice*
 Panel Leader: **Christoph Engel** PASS Academician
- Maximiliano Francisco Benítez** Secretary, Board of Directors, Argentina Chapter, COPAJU
Lilian Graciela Samaniego González Associate, Paraguay Chapter, COPAJU
Gabriela Lenz de Lacerda Asociada del Capítulo Brasil
Adriana Saavedra Lozada President, Columbia Chapter, COPAJU
Raúl Arroyo Head of Public Relations, Mexico Chapter, COPAJU
Edward Sidney Blanco Reyes President, El Salvador Chapter, COPAJU

SESSION 3 - AI SAFETY

- 5:10 PM - 5:30 PM *AI Safety Europe*
Paul Nemitz College of Europe
- 5:30 PM - 5:50 PM *AI Opportunities and Risks: The View from Industry*
Vipin Mayar Fidelity
- 5:50 PM - 6:10 PM Open Discussion

SPECIAL SESSION – AI AND DESCA

- 6:10PM - 7:10 PM Panel Discussion: *The Impact of AI on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights*
 Panel Leader: **César Raúl Jiménez** Coordinator, Board of Directors, Argentina Chapter, COPAJU
- Ana Inés Algorta Latorre** Vice President, COPAJU
Gustavo Daniel Moreno Secretary, COPAJU
Daniel David Urrutia Laubreaux Member, COPAJU
María Julia Figueredo Vivas Member, COPAJU
Tamila Ebrahimi Ipema Member, COPAJU
José Geraldo De Sousa Junior Professor Emeritus of Law, Universidade de Brasilia
- 7:10 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner at the Casina Pio IV

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 AI'S GLOBAL CHALLENGES

SESSION 4 - AI AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 9:00 AM - 9:20 AM *Bridging the Global AI*
Gustavo Béliz PASS Academician, Former Minister of Justice of Argentina
- 9:20 AM – 9:50 AM *AI and Sustainable Development*
Almudena Fernandez Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme

Discussion by **Julissa Reynoso** Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP
- 9:50 AM - 10:50 AM Panel Discussion: *Algor-Ethics*
Panel Leaders: **Paolo Benanti** Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana & **Gustavo Daniel Moreno** Secretary, COPAJU

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Ivana Wolansky Member, Territorial Consolidation Commission, Argentina Chapter, COPAJU
- 10:50 AM – 11:10 AM Coffee Break
- 11:10 AM - 12:10 PM Panel Discussion: *Capacity Building Strategies for AI in Developing Nations, Justice and Democracy in Flux*
Panel Leader: **Christoph Engel** PASS Academician

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Camilo Javier Cantero Cabrera Founding Member, Paraguay Chapter, COPAJU
- 12:10 PM - 1:10 PM: Panel Discussion: *International Collaboration in AI Regulation*
Panel Leader: **Marcelo Suárez Orozco** PASS Academician; Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Boston & UCLA Wasserman Dean Emeritus

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Marian Gaston Vice President, Board of Directors, United States Chapter, COPAJU
Delio Antonio Vera Navarro President, Paraguay Chapter, COPAJU
- 1:10 PM – 3:10 PM Lunch

SESSION 5 - AI TOOLS TO SERVE UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

- 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM Panel Discussion: *Improving Access to Essential Services through AI*
Panel Leader: **Marta Cartabia** PASS Academician

Rómulo Rubén Abregú – Member, Board of Directors, Argentina Chapter, COPAJU
Elinay Almedia Ferreira – Associate, Brazil Chapter, COPAJU
Angélica Aquino Suárez – Associate, Perú Chapter, COPAJU

Lisa L. Atkinson – Member, Board of Directors, United States Chapter, COPAJU
Adriana Orocú Chavarría – Coordinator, Costa Rica Chapter, COPAJU (in formation)

4:10 PM - 5:10 PM Panel Discussion: Case Studies on Justice, Information, and Misinformation
Panel Leader: **Sr Helen Alford** PASS President

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Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo Former PASS Chancellor

5:10 PM – 5:30 PM Coffee Break

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Closing Session
Marcelo Suárez Orozco PASS Academician & Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Boston
Roberto Andrés Gallardo President, COPAJU

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Closing Address by **His Holiness Pope Francis** | Human Dignity in the Age of AI

Dinner on Your Own

Witnesses:

Ms. Jenn Gross Philanthropist

The Hon. Joseph Kennedy, III

Justice David Lowy

The Hon. Jason Snyder Massachusetts Chief Information Officer & Secretary,
Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

Further Thoughts on AI, Justice and Democracy

Artificial intelligence holds significant potential to promote justice, democracy, and the pursuit of truth. AI can be a tool for advancing social justice by addressing inequalities and improving resource allocation. For example, AI can identify at-risk populations and optimize interventions, such as predictive modeling to prevent youth homelessness. By analyzing large datasets, AI can help social workers and policymakers understand and address systemic issues related to mental health, substance use, and other social challenges. Additionally, AI can help ensure fairness in legal systems by identifying biases and improving transparency in decision-making processes.

Enhancing Democracy

AI can enhance democratic processes by increasing citizen engagement and participation. It can facilitate better communication between citizens and their representatives through AI-driven platforms that allow for direct interaction and feedback. AI can also help voters make informed decisions by providing personalized information about candidates and policies. Furthermore, AI can democratize public discourse by assisting in formulating policy positions and political arguments, making them more accessible and understandable to the general public.

However, AI also poses risks to democracy, such as AI-generated disinformation and manipulation of public opinion. Therefore, it is crucial to implement regulatory frameworks that ensure AI is used ethically and transparently in democratic processes.

Pursuit of Truth

AI systems can analyze vast amounts of information to identify patterns and provide insights that might not be immediately apparent. AI can offer personalized learning experiences in education, helping individuals understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills. Additionally, AI can assist in fact-checking and verifying information, combating the spread of misinformation, and ensuring that accurate information is accessible to the public.

AI poses several significant threats to justice, democracy, and the pursuit of truth. Here are some of the key concerns:

Threats to Justice

- **Bias and Discrimination:** AI systems can perpetuate and even amplify existing biases in data, leading to discriminatory outcomes in areas such as criminal justice and employment. For instance, AI tools used in the criminal justice system have been shown to exhibit racial biases, potentially leading to unfair treatment of minority groups. Similarly, AI-driven recruitment processes can result in biased hiring practices based on gender, race, and other characteristics.
- **Lack of Transparency and Accountability:** AI systems often operate as “black boxes,” making it difficult to understand how decisions are made. This lack of transparency can hinder accountability, mainly when AI is used in critical areas like law enforcement and judicial decision-making.

Threats to Democracy

- **Election Interference:** AI can be weaponized to disrupt democratic processes, such as elections, by spreading misinformation and disinformation at scale. This includes the use of deepfakes and AI-generated fake news to manipulate public opinion and undermine trust in electoral outcomes.
- **Erosion of Democratic Institutions:** AI can weaken democratic institutions by facilitating the spread of propaganda and undermining the free press. The use of AI to micro-target propaganda and manipulate voter attitudes poses a significant threat to the integrity of democratic elections.
- **Surveillance and Privacy Concerns:** AI-driven surveillance technologies can infringe on individual privacy and civil liberties, causing abuses by authoritarian regimes and democratic governments if not adequately regulated.

Threats to the Pursuit of Truth

- **Spread of Misinformation:** AI, particularly large language models, can generate convincing but false information, contributing to the spread of misinformation. This can undermine public trust in information sources and make it challenging to discern truth from falsehood.
- **Challenges in Fact-Checking:** While AI can assist in fact-checking, it also presents challenges due to its potential to produce inaccurate or biased outputs. The reliance on AI for fact-checking without human oversight can lead to errors and the propagation of false information.

On January 28, 2025, the Vatican released a comprehensive document titled “Antiqua et Nova” (Old and New) addressing the ethical and anthropological implications of artificial intelligence (AI)[1][9]. The document, approved by Pope Francis, was jointly prepared by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education [10].

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20250128_antiqua-et-nova_en.html

Key Points of the Vatican’s AI Statement

Ethical Guidelines and Human Dignity

AI should be developed and used with respect for human dignity and the common good, following an anthropocentric approach [2]. The document stresses that AI should function as a tool to support human intelligence rather than replace it [3][6]. It highlights the unique and irreducible qualities of human intelligence which cannot be reduced to the simulacra and logic of algorithmic models, powerful as they are.¹

The statement covers AI applications in various sectors, *inter alia*,

1. Warfare: Warns about AI’s potential to increase instruments of war beyond human oversight [4][6].
2. Healthcare: Acknowledges AI’s potential in medicine but emphasizes it should enhance, not replace, patient-provider relationships [9].
3. Education: Stresses the importance of maintaining teacher-student relationships that AI cannot replicate [9].
4. Economy and Labor: Cautions against the concentration of AI power in a few corporations and its impact on workers [9].

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¹ “However, even as AI processes and simulates certain expressions of intelligence, it remains fundamentally confined to a logical-mathematical framework, which imposes inherent limitations. Human intelligence, in contrast, develops organically throughout the person’s physical and psychological growth, shaped by a myriad of lived experiences in the flesh. Although advanced AI systems can “learn” through processes such as machine learning, this sort of training is fundamentally different from the developmental growth of human intelligence, which is shaped by embodied experiences, including sensory input, emotional responses, social interactions, and the unique context of each moment. These elements shape and form individuals within their personal history. In contrast, AI, lacking a physical body, relies on computational reasoning and learning based on vast datasets that include recorded human experiences and knowledge.

32. Consequently, although AI can simulate aspects of human reasoning and perform specific tasks with incredible speed and efficiency, its computational abilities represent only a fraction of the broader capacities of the human mind. For instance, AI cannot currently replicate moral discernment or the ability to establish authentic relationships. Moreover, human intelligence is situated within a personally lived history of intellectual and moral formation that fundamentally shapes the individual’s perspective, encompassing the physical, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual dimensions of life. Since AI cannot offer this fullness of understanding, approaches that rely solely on this technology or treat it as the primary means of interpreting the world can lead to “a loss of appreciation for the whole, for the relationships between things, and for the broader horizon.”[65]”

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