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Online Research Seminar Series

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AI and Fundamental Rights: Public Perceptions, General Awareness and Selected Fundamental Rights Issues

Speaker: Tamás Molnár, Programme Officer, Research and Data Unit, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (Vienna)

Time: Thursday, 25 March 2021, 10:00 CET (90 min.)

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights has been actively shaping the discourse and EU policy developments regarding the fundamental rights related implications of artificial intelligence (AI) and the corresponding technologies (for more, see here). The Agency published reports on discrimination in data-supported decision-making, data quality and AI, and on facial recognition technologies in the context of law enforcement. Its flagship report on artificial intelligence and fundamental rights was published recently in December 2020. The latter report aimed to explore the fundamental rights aspects of the deployment of AI by means of developing and analysing specific 'use cases'. It formulated the general requirements that the regulation of AI-driven technology must address directly the relevant fundamental rights risks, must provide guarantees and protection against such risks; however, the fundamental rights-focussed regulation of the technology must avoid imposing overly general and inaccurate obligations and must be restricted to what is proportionate and necessary in regulating the conduct of public and private developers and users of AI. The talk

will focus specifically on points 4.1 and 4.2 of the 2020 AI report concerning perceived risks and the general awareness of fundamental rights and legal frameworks in the AI context, and the Opinions formulated in the same report. Findings of the 2019 facial recognition report concerning public perceptions of the technology and its fundamental rights risks will also be presented.

Registration: https://forms.gle/8cfvDPb34yywCkHk7

The seminar will be broadcasted via Zoom application. Participation is subject to prior registration. The Zoom link of the event will be sent to registered participants via email.

Dr Tamás MOLNÁR (1980) studied law in Budapest (Master of Laws) and Brussels (LLM on EU law), and holds a PhD in public international law (Budapest). He also passed the bar exam in Hungary. Since September 2016, he has been working as a legal research officer at the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna. His areas of expertise with respect to the FRA's work include: fundamental rights of irregular migrants; return and readmission; immigration detention; anti-smuggling; EU asylum acquis and visa policy as well as horizontal issues of public international law, including artificial intelligence (AI) and international law/fundamental rights. He co-drafted FRA's focus paper on facial recognition technology in the context of law enforcement and FRA's recent report on AI and fundamental rights in the EU. Amongst others, he completed the T.M.C. Asser Institute's Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence and International Law (The Hague, 2020). Before joining FRA, he worked for a decade in various ministries in Hungary in the fields of international and EU migration law and their domestic implementation (drafting legislation; negotiating in EU Council Working Parties; preparing international agreements). He is also a visiting lecturer on international (migration) law at the Institute of International Studies at Corvinus University of Budapest (where he has been teaching and researching in various positions since October 2003) and the Faculty of Law at the University of Szeged. He has published widely in the fields of international law, EU migration law and relationship of legal orders, with 90 journal articles, book chapters and a monograph (see at https://vm.mtmt.hu//search/slist.php?lang=0&AuthorID=10032231).

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The aim of the seminar series is to continue the discourse on the legal and regulatory implications of AI and related technologies in the European and the global legal, economic and social space. It brings together scholars and practitioners with a distinct multidisciplinary orientation covering the technology, its politics, policy-making and regulation, the law, and the relevant values. The series aims to foster a critical understanding of technological changes and a critical analysis of ongoing and future policy, regulatory and legal developments.

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