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Abstract

The Committee of AI from the Council of Europe approved on 14 March 2024 a draft for a legally binding instrument on the development, design and application of AI systems based on the Council's standards on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. This is the first binding instrument that aims to have a global reach, and the process included the participation of representatives from the 46 Member States of the Council and observer States, and the collaboration of representatives from international and regional organizations working on the field of AI, from the private sector and from civil society, research, and academic institutions.

This talk will deal about the concepts of human rights, democracy and the rule of law and their relation with Artificial Intelligence, we will examine the most substantive parts of the Framework Convention and its application to AI systems lifecycle from a technological point of view, how it relates to other recommendations and regulations (i.e. AI Act, UNESCO's recommendation, OECD, etc.), and the link between this legal text and both research and technical practices.



Short Bio

Jordi Ascensi-Sala is currently working as Head of Technology at Andorra Research + Innovation (AR+I), the leading research and innovation agency from the Principality of Andorra. The focus of his work is related to the management and leadership of the Technology area. His main topics of research are the relations and implications of ethics and technology in the intersection with human communities, the use of data science to better understand societies and the environment, and several initiatives to develop Andorra as a country Living Lab. He has been appointed as technical representative and focal point about AI policy by the Government of Andorra at organizations such as UNESCO, IRCAI, and the Council of Europe. He is also member of the Research Ethics Commission from the Ministry of Health of Andorra.

Jordi has more than 20 years of experience in Strategy, Innovation and Project management roles related to Information Technologies platforms, networks, and systems, in several sectors and geographical locations. He holds a Degree in Telecommunications Engineering from UPC-Barcelona Tech, a MBA from HEC Montreal, an Executive Master in Marketing Management from EADA Barcelona, and he is actually enrolled in a Masters Degree in Philosophy from the Open University of Catalonia.

Speakers

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