

THE IMPACT OF AI ON LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS WEBINAR



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Since its genesis, artificial intelligence (AI) is progressively being developed and applied to various aspects of daily life. Positive applications have helped the LGBTQIA+ community to improve in areas such as health, safety, the promotion of non-discrimination and more. Examples are machine learning models for suicide prevention and AI-powered social media facilitating the creation of digital (safe) spaces. Unfortunately, negative examples of applications pose significant risks and may cause harm to the queer community as a whole or individuals specifically. Marginalized groups are already often impacted or discriminated against more due to their intersectional qualities; AI can exacerbate this. A solution might be to queerify AI, i.e. to apply queer theory and the technique of deconstruction in the developmental stages of AI to expose any underpinnings, assumptions and/or beliefs that underlie the interpretation of sexuality, sexual orientation and gender in AI programming and applications. This online seminar discusses some of the positive and negative examples of AI-uses pertaining to the LGBTQIA+ community and advocates that the use of queer theory could lead to more diversity, inclusivity, safety and fairness for the queer community and the protection and/or advancement of its rights through AI-uses.



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