



# Ethics of usage for AI technologies

SSW3 round table: "Ethical Issues in Generative Speech technologies"

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#### Points to be discussed

What is AI ethics?

Who is concerned by AI ethics?

Is there a difference between ethics and regulation? What would be UX ethics of AI?

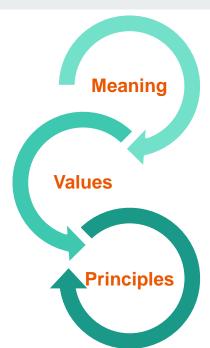
1 What is Al ethics?

#### **Definition of ethics**

**Ethics** = philosophical approach aiming at defining :

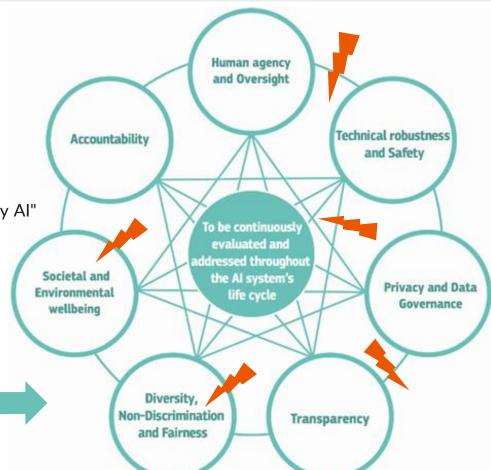
- A meaning for human action or activity
- Values that aim and motivate human action or activity
- Principles or rules that guide human action or activity

**Applied ethics** focuses on particular and complex cases, when there are conflicting interests and values between the various stakeholders. ( = dilemma)



## Al dilemna: prioritizing conflicting principles & values Example: European framework for "Trustworthy AI" 4 principles Respect for human autonomy Prevention of harm Fairness **Explainability**

7 key requirements (values)



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Is there a difference between ethics and regulation?

## **Beyond regulation**

**Ethics** = moral philosophy



Ethic / ethical = compliance with a predefined system of moral principles or rules of behavior

- ⇒ A temporary support before official regulation
- ⇒ "external ethics" (Rouvroy & Zacklad) or "small ethics" (Hunyadi) which aims at disarming scruples and criticisms

## Example of bias in Al

Bias as a technical issue



Bias as a political issue

Data sets (selection, annotation, spurious correlations)



Unfair society
(inequalities, institutional discrimination)

Design choices (problem definition, risk anticipation)

Bias = a gap with a (implicit) norm

Which norm?
Who decides?

## Who is concerned by AI ethics?

#### Four AI ethics



#### **Computer ethics** → computer scientists

Design of Al systems



#### Artificial, algorithmic or robotic ethics → roboticians, users

Design, programming & usages of autonomous machines



#### **Digital or data ethics** → users, public authorities, economic actors

> Design & usages of digital platforms, data creation and management



#### Ethics of Al use (UX Al ethics) → philosophers, users, public authorities

Role of technologies, their meaning / values in a society

#### Four AI ethics => various connected concerns



#### **Computer ethics**

Technical performances (ex: robustness, fairness, explainability)



#### Artificial, algorithmic or robotic ethics

Anthropomorphization of artificial agents



#### Digital or data ethics

Data privacy and ownership



#### Ethics of AI use (UX AI ethics)

New usages (ex: workflow automation, psybot, deathbot, sexbot)

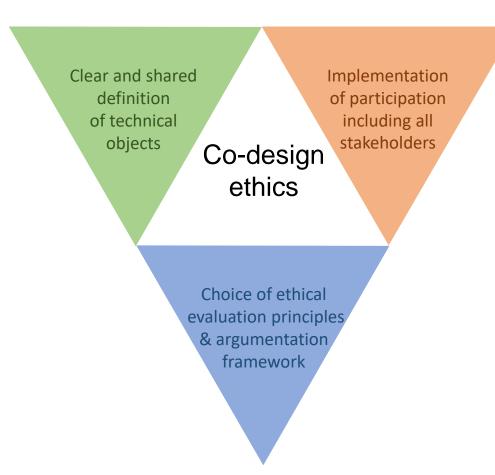
## What would be UX ethics of AI?

## UX ethics via co-design approach



- To involve all stakeholders:
- Al designers, prescribers, users & social scientists (economy, social psychology, anthropology, political science, philosophy)
- In the design & evaluation of AI systems:
- Explicit contradictions in values, principles, interests & forms of reasoning
- Highlight dissensions & clarify choices (transparency = counterfactuality)
- Inspired by ethics of discussion (Habermas) and ethics of capabilities (Nussbaum)

# **Co-design ethics:** a problematic triangle



## To go beyond (naive) utilitarianism



#### **Utilitarianism**

"Maximize individual and collective interest!"

Calculated risk-benefit ratio



#### **Aretaism**

"Nurture virtues and avoid vices!" "Become a better person!"

 Virtue = personal quality likely to make people better



#### **Deontism**

"Take responsability for your actions!"

Ethical principles / rules



#### **Axiologism**

"Act in accordance with the supreme value!"

Value = what is valuable
 (ex : Science, Life, Republic, Religion)

## Thanks!

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