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CALL FOR PAPERS for NATIONAL SEMINAR

AI, Society and Social Sciences: Emerging Challenges and Transforming Opportunities
on January 8, 2024.
at Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar, HQ,
Netaji Subhas Open University Kolkata *and Online.*

Concept Note

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force in the modern world, impacting almost every aspect of our lives. The rapid advancement of AI technologies has raised numerous questions about its societal implications. These questions ranging from ethics to economics, existential philosophy to administration and governance, necessitate an interdisciplinary exploration. As AI becomes increasingly embedded in our lives, it is crucial to bring together experts from various fields to discuss the challenges and opportunities it presents within the context of social sciences and the larger impact on society. This national seminar, "AI, Society and Social Sciences: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities" aims to foster discussions and knowledge exchange on the multifaceted relationship between AI and society with focus on interdisciplinary perspectives of social science and allied disciplines.

Objectives:

- **Interdisciplinary Dialogue:** Create a platform for scholars, researchers, and practitioners from diverse backgrounds to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue on AI's impact on society, focusing on the social sciences perspective.
- **Awareness and Understanding:** Promote a deeper understanding of AI and its societal implications among the academic community, policy-makers, and the general public.
- **Identifying Challenges:** Identify and analyze the emerging challenges that AI poses to society and social sciences, including issues related to ethics, governance, employment, privacy, and inequality.
- **Exploring Opportunities:** Discuss potential opportunities for AI to address societal problems and enhance the role of social sciences in shaping AI's development.
- **Policy and Ethical Frameworks:** Foster discussions on creating effective policy and ethical frameworks for the responsible development and deployment of AI in society.

Key Themes include:

- *AI, Ethics and Decisions*: Delve into the ethical dilemmas posed by AI, such as bias in algorithms, privacy concerns, and the moral implications of AI decision-making.
- *Economic Impact*: Explore the economic consequences of AI on labor markets, international political economy, industries, and global economic systems.
- *Societal Transformations*: Examine the societal transformations resulting from AI, including changes in healthcare, education, urban planning, defense, social relationships, culture and institutions.
- *AI and Social Sciences*: Discuss the role of social sciences in understanding and guiding the development of AI, with a focus on areas like sociology, psychology, and anthropology.
- *AI in Governance*: Investigate the use of AI in public policy, governance, and law enforcement and its potential impact on democracy and governance.
- *AI and Technology*: Exploring the threats and opportunities that come with the rapid development of AI and technology in the 21st century.
- *AI in Research*: Novel research and deeper investigation of the AI footprint in Social Sciences and the future of research in social science and allied disciplines.

Interested faculties, young researchers and learners from various social science and allied disciplines, including working professionals and industry experts may send an abstract within 300words (Times New Roman; font 12) with three to five keywords. Selected papers will be published as a book chapter from a reputed publisher, subject to blind peer reviews.

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Important Dates:

Call for Papers and Proposals: [7th November 2023]

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: [11th December 2023]

Notification of Acceptance: [15th December 2023]

Submission of Registration Fees: [20th December 2023]

Submission of Full Papers: [5th January 2023]

Tentative Seminar Date: [8th January 2024]