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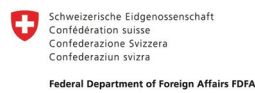
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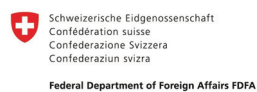
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA



“AI will not replace humans, but those who use AI – will replace those who don’t”.

This was a quote by a former CEO of IBM. While it was meant to highlight AI’s role as a transformative tool aimed at elevating human capability for some, for many others, it reflects a sense of fear that many harbour; a fear of losing relevance and value – professionally and personally.

Given that AI and its impact on human rights is an international issue, and that there is consensus on the need for it to be regulated, at multiple levels of society – the relevance of this topic is unquestionable. It is with this in mind that the Asia-Europe Foundation, together with its partners, present the 23rd Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights titled, “Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence”.

AI is not inherently “bad”. It does not necessarily have to be viewed as a “threat” to humanity. No thanks to popular discourse and entertainment, a deep sense of mistrust and the legitimate benefits of AI are often sidestepped. For example, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights cited positive externalities – “improving strategic foresight and forecasting: democratising access to knowledge, turbocharge scientific progress, and increase capacity for processing vast amounts of information”.

However, academics, policymakers, civil society and AI researchers themselves have underscored the need for regulation. There is some regulation at present, although it is largely self-regulated by the private sector, in addition to a lack or limited level of transparency. What is clear however, is that it cannot squarely be regulated by the State. It will take a whole-of-society framework to address, and protect basic human rights from AI.

As such, we hope that this year’s Seminar, will serve as a platform to identify existing regulatory gaps and offer recommendations for an AI governance

framework that will not just advance human rights, but also strengthen collaboration between ASEM stakeholders to develop inclusive, rights-respecting AI policies and practices. All through the mutual knowledge exchange between representatives from civil society, government, academia, national human rights institutes and the private sector, across Asia and Europe.

As part of this, we would like to express our deep appreciation of our lead rapporteur, Dr Virginia Dignum, Professor in Responsible Artificial Intelligence at Umea University (Sweden) and Director of AI Policy Lab, for her time and effort in leading the research for the seminar’s background paper. As a member of the UN High Level Advisory Body on AI, we could not have asked for a more apt individual to lend expertise. We would also like to thank Dr Tang Yingxia (Nankai University) for supporting Dr Dignum with the paper, with regards to Asia. We would also like to thank Dr Rachele Carli for assisting Dr Dignum with the paper. The Background paper explores three core

the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights cited positive externalities – “improving strategic foresight and forecasting: democratising access to knowledge, turbocharge scientific progress, and increase capacity for processing vast amounts of info...”

themes - privacy & data protection, equality & non-discrimination, and remedies & access to justice - while providing a comprehensive overview on the development and regulation concerning AI in Asia and Europe.

Over the course of three days, we hope that all of you will find the panel discussion and working groups fruitful and insightful. We wish to thank and welcome speakers, panellists and moderators, as well as partner organisations across Asia and Europe, for their attendance at this year's seminar and for the wealth of information and zeal to affect change.

Finally, all this would not be possible without the steadfast support of our host country, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and additional support of the University of Copenhagen. We would also like to offer our sincere gratitude to our long-standing co-organisers, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Switzerland, and the Ministry of Foreign of the People's Republic of China, for their continued championing of the Informal ASEM Human Rights Seminar series year after year.

The contribution of our partners and supporters has been invaluable in shining a spotlight on developing actionable recommendations for human rights-based AI governance.

With that, I wish the 23rd Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights all the success and believe all of you here will find it insightful, as well as inspiring!

Thank you.

Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation

OFFICIAL OPENING

Day 1 - Wednesday, 29 October 2025

WELCOME REMARKS



Lone Wandahl MOUYAL
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Lone Wandahl Mouyal is the Associate Dean for Research and Head of PhD School at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. She holds overall strategic responsibility for the faculty's research activities, including personnel management of the heads of the faculty's research centres and PhD coordinators.

Lone Wandahl Mouyal holds a master's degree from Aarhus University, an LL.M. from Geneva Academy in Switzerland, a PhD from the Faculty of Law at University of Copenhagen and is a qualified attorney-at-law.

She has conducted research and taught seminars within the fields of business law and human rights and sustainability law. She has published extensively on the roles and responsibilities of corporations in society and is committed to shaping the future of legal research at the Faculty of Law at University of Copenhagen. She is particularly focused on building bridges between academia and the surrounding society



Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation

Ambassador Stoczyńska joined the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in October 2024 as its 9th Executive Director and the first Polish national to lead the organisation.

The Ambassador has a distinguished career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland. Prior to her appointment at ASEF, she was the Polish Ambassador to Indonesia, Timor-Leste and ASEAN. She has also served as Ambassador to New Zealand.

Her portfolio at the Ministry included the Asia Pacific region as well as relations with the European Union.

She brings to ASEF invaluable experience and a broad international network.

KEYNOTE SESSION

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Kajsa OLLONGREN
EU Special Representative
(EUSR) for Human Rights

Kajsa Ollongren served as Minister of Defence (2022–2024) and deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (2017-2022) of the Netherlands. Her civil service career started in 1992 at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, as an economic policy advisor. She was head of parliamentary affairs within the until 2001, and director of European Integration and Strategy from 2001 to 2004, and became Deputy Director General in 2004. In 2007 she was promoted to the Prime Minister's Office as Deputy Secretary General and in 2011 as Secretary General, and the most senior advisor to the Prime Minister. She was also responsible for the coordination of the Dutch intelligence services. In 2014 she became the first deputy mayor in Amsterdam. Her portfolio included economic affairs, seaport, airport, art, culture, local media, monuments and tourism. In 2017 she was appointed as Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, dealing with democracy and transparency, constitutional issues, local and regional administrations and budgets, elections, spatial planning, housing and the intelligence service. She was also Deputy Prime Minister in the third Rutte government. From 2022 until 2024 she was the Minister of Defence in the fourth and last Dutch government headed by Mark Rutte, and a leading voice in the support of Ukraine after the large scale Russian invasion. Positions she took up after her tenure as a minister include the YES-Ukraine board, the MSC advisory board, associate fellow at Chatham House and non-executive board member of the Post Code Lottery.

She studied contemporary history at the University of Amsterdam; an alumni of the Dutch institute on international affairs Clingendael and of the French school for Public administration École Nationale d'Administration (ENA), Promotion Valmy; and completed The Business of AI course at the London Business School in 2025. She is a reservist at the Dutch Royal Air Force, rank colonel.

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(RWI)



TANG Yingxia
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Tang Yingxia is the Deputy Director of the Human Rights Research Center at Nankai University and an Associate Professor at the School of Law of Nankai University. She holds several key roles, including Council Member of the China Society for Human Rights Studies and Expert Member of the Rule of Law Think Tank of Tianjin Government.

Her primary research focuses on international human rights law, with extensive expertise in digital rights, business and human rights (BHR), and climate change law.

She has authored three monographs, including "International Climate Change Governance: Institutions and Paths", published over 60 academic articles and contributed to drafting China's fourth National Human Rights Action Plan, integrating the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and human rights due diligence. She initiated BHR courses at Nankai University, and actively participates in international human rights dialogues. She has engaged with UN human rights mechanisms and visited numerous international institutions, including the University of Oslo and the UN Human Rights Council.

Virginia DIGNUM
Professor of Responsible
Artificial Intelligence
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Professor Dignum is a member of the UNESCO's expert group on the implementation of AI recommendations, the OECD's Expert group on AI, and founder of ALLAI, the Dutch AI Alliance.

She has been a member of the United Nations Advisory Body on AI, the EU's High Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence, co-chairs the WEF's Global Future Council on AI, and leads UNICEF's guidance for AI and children.

With over 300 peer-reviewed articles in major international journals, conferences and workshops with a total of over 20000 citations (yielding a h-index of 53, according to Google Scholar), her new book "The AI Paradox" is planned for publication by Princeton University Press in 2025.

Presentation of the Background Paper

Day 1 - Wednesday, 29 October 2025

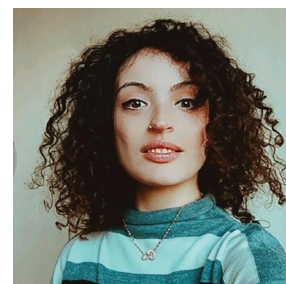
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Virginia Dignum is Professor of Responsible Artificial Intelligence at Umeå University, Sweden, where she leads the AI Policy Lab. She is also senior advisor on AI policy to the Wallenberg Foundations and chair of the ACM's Technology Policy Council. She has a PhD in Artificial Intelligence from Utrecht University (2004) and was appointed Wallenberg Scholar in 2024. A member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA), and a Fellow of the European Artificial Intelligence Association (EURAI), and of ELLIS (European Laboratory of Learning and Intelligent Systems), she also co-chairs the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems 2.0.

Dr Rachele Carli is a Postdoctoral researcher in the Responsible AI Group at Umeå University. Her research mainly focuses on highly interactive AI systems and the legal, social, and ethical implications of the design, development, and dissemination of these technologies. Prior to her postdoctoral position, she completed a PhD in Law, Science and Technology at the University of Bologna and a PhD in Computer Science at the University of Luxembourg, strengthening her interdisciplinary approach to research. Her doctoral work investigated the theme of deception and manipulation in human-agent interaction, with a specific focus on the re-evaluation and protection of human vulnerability in the digital age. In parallel, her expertise has also expanded to include explainability, reliability, and fairness in the design of human-computer and human-robot interaction dynamics.



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Background Paper

HUMAN RIGHTS & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Background Paper has been prepared to inform the ASEMHR23 on the theme of Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights. It provides an overview of the main opportunities and risks posed by AI across Asia and Europe, structured around three thematic foci: privacy and data protection, equality and non-discrimination, and remedies and access to justice. It also identifies future directions and concrete opportunities for Asia–Europe cooperation in the governance of AI.

AI technologies are rapidly transforming social, economic, and political life. They offer significant benefits in areas such as healthcare, education, and public administration, but also create acute risks for fundamental rights. The use of AI in surveillance, welfare allocation, recruitment, and online platforms has raised pressing concerns over mass data collection, profiling, systemic bias, and limited access to redress. These challenges are amplified by the unevenness of regulatory regimes across ASEM countries and by the transnational nature of AI-related harms.

The paper identifies three core sets of challenges, to be the focus of the discussions during the ASEM seminar:

- **Privacy and data protection:** AI systems rely on the large-scale collection and processing of personal data, creating risks of mass surveillance, opaque profiling, and weak safeguards. While Europe has consolidated protections through the GDPR, Convention 108, and the AI Act, Asian states show more diverse approaches, ranging from binding frameworks in India, South Korea, and Vietnam, to soft-law initiatives such as ASEAN’s Guide on AI Governance and Ethics and Singapore’s AI Verify toolkit.
- **Equality and non-discrimination:** AI often reproduces or amplifies social biases, with significant consequences in welfare systems, employment, credit scoring, and surveillance. Europe frames bias as a rights violation prohibited under binding instruments, while Asian states have adopted a patchwork of sectoral regulations and judicial interventions. Systemic remedies remain limited across the region.
- **Remedies and access to justice:** Effective redress mechanisms for AI-related harms remain fragmented. Europe provides stronger procedural and institutional safeguards through DPAs, ombuds institutions, and courts, though enforcement gaps persist. In Asia, remedies are uneven, with early experiments such as disclosure duties (China), complaint mechanisms (Philippines), and voluntary Human Rights Impact Assessments (South Korea).

The comparative analysis highlights key divergences: Europe tends toward comprehensive, enforceable frameworks, while Asia shows heterogeneous and fragmented approaches, often balancing human rights with state control and economic development. Despite these differences, the underlying risks are shared, and governance challenges are convergent.

Looking ahead, the paper emphasises that effective AI governance requires moving beyond high-level ethical principles towards enforceable safeguards, algorithmic accountability, and inclusive participation. It underlines that regulation and innovation are not in conflict: robust governance is essential to building trust, legitimacy, and sustainable adoption of AI technologies.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION

**Opening Discussion
and Q&A with Panel**



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OPENING PANEL

AI in the Public Sector: Delivering Services or Compromising Rights?

Governments are rapidly deploying artificial intelligence to modernise welfare systems, legal processes, and citizen services—reshaping how the state interacts with its people. Yet as algorithms guide decisions on resource allocation, public safety, and migration, they raise profound concerns about fairness, bias, and accountability.

This panel brings together researchers, policymakers, and civil society actors to ask whether AI truly delivers more efficient and equitable public services, or whether it risks deepening inequalities and obscuring responsibility. Drawing on the panellists' experiences, discussions will focus on efforts to embed human rights principles into AI governance, including human rights impact assessments and stronger oversight mechanisms. Key dilemmas around transparency, data protection, and the delegation of state authority to automated systems will be critically examined. By drawing on both promising practices and controversial cases, the panel will explore the adequacy of emerging regulatory models—from binding legislation to procurement standards—and consider how governments can align technological innovation with the imperative of safeguarding human dignity and equality in the public sector.

Aysel KÜÇÜKSU

Panelist

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Aysel Küçüksu is an Assistant Professor of Law at the iCourts Centre of Excellence for International Courts, University of Copenhagen. Her research focuses on the intersection of artificial intelligence, law, and human rights, with particular attention to how algorithmic systems are transforming governance and public decision-making. She co-founded and manages the AI and Human Rights Database (offentlig-ai.dk) — the first comprehensive database tracking public-sector AI projects in Denmark — and contributes to several research initiatives on algorithmic accountability and democratic oversight.

Aysel is a member of the Young Academy under the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters. Her current work examines how governments can integrate human rights safeguards into AI governance to ensure that technological innovation happens responsibly and serves equality, transparency, and public trust.

Karolina IWANSKA

Panelist

**Digital Rights Advisor
European Center for
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Netherlands



Karolina is a lawyer and public policy specialist working as the Digital Rights Advisor at the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law, a civil society organisation based in the Hague in the Netherlands. She leads ECNL's engagement in EU digital policy and is also involved in research and advocacy related to the global governance of new technologies. Previously, Karolina worked at Panoptikon Foundation, where she was responsible, among others, for advocacy on the Digital Services Act, AI Act and GDPR implementation and enforcement on online platforms. In 2019/20 Karolina was a Mozilla EU Tech Policy Fellow, researching and developing policy recommendations for alternatives to surveillance advertising. Karolina also serves as a Board Member of European Digital Rights (EDRi) - a network of 50+ civil society organisations defending rights and freedoms online.



Muhammad Hafiz NOER
Panelist
Head of Research
Center for Digital Society
Indonesia

Hafiz is an enthusiastic advocate for the intersection of innovation, science and technology within public policy. He has a Master's degree in Innovation, Public Policy and Public Value from University College London and a Bachelor's degree in Politics and Government from Universitas Gadjah Mada. His diverse background in consulting, think tanks, and academia has provided himself with extensive experience and expertise in the field of public policy and digital technology. He has actively collaborated with both the public and the private sectors, as well as non-government organisations, providing them insights on institutional change, refining policy planning strategies, and navigating the complex challenges in the evolving digital technology landscape.

He has contributed to various policy recommendations and academic publications, particularly focusing on the intersection between information technologies, public administration and politics, and innovation policy.

Michaela SULLIVAN-PAUL
Panelist
Senior Research Officer
European Institute of Public Administration
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Michaela Sullivan-Paul is a research and policy specialist in AI governance, digital transformation, and public sector innovation. She holds a Dual Master's Degree in Public Policy from Sciences Po, Paris, and the University of Tokyo. She has contributed to international discussions on AI and innovation through her work with organisations such as the OECD, UNESCO, and the Forum on Information and Democracy.

At the European Institute of Public Administration, Michaela leads the Artificial Intelligence portfolio, equipping EU public officials with the knowledge and institutional capacity to adopt trustworthy and transformative technologies. Her work advances human-centred, sustainable, and evidence-based approaches to AI in government, ensuring that innovation serves the public good.

Rikke Frank JØRGENSEN
Moderator
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Rikke Frank Jørgensen is acting Research Director at the Danish Institute for Human Rights and Affiliate Professor of digital rights at University of Copenhagen. Her research focuses on the intersection between technology and human rights, for example, the impact of tech giants and their platforms on citizens' rights, and the development of the digital welfare state. She has written and edited several books, most recently "Beyond Privacy - People, Practices, Politics" (BUP 2024). She is a member of the Danish Data Ethics Council.

Working Group 1 : Privacy and Data Protection



Anja Møller PEDERSEN

Moderator

**Tenure Track Assistant Professor
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Anja Møller Pedersen is Tenure Track Assistant Professor, PhD, LL.M., at the Centre for Information and Innovation Law (CIIR) at University of Copenhagen and affiliated researcher at the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Her research falls within the intersections of human rights, technology and data protection law, focusing on the digitalisation of policing and intelligence activities. Anja holds a PhD (The fundamental rights to privacy and data protection in the EU legal order) from University of Copenhagen (2023) and has previously worked as an attorney at Danish lawfirm Kammeradvokaten/Poul Schmith and as a senior advisor at the Danish Institute for Human Rights.



Jhalak M KAKKAR
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Jhalak M. Kakkar is Executive Director at the Centre for Communication Governance (CCG), National Law University Delhi, and a Visiting Professor at the National Law University, Delhi. CCG undertakes academic research, policy input and capacity building on issues at the intersection of technology and society. She works across privacy and data governance, AI regulation and platform governance. Her work critically examines the evolution of existing rights frameworks to accommodate new media and emerging technology. An Expert member of the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI) Multistakeholder Experts Group Plenary and member of the Working Group on Data Governance, she is also part of the Asian Dialogue on AI Governance (collaboration between Singapore Management University and Microsoft).

AI systems rely on the large-scale collection and processing of personal data, creating risks of mass surveillance, opaque profiling, and weak safeguards. While Europe has consolidated protections through the GDPR, Convention 108, and the AI Act, Asian states show more diverse approaches, ranging from binding frameworks in India, South Korea, and Vietnam, to soft-law initiatives such as ASEAN's Guide on AI Governance and Ethics and Singapore's AI Verify toolkit.

The working group, will address the following questions:

- 1. Data protection safeguards:** What are the primary human rights risks associated with the collection, use, and sharing of personal data by AI systems?
- 2. Legal adequacy:** Do you think privacy laws are currently keeping up with the pace of technological innovation? Why or why not?
- 3. Regulatory coherence:** Are there effective legal and regulatory frameworks to protect individual privacy in AI deployment, and where are the gaps?
- 4. Transparency:** How transparent are AI-driven decision-making processes, and how can transparency be improved?
- 5. Data rights and autonomy:** Should the right to have full control over one's own data be a human right?
- 6. Security and human rights balance:** How can a State balance safeguarding national security and public interest with the protection of individual rights, particularly privacy?

SIMULTANEOUS WORKING GROUPS

Day 2 - Thursday, 30 October 2025

Working Group 2 : Equality and Non-Discrimination



Sue Ann TEO
Moderator
Researcher
Raoul Wallenberg Institute
Sweden

Dr Sue Anne Teo is a researcher at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights. Her work focuses on artificial intelligence and its impact on the foundations of human rights. She received her PhD from the University of Copenhagen in 2023. Sue Anne is also currently a Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Carr-Ryan Center for Human Rights at the Harvard Kennedy School where she will examine the legal implications of anthropomorphic AI. In addition to her academic background, Sue Anne has also been a human rights practitioner for more than a decade, having worked with the UN Refugee Agency, UN peacekeeping and with national human rights institutions, amongst others.



Virginia DIGNUM
Rapporteur
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AI often reproduces or amplifies social biases, with significant consequences in welfare systems, employment, credit scoring, and surveillance. Europe frames bias as a rights violation prohibited under binding instruments, while Asian states have adopted a patchwork of sectoral regulations and judicial interventions. Systemic remedies remain limited across the region.

This working group will explore the challenges AI poses to equality and non-discrimination from a human rights perspective and discuss ways to uphold these principles in practice.

Below are guiding questions to explore in this working group:

- 1. Institutional safeguards:** How can ASEM governments integrate equality impact assessments into public procurement, funding, and deployment of AI systems? Are there existing good practices in your country?
- 2. Inclusive and intersectional design:** What mechanisms can ensure the meaningful participation of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and groups facing intersectional discrimination in AI design and governance? Should ASEM partners develop shared participation standards?
- 3. Oversight and accountability:** Which institutions (courts, regulators, human rights commissions) are best placed to address algorithmic discrimination in your national context? How can their mandates be strengthened or clarified?
- 4. Cross-regional cooperation:** What opportunities exist for Asia–Europe collaboration on non-discrimination audits, standards, or capacity-building? Could ASEM play a role in harmonising approaches across different jurisdictions?
- 5. Public empowerment:** How can ASEM governments promote AI literacy and awareness so that affected communities and civil society can understand and contest biased AI outcomes?
- 6. From principles to practice:** How can the absolute prohibition of discrimination be effectively translated into technical standards, legal frameworks, and governance practices across ASEM countries?

SIMULTANEOUS WORKING GROUPS

Day 2 - Thursday, 30 October 2025

Working Group 3 : Remedies and Access to Justice



Caleen OBIAS
Moderator
Senior Program Officer
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The Asia Foundation
Philippines

Caleen Chanyungco Obias is a dual-qualified lawyer admitted to practice in both the Philippines and New York, USA. She brings over 15 years of legal and policy experience in government institutions, including the Supreme Court of the Philippines, the House of Representatives, and the Commission on Human Rights. Her work centers on advancing human rights and strengthening access to justice.

Caleen currently serves as Senior Program Officer for Law and Human Rights at The Asia Foundation (TAF) Philippines, where she leads a nationwide program establishing locally embedded human rights hubs. The initiative promotes coordinated, community-based responses to human rights violations, legal empowerment, and support for human rights defenders. In her capacity at TAF, she also works closely with the Supreme Court of the Philippines on judicial reform initiatives which includes supporting the revision of the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases and protective writs such as Habeas Corpus, Amparo, and Habeas Data. She is currently exploring how artificial intelligence (AI) can be responsibly integrated into judicial decision-making and court operations, in line with the Supreme Court's broader digital transformation goal.



Nele ROEKENS
Rapporteur
Legal Advisor
Unia / ENNHRI
Belgium

Nele chairs the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI). In this role she supports the collaborative efforts of over 40 independent public institutions in matters of AI and emerging technologies. This role extends to representing ENNHRI at the Council of Europe's Committee on AI. Nele is an independent expert for the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on AI, Equality, and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI) and was member of a network of experts for UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on AI. Through these roles, Nele advocates for a human rights-based approach in the development, deployment and regulation of AI. At the national level, Nele leads the AI team at Unia, the Belgian National Human Rights Institution and equality body. She works closely with national and European actors on the implementation of the EU AI Act.

Effective redress mechanisms for AI-related harms remain fragmented. Europe provides stronger procedural and institutional safeguards through DPAs, ombuds institutions, and courts, though enforcement gaps persist. In Asia, remedies are uneven, with early experiments such as disclosure duties (China), complaint mechanisms.

This working group will examine how ASEM partners can ensure access to effective remedies for human rights harms arising from the use of AI. It will explore gaps, good practices, and collaborative approaches to strengthen accountability, transparency, and redress mechanisms across regions.

Below are guiding questions to explore in this working group:

1. Can **existing human rights instruments**—like the right to a fair trial or the right to an effective remedy—adequately address harms from AI systems, or are new legal tools needed?
2. What mechanisms currently exist for **holding AI developers and deployers accountable** for rights violations, and how effective are they?
3. How should remedies be designed to address not only individual harms, but also **systemic or collective impacts** caused by AI systems?
4. What role should **transparency and explainability** play in enabling individuals to seek redress? Is a lack of explainability itself a violation of rights?
5. How can **affected communities** participate in the development and deployment of AI to ensure fairer outcomes and that technology aligns with the values and needs of the people it serves?
6. What role can **ombuds institutions, data protection authorities, or national human rights institutions** play in providing or facilitating remedies for AI-related harms?
7. How can member states effectively invest in **AI literacy** among the general public—especially in schools and marginalised communities—to ensure a well-rounded understanding of both the functioning of AI as well as its potential human rights impacts?

ADDITIONAL GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR ALL WORKING GROUPS

In addition to the sub-theme-specific questions, the following **cross-cutting questions** will guide discussions across all working groups:

1. What are the main **human rights risks** linked to the deployment of AI systems by both state and private actors?
2. How can AI systems be made more transparent to ensure **accountability and trust** among users? Are there **positive practices** in policies, regulations, or business practices that can be modelled to protect human rights in AI deployment?
3. How effective are **ethical guidelines** in preventing human rights violations caused by AI, considering the lack of legal binding and oversight, allowing companies to choose whether or not to adhere to them?
4. How can stakeholders, including **marginalised and vulnerable communities**, be meaningfully included in AI governance discussions and decision-making processes?
5. Are **civil society organisations and NGOs** sufficiently equipped to address the human rights implications of AI, and what support do they need to strengthen their role in this space?
6. How can **NHRIs**, as a bridge between government and civil society and with the ability to collaborate with other institutions and organisations, play a key role in addressing the diverse human rights impacts of AI development and deployment? Can you share any examples of good practices from NHRIs working on AI?
7. How can **international, regional, and national regulatory frameworks** work together to address the cross-border implications of AI technologies?
8. How do approaches to **AI governance in Asia and Europe** differ, and what can be learned from these regional experiences to develop more effective, inclusive policies? What are some practical avenues for collaboration between the two regions to promote responsible and globally coherent AI governance?
9. Would the establishment of an Office for the **Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and AI** be an effective way to enhance oversight and accountability in addressing AI-related human rights violations?
10. How might the **future of human rights** be shaped by the evolving capabilities and deployment of AI technologies, and what proactive measures should be taken to safeguard these rights?

For further background on each working group topic, please refer to the **Seminar's Background Paper**.



WELCOME

Day 3 - Friday, 31 October 2025



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Line Gamrath Rasmussen leads the tech and human rights thematic work across the Danish Institute for Human Rights' International area focusing on the challenges that digitalisation brings for democratic systems and institutions and how it may in many cases undermine human rights.

She works with international partners and stakeholders giving expert advice, training and capacity-building on tech & human rights and on how to ensure a human rights-based approach to digital governance through human rights due diligence and human rights impact assessments. She is also extensively involved in policy and agenda-setting in relation to digital rights, including on AI & algorithmic decision-making, surveillance, information integrity and the increasing digital divide and inequality in access to the internet and new technologies, particularly in the Global South.

Line has more than 20 years of experience as a human rights, good governance and sustainable development professional with a business degree in PR and Communication and a European Master's degree in Human Rights and Democratisation.

CLOSING PANEL

Shaping the Future of AI: A Human Rights View from Asia & Europe

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming societies across Asia and Europe, raising fundamental questions about its long-term impact on human rights. While the trajectory of AI development cannot be predicted with certainty, it is evident that its expansion will continue at pace—becoming increasingly widespread, powerful, and at times, divisive. These developments underscore the urgent need for a human-centric approach to AI, one that prioritises human rights, dignity, and societal well-being at every stage of its design, deployment, and governance.

The panel will explore how AI can be developed and governed with human dignity, justice, and equality at its core. The discussion will highlight regional perspectives, shared challenges, human rights implications and risks of AI, as well as emerging good practices for advancing human rights with AI applications. Drawing on experiences from both Asia and Europe, the panel will also identify current gaps in AI governance frameworks and highlight the path forward to strengthen and improve these frameworks for more effective protection of human rights.

Bringing together voices from across Asia and Europe and from multiple sectors, the panel will foster a forward-looking dialogue on shaping responsible, rights-based AI governance.



David REICHEL
Panelist
Head of Data and Digital Sector
European Union Agency for
Fundamental Rights
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Dr David Reichel is the Head of the Data and Digital Sector at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). The Data and Digital Sector, within the Justice, Digital and Migration Unit, hosts most of FRA's work on artificial intelligence (AI), data protection and online content moderation. He has coordinated and co-authored several FRA reports on AI, including the reports on AI and fundamental rights, Getting the future right and Bias in algorithms, as well as on Online content moderation.

Prior to joining FRA in 2014, he worked for the research department of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and has been teaching for several years at the University of Vienna and other universities. He has published numerous articles, working papers and book chapters on issues related to migration statistics, citizenship and human rights.



Stanati NETIPATALACHOOCHOTE
Panelist
Lecturer, Global Academy of Siam University
Thailand

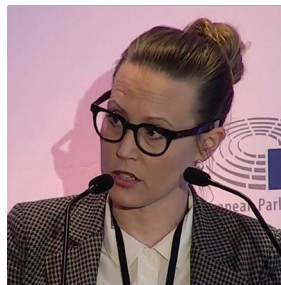
Stanati is currently a lecturer at the Global Academy (International College) of Siam University in Bangkok, Thailand. His areas of expertise include Fundamental Rights and Technology Laws. Before assuming this role, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Research in Private International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lyon III, France. He earned his Ph.D. in International Human Rights and Criminal Law from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, and he completed his LL.M. in Comparative Criminal Law and Justice Systems at the University of London in the United Kingdom. Originally from Thailand, he also obtained his LL.B. with second-class honors from Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand, and has qualified as a Barrister-at-law.



Barani MAUNG MAUNG
Panelist
Tech Safety Expert
Oxford Internet Institute
Myanmar

Barani Maung Maung is a tech policy and safety expert from Myanmar. Barani spent over 3 years at Meta, focusing on hate speech and harassment policy, and led crisis management efforts for elections, coups, and riots. She later joined the Oxford Internet Institute, where she pursued research on Generative AI safety in the Global Majority. Barani now works as an Online Safety Policy Lead for Hate Speech at Ofcom, the UK's official online safety regulator.

Gry HASSELBALCH
Moderator
Academic Director
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Gry Hasselbalch is a scholar and the author of several critically acclaimed books, the latest Human Power – Seven Traits for the Politics of the AI Machine Age published in 2025. She holds a PhD from University of Copenhagen in data, AI and power, is Senior Research Associate at the African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, University of Johannesburg and has been leading high-profile research projects like the Data Pollution and Power Initiative at Bonn University.

Hasselbalch is co-founder and Director of Academic Research at the think tank DataEthics.eu founded in 2015 to promote ethical, human rights-based data and AI practices. It received the Libre Prize's Honorary Award in 2024. She has contributed to EU and global discussions on digitalisation, AI and data and to the development of EU's AI policy strategy as a member of the EU High-Level Expert Group on AI (2018-2020) that developed the AI ethics guidelines that became the basis of the EU's AI act.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATIONS

Closing Panel Discussion and Q&A

CLOSING PLENARY

Rapporteurs' Summary of each Working Group Session

Day 3 - Friday, 31 October 2025

CHAIR:

Rolf RING
Raoul Wallenberg Institute
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Farah Gul Rahuja
Closing Speaker
Farah Gul RAHUJA
Co-Founder of PakGPT
Pakistan

CLOSING SPEAKERS

Farah Gul Rahuja is a Pakistani AI innovator, human rights advocate, and global youth leader committed to ensuring that emerging technologies serve marginalized communities. Growing up in Dadu, Sindh, where internet access was limited and opportunities for girls in technology were rare, she developed a strong dedication to inclusive, rights-based innovation.

She is the Co-Founder of PakGPT, Pakistan's first culturally contextualized AI conversational model designed for low-bandwidth environments and local languages including Sindhi, Urdu, and Pashto.

Farah mobilizes youth innovators to design ethical, inclusive AI solutions for real-world challenges. Her work bridges grassroots innovation with human rights governance, ensuring that AI development prioritizes privacy, equality, non-discrimination, and access to justice, and that voices from underserved communities are included in shaping global AI policy – earning her international recognition as a Global Youth Leader in AI Innovation at the World Internet Conference 2024 in China and was among the Top 10 global innovators at the World Youth Development Forum 2025.

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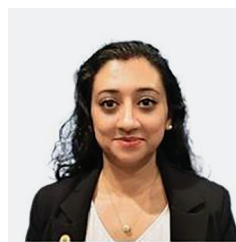


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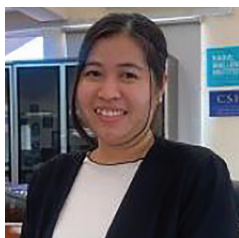
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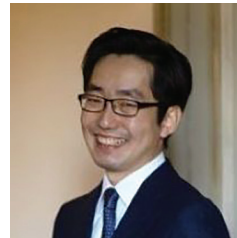
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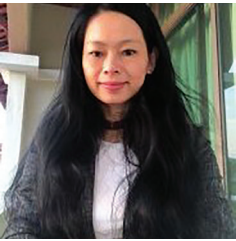
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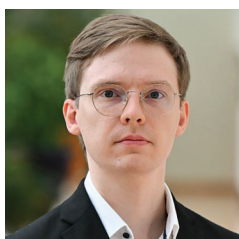
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Lone Thorup has more than 25 years of experience working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. For the past 15 years she has held different leadership roles at the Ministry and abroad with focus on bilateral relations in Asia, Middle East, Africa as well as multilateral work with UN agencies. At her latest posting she served as deputy permanent representative of Denmark to the UN in Geneva. Currently she is leading the team at the section for South and South East Asia at the Department for Asia, Latin America, Oceania and the Caribbean. Lone Thorup also holds the current position as Danish Governor for the Asia-Europe foundation (ASEF/ASEM).



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Nicolai Lundsberg is Head of Section in the team for South and South East Asia under the Department for Asia, Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean. Nicolai joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark in 2022, and has lived and worked seven years in China, including as General Manager for the Danish Chamber of Commerce in China.



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PROGRAMME

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Day 0
Tuesday, 28 October

Arrival of participants in Wakeup Copenhagen Borgergade

Day 1
Wednesday, 29 October

Venue: University of Copenhagen
Faculty of Humanities, Auditorium 23.0.50, South Campus

| TIME | SESSION | SPEAKER(S) |
|-------|--|---|
| 12:50 | Gathering at the hotel lobby. Bus departs to the University of Copenhagen. | |
| 13:30 | REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND COFFEE | |
| 14:00 | OFFICIAL OPENING | |
| | Welcome remarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lone MOUYAL, Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen• Amb Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation |
| | Keynote Session | <p>Chair: Rolf RING, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (TBA)• Kajsa OLLONGREN, EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights• TANG Yingxia, PhD, Deputy Director of Human Rights Research Center, Nankai University• Prof Dr Virginia DIGNUM, Member of the UN High Level Advisory Body on AI |
| 15:00 | FORMAL GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK | |
| 15:30 | Presentation of the Background Paper | <p>Chair: Mrs Indah SAVITRI, Director for Human Rights and Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Dr Virginia DIGNUM, Professor in Responsible Artificial Intelligence and the Director of the AI Policy Lab, Umeå University• Dr Rachele CARLI, Postdoctoral Researcher in the Responsible AI Group, Umeå University• TANG Yingxia, PhD, Deputy Director of Human Rights Research Center of Nankai University |

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TIME SESSION SPEAKER(S)

15:50 **Opening Plenary Discussion**

16:30-17:45

PANEL

***AI in the Public Sector:
Delivering Services or
Compromising Rights?***

- **Aysel KUCUKSU**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law University of Copenhagen
- **Karolina IWANSKA**, Digital Advisor, European Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- **Hafiz NOER**, Head of Research, Center for Digital Society
- **Michaela SULLIVAN-PAUL**, Senior Research Officer, European Institute of Public Administration

Moderator: **Rikke Frank JØRGENSEN**, Acting Head of Research, Danish Institute for Human Rights

18:00

Bus departs from the University of Copenhagen to the hotel

**Day 2
Thursday, 30 October**

**Venue: University of Copenhagen
Faculty of Law, South Campus**

FOR INVITED PARTICIPANTS ONLY

TIME SESSION

09:00

Bus departs from the hotel to the University of Copenhagen

09:20

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND COFFEE
Venue: Common area

09:30

Simultaneous Working Groups

WORKING GROUP 1: PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

Room: 4A.0.56 (South Campus)

Moderator: **Dr Anja Møller PEDERSEN**, Assistant Professor of Human Rights, Technology & Data Protection, University of Copenhagen

Rapporteur: **Jhalak M KAKKAR**, Executive Director at the Centre for Communication Governance, National Law University Delhi

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TIME

SESSION

09:30

Simultaneous Working Groups

WORKING GROUP 2: EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Room: 4A.0.68 (South Campus)

Moderator: **Dr Sue-Anne TEO**, Researcher, Raoul Wallenberg Institute

Rapporteur: **Prof Dr Virginia DIGNUM**, Professor in Responsible Artificial Intelligence and the Director of the AI Policy Lab, Umeå University

WORKING GROUP 3: REMEDIES AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Room: 4A.1.46 (South Campus)

Moderator: **Caleen OBIAS**, Senior Program Officer for Law and Human Rights, The Asia Foundation

Rapporteur: **Nele ROEKENS**, Legal Advisor, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

12:30-14:00

LUNCH AND NETWORKING
Venue: Canteen, South Campus

14:00

Simultaneous working groups continue

15:00

COFFEE BREAK
Venue: Common area

16:30

End of the programme

17:00

Bus departs to Tivoli Gardens visit (visit followed by dinner)

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21:00

Bus departs from Tivoli Gardens to the hotel

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Day 3
Friday, 31 October

Venue: University of Copenhagen
Faculty of Humanities, Auditorium 23.0.50, South Campus

| TIME | SESSION | SPEAKER(S) |
|-------|---|---|
| 08:40 | Bus departs to the University of Copenhagen | |
| 09:00 | Registration of Participants COFFEE & NETWORKING Venue: Outside the auditorium | |
| 09:30 | Welcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line Gamrath RASMUSSEN, Chief Adviser on Human Rights and Technology, Danish Institute for Human Rights |
| 09:35 | PANEL Shaping the Future of AI: A Human Rights View from Asia and Europe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr David REICHEL, Head of Data and Digital Sector, Justice, Digital and Migration Unit, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)• Dr Stanati NETIPATALACHOOCHOTE, Lecturer, Global Academy, Siam University, Thailand• Barani MAUNG MAUNG, Tech Safety Expert, Oxford Internet Institute <p>Moderator: Dr Gry HASSELBALCH, Academic Director, DataEthics.eu</p> |
| 10:45 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00 | CLOSING PLENARY Rapporteurs' Summary of Each Workshop | <p>Chair: Rolf RING, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Jhalak M KAKKAR, National Law University Delhi, India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theme: Privacy and Data Protection <p>Rapporteur: Prof Dr Virginia DIGNUM, Umeå University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theme: Equality and Non-Discrimination <p>Rapporteur: Nele ROEKENS, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theme: Remedies and Access to Justice |

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12:00 **Open Plenary Discussion**

12:45 **Official Closing Session**

Chair: **Rolf RING**, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)

Closing remarks (on behalf of the host: TBA)

Closing speaker:
Farah Gul RAHUJA, Youth Leader and Co-developer
of PakGPT (Pakistan)

13:15 End of the Programme

14:30 Bus departs to the hotel

Call for Proposals



SCAN TO VIEW OUR
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ASEF invites relevant training organisations/ teams of experts to submit proposals for a 3-day in-person training programme to be implemented in early 2026. The training will build on the outcomes of the 23rd Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, providing participants with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the human rights implications of AI and explore practical applications in their professional and regional contexts.

Interested organisations and experts are invited to submit proposals on or before 9 November 2025.

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OUR FEEDBACK FORM

Thank you for taking part in the 23rd Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS23): Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence. Your insights and reflections are important to us – they help us improve future programmes and ensure they remain relevant, impactful, and engaging.

This short survey will only take a few minutes to complete, and we greatly appreciate your time and feedback.

Bon voyage!

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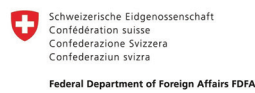
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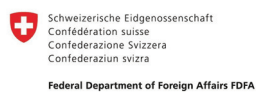
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