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Course:	KV Technology and Society (BA Artificial Intelligence)
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Hours / ECTS:	2 SSt. / 3 ECTS
Dates:	kusss.jku.at
Assignment procedure:	Direct assignment
<p>Objectives:</p> <p>AI technologies are increasingly applied to social domains and therefore have tremendous impact on people's lives and well-being. Thus, it is crucial for AI scholars and practitioners to gain a deep understanding of the social contexts, within which AI is developed, implemented and used, in order to be able to anticipate the potential challenges and risks of applying AI technologies to human populations.</p> <p>This course aims at enabling students to look beyond the ‚mere‘ technological aspects of AI research and development, by reflecting upon the complex interplay of technology and society.</p>	
<p>Subject:</p> <p>This course is designed as an introduction to social science research on technology. It covers diverse facets of the technology-society relation, and addresses – amongst others – the following questions: <i>How to understand the social context within which technology is developed? How do social norms and ideas influence the design of an artefact? How does the introduction of technology impact society and the way people live and work? How is technology implicated in social relations of power? How to reflect upon the role of developers in the creation of technology?</i></p>	
<p>Methods:</p> <p>A combination of lectures, groupwork, student discussion, reading assignments, and writing assignments.</p> <p>Attendance is required for this course.</p>	
<p>Criteria for evaluation:</p> <p>Course requirements and details on grading will be presented during the first lecture. Grading will be based on several assignments to be completed throughout the semester (30%) and an online assignment at the end of the semester (70%).</p>	
<p>Course material:</p> <p>Relevant literature will be provided in Moodle at the beginning of the term.</p>	
<p>Language: English</p>	