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Ethics, Peace and Development: AI and Social Media Research within the United Nations

AI is an increasingly prominent issue across the UN system, particularly driven by the personal interests of Secretary General António Guterres. We will present results emanating from a new framework for ethical AI which we developed to help UN stakeholders along with ministers and regulators from member states think about relevant policy action. Also, we will overview a system developed to aggregate and analyze communications from a variety of online platforms (SMS, Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, and others). This system has been used to support real-time understanding and response during national elections across Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

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This lecture satisfies requirements for CSCI 591: Research Colloquium.

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