

NextGen Decisions: Global Challenges, Local Action

A 5-Day Interactive Event Exploring Critical Decision-Making for the World of Tomorrow

Overview:

The future of decision-making requires an interdisciplinary approach that integrates diverse perspectives to address complex global challenges. "NextGen Decisions: Global Challenges, Local Action" is a five-day interactive event designed to engage students, academics and experts from diverse fields, including political science, economics, law, artificial intelligence (AI) research, philosophy, and related disciplines, industry and administrative professionals, and political leaders in collaborative dialogue and practical problem-solving.

With special emphasis on digital governance, smart cities, sustainable urban development, and the ethical dimensions of technology and governance, this event offers a platform for participants to critically reflect on the challenges and practical implications of the decisions that will shape the future. During the week, students will engage in hands-on activities such as interactive workshops, case studies and panel discussions, fostering an environment of dialogue and co-creation.

Objectives:

- **Interdisciplinary Approach:** Connect political science, economics, law, AI-research, and philosophy to offer a holistic view of decision-making in the context of emerging global challenges.
- **Global Challenges, Local Solutions:** Address how global issues like climate change and digital transformation can be tackled through local governance and innovative decision-making frameworks.
- **Philosophical Reflection:** Encourage participants to engage in deeper philosophical questions surrounding technology, ethics, and governance.
- **Active Learning, Dialogue and Collaboration:** Equip students with practical and reflective tools and foster meaningful exchanges between students, scholars, policymakers, industry and administrative leaders to bridge theory and practice in decision-making.

Themes:

1. **Smart Cities & Digital Governance:**
Exploring how AI and digital technologies are reshaping urban environments and governance systems. Topics include data privacy, the role of AI in public services, and the balance between technological efficiency and ethical governance.
2. **Sustainable Urban Development:**
Examining how cities can become more sustainable through policies and strategies that address climate change, resource management, and equitable urban growth.
3. **Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Decision-Making:**
Engaging with the ethical and legal questions surrounding the increasing influence of AI in

governance and society. What are the implications of delegating decision-making to algorithms? How do we balance technological progress with human values and rights? Which legal frameworks are necessary for responsible governance in an AI-driven world?

Interactive Elements:

- **Simulations:** Real-world simulations where students assume leadership roles in addressing urban challenges through AI, digital governance, and ethical decision-making.
 - **Workshops:** Led by academics and professionals, these sessions focus on interdisciplinary problem-solving and collaboration.
 - **Case Studies:** In-depth examinations of successful initiatives in sustainable urban development, digital governance, and smart cities.
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Target Audience:

This event is designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students studying Political Science, Economics, Law, Philosophy, Professional Public Decision-Making, and related fields.

Credit Points

This is a 3 ECTS-course with a workload of 75 – 90 hours

Expected Outcomes:

By the end of the five-day event, participants will:

- Develop an interdisciplinary understanding of the critical decisions shaping global challenges and driving local action.
 - Engage with the ethical and legal dimensions of AI in governance, reflecting on how values and legal norms guide technological innovation.
 - Gain practical skills in decision-making and problem-solving through interactive workshops and simulations.
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This event empowers students as active participants in shaping the future, combining hands-on learning with in-depth academic exploration of the decisions that will shape the world of tomorrow.