

# The Ethics of Algorithmic Decision-Making in Democratic Institutions

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Location: University Center for Human Values, 301 Marx Hall

## Friday, Nov 22

9:00–9:30 *Registration & Breakfast*

9:30–9:45 **Opening remarks:  
Why the Algorithmic Is Political**

9:45–10:45 **“Sex, Causation and Algorithms”**  
**Deborah Hellman** (University of Virginia)  
Discussant: **Rima Basu** (Claremont McKenna)

10:45–11:00 *Short Break*

11:00–12:00 **“Compounding Wrongs in Sequential Decisions”**  
**Annette Zimmermann** (Princeton University)  
Discussant: **Charles Beitz** (Princeton University)

12:00–1:00 *Lunch*

1:00–2:00 **“Algorithms, Low Information Rationality  
and Democracy”**  
**Thomas Christiano** (University of Arizona)  
Discussant: **Marc Fleurbaey** (Princeton University)

2:00–2:15 *Short Break*

2:15–3:15 **“The Right to an ‘Individualized’ Legal Decision”**  
**Renée Bolinger** (Princeton University)  
Discussant: **Chad Lee-Stronach** (Stanford University)

3:15–3:30 *Coffee Break*

3:30–4:30 **“tbd”**  
**Rob Reich** (Stanford University) [via Skype]  
Discussant: **Sonny Kim** (Princeton University)

6:00–9:00 *Reception & Dinner for speakers and discussants  
(Mistral, 66 Witherspoon St)*

## Saturday, Nov 23

9:00–9:30 *Breakfast*

9:30–10:30 **“Canons of Algorithmic Inference:  
Feminist Theoretical Virtues in Machine Learning”**  
**Gabrielle Johnson** (New York University)  
Discussant: **Ashley Gorham** (Princeton University)

10:30–10:45 *Short Break*

10:45–11:45 **“The Right to Explanation”**  
**Kate Vredenburg** (Stanford University)  
Discussant: **Ben Bramble** (Princeton University/  
Australian National University)

11:45–1:00 *Lunch*

1:00–2:00 **“Social Media Algorithms and Democratic  
Political Culture”**  
**Regina Rini** (York University)  
Discussant: **Elena Di Rosa** (Princeton University)

2:00–3:00 **“Power, Process, and Automated Decision-Making”**  
**Ari Waldman** (New York Law School)  
Discussant: **Kathleen Creel** (University of Pittsburgh)

3:00–3:15 **Closing remarks**

*Questions?*

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