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Algorithm Awareness: Opportunities, Challenges and Impacts on Society

Message from the Guest Editor

Algorithms have become pervasive in contemporary society, influencing various aspects of our lives, from human interactions and online shopping recommendations to employment decisions and healthcare management.

Recently, several studies have focused on operationalizing the concept of algorithmic awareness, examining sense-making processes around algorithms and forms of user engagement, defining research methods to investigate interactions with algorithms, and conducting case studies on specific populations within various social and digital contexts.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to contribute to the expanding social science literature that seeks to better understand algorithm awareness, how people make sense of the opacity of algorithms, and how their assumptions may influence their understanding and daily engagement with algorithmic systems, posing both risks and opportunities. Moreover, it aims to provide insights into methodological advancements in algorithm awareness, including new opportunities and challenges, as well as innovative approaches, methods, and techniques that enhance algorithm awareness research.

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