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Acoustic Surveillance and Big Data Series Lauches



Ubiquitous recorders are capturing our daily sounds on the street, at our work and leisure places, and in our homes. The study of the cultural, political, ethical, and technological impact of automating sound and incorporating it into different systems is in its infancy, and scholars and technologists often do not have a good understanding of what kind of data, what kind of techniques and algorithms, and what kinds of interpretations can be drawn from audio data in systems that use A.I. technologies.

Good Systems is hosting three events that will consider issues and questions from different perspectives and research that's being conducted in the humanities, the social sciences, and in industry. Come to one or all three.

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Alexas, Wiretaps, and Gunshots: Some Notes on Acoustic

Surveillance with Leonardo Cardoso, Texas A&M University

Friday, March 29, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., [POB 6.304](#)

Introduction to Sound Analysis with Brian McFee, NYU

Friday, April 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., [PCL Learning Lab 1](#)

The Future of Ubiquitous Spoken Content with Doug Oard, University of Maryland

Friday, April 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., [POB Vislab, Room 2.404a](#)



Injustices of Digital Disruption: More Tepid Policy or a Radical Democratic Turn?

with Professor Robin Mansell, London School of Economics and Political Science

April 4, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

[Belo Center for New Media \(BMC\)](#)

Room 5.208

We will examine a fundamentally important question for the future of society: Is there ever likely to be an effective challenge to the pursuit of wealth through inequitable mass individualization?

The 'platformization of everything' — by Google, Baidu, Facebook, Amazon

and a few others — is implicated in the spread of misinformation and in the deepening of many kinds of inequalities. This lecture explores reasons for the persistence of cautious and relatively weak policy responses to platform power and whether a turn to radical democratic theory and practice might help to promote policy responses that work as a counterpoint to platform dominance. This event is part of the [Digital Media Speaker Series](#) and is sponsored by the Technology and Information Policy Institute (TIPI) and Good Systems.



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