Call for Proposals "Events"

Introduction

The faculty of Technology Policy and Management (TPM) has established the TPM-AI Lab to develop and foster a community of researchers working on AI. The lab facilitates and supports activities that allow faculty and students to bring TPM's interdisciplinary strengths to the theory and application of AI. In these pursuits, the lab will encourage researchers to explore whether and how AI research and applications can be shaped to benefit communities, their environments, societal institutions, economics, and their underlying infrastructures.

Numerous activities have been defined within the lab to achieve the above goals. One of these activities is the Events Work Package which aims to enable community building around the topic of AI, within and outside of TPM, through convenings. The lab fulfills this aim by organizing AI Lab events, staging members or projects at TPM at external events, or by co-facilitating events organized by other members of TPM.

Due to COVID-19 related public health measures, current TPM and AI Lab events are mostly convenings that take place using online platforms. While they cannot replace physical meetings, online gatherings allow the community around the TPM AI Lab to continue to meet and explore together, despite current conditions. Online meetings also bring forth novel ways for researchers from other public and private institutions, policy makers and practitioners, including advocates and artists to join our conversations.

Cognizant of the limits and potentials of our two-dimensional co-presence, the AI Lab has been exploring and preparing resources for online formats that enable interactions and encounters that a typical platform for events may not garner.

This *Call for Event Proposals* is our first step towards welcoming you to shaping convenings around the topic of AI with us!

We herewith invite you to submit proposals for *events*, be it reading groups, workshops, tutorials, seminars, gaming sessions, panels or conferences, that entertain a curiosity for AI. For your event, we offer support through our communication channels (e.g., website and newsletter), our resources in organizing online events, and funding!

Please consider joining us!

Scope

- Stand-alone events (e.g., workshops) or (Mini-)Series of events
- All successful proposals for TPM AI Lab facilitated events will receive:
  - Support in event planning
  - Publicity and communications
  - Funds for the execution of the event (capped at a maximum amount of 3000 Euros per event distributed from a total budget of 10000 Euros for AI Lab Events)

We accept applications on a rolling basis and aim to facilitate around 5-6 events in the coming 6 months.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, the proposals and the consortium must comply with the following criteria:

- The consortium will consist of at least one applicant from the TPM faculty (any researcher from a PhD to a full professor or by members of administrative staff). The applicant(s) may not be involved in more than one application.

Assessment Criteria

Submissions will be selected by evaluating the extent to which they are able to address the following needs:

- Developing or showcasing AI-related transdisciplinary research at TPM
- Stimulating collaboration and partnership among researchers in AI (within TPM or beyond)
- Inquiring critically into AI (including into underlying theories, methods, applications, governance structures, and industries)
- Collectively exploring new perspectives or cutting-edge themes
- Advancing education and pedagogical methods on AI across the faculty.

Priority will be given to teams consisting of multiple applicants from different departments within TPM or events that promote themes that cut across departments

Submission process

- Proposals should be within 1-3 pages and in English

- The proposals must follow the template provided by the TPM-AI lab on its website.

- Applicants must not be involved in more than one application.

- We expect to have the results of the selection of the proposal in June.

In case of any questions about the proposal, please feel free to reach us at AILab-TPM@tudelft.nl

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