THE RULE OF LAW AND AUTOMATION OF GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING

Tuesday, 20 August 2019, 5.30pm to 7.00pm (Registration starts 5.00pm)
Moot Court
NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)

SPEAKER
Professor George Williams AO
Dean, UNSW Law

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
George Williams AO is the Dean, the Anthony Mason Professor, and a Scientia Professor at UNSW Law. He has written and edited 36 books, including Australian Constitutional Law and Theory, The Oxford Companion to the High Court of Australia and Global Anti-Terrorism Law and Policy. He has appeared as a barrister in the High Court in many cases over the past two decades, on matters including freedom of speech, freedom from racial discrimination and the rule of law. He has also appeared in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal of Fiji, including on the legality of the 2000 coup.

As chair of the Victorian Human Rights Consultation Committee in 2005 he helped bring about Australia’s first State bill of rights, the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities. In 2007 he chaired a NSW Government inquiry into Options for a New National Industrial Relations System that produced the historic referral of State industrial power over the private sector to the Commonwealth. He has also served on a High Level Advisory Group on Federal-State Relations, was a member of the NSW Government’s Panel to Examine Recall Elections and assisted the Northern Territory in its attempt to become Australia’s seventh State as a member of its Constitutional Convention Committee. George is a well-known media commentator on legal issues, and is a columnist for The Australian.

CONVENOR
Professor David Tan
Vice Dean (Academic Affairs), NUS Law
Deputy Director, Centre for Technology, Robotics, AI & the Law

ABOUT THIS SEMINAR
Governments around the world are deploying automation tools in making decisions that affect rights and entitlements. The interests affected are very broad, ranging from time spent in detention to the receipt of social security benefits. This talk focuses on the impact on rule of law values of automation using: (1) pre-programmed rules (for example, expert systems); and (2) predictive inferencing whereby rules are derived from historic data (such by applying supervised machine learning). It explores the tension between the rule of law and rapid technological change and concludes with observations on how the automation of government decision-making can both enhance and detract from rule of law values.

REGISTRATION
This event is complimentary but seats are limited. Kindly register at https://nus.edu/32fa2md or scan the QR code

Closing date:
Wednesday, 14 August 2019

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Training Level: General

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