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SLATE IX
DO WE NEED A NEW INTERNATIONAL AI BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY 2026 || 5:00PM TO 6:15PM || SHAW FOUNDATION ALUMNI HOUSE, LAVENDER ROOM

PROFESSOR YUVAL SHANY
HERSCH LAUTERPACHT CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL LAW
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The lecture discusses opportunities and challenges relating to actual and potential human rights consequences of the use of, or failure to use AI systems. It considers shortcomings in existing human rights frameworks – including, the paucity of new and fit-for-purpose human rights legislation, and the inability of existing human rights to fully capture those features unique to AI systems (such as black boxes and lack of humanity) and to effectively govern the operation of AI companies.

The lecture also identifies a list of 7 principles - access, data protection, prohibition of bias, transparency, prohibition of manipulation, human interaction and accountability - which could be included in a future International AI Bill of Human Rights and addresses the ways by which such a list can emerge in the future, including through informal (or "soft law") norm creation processes.

Professor Yuval Shany is the Hersch Lauterpacht Chair in International Law and former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University. He currently serves as a Senior Research Fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute and a Visiting Professor in the Center for Transnational Legal Studies at King's College, London, and the Geneva Graduate Institute.

He was a member of the United Nations' Human Rights Committee between 2013 and 2020 (chairing the Committee between 2018 and 2019) and an Inaugural Accelerator Fellow at the Ethics in AI Institute at the University of Oxford (2024-2025). He leads, at present, an European Research Council group of researchers investigating the Three Generations of Digital Human Rights

Ernest Lim is the Chan Sek Keong Professor of Private Law at NUS Faculty of Law. He also serves as Vice Dean (Faculty Development) and Co-Director of the Centre for Technology, Robotics, AI & the Law.

He received his DPhil and BCL from the University of Oxford, LLM from Harvard Law School and LLB from NUS. His publications on law and technology include The Cambridge Handbook of Private Law and Artificial Intelligence (Cambridge University Press, 2024) (co-edited with Phillip Morgan).

Programme

4:30PM Registration
5:00PM Presentation by Prof. Yuval Shany
6:00PM Q&A session moderated by Prof. Ernest Lim
6:15PM End of Seminar

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