

AALS Section on Internet & Computer Law Call for Papers: “Deep” Surveillance

The Section on Internet & Computer Law of the Association of American Law Schools invites paper submissions for its session on “Deep” Surveillance at the 2021 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. This panel is co-sponsored by the Section on National Security.

Panel description

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what is a deep neural net worth? Police departments and border patrols have embraced the use of advanced surveillance techniques including image recognition algorithms, biometric tracking systems, and reputation scoring. These tools enable astounding new functionalities such as automated facial recognition of large crowds, machine listening of urban noise, tracking of risk profile measures, and more. At the same time, these powerful tools raise profound challenges to fundamental societal values. Critics have raised concerns on a range of issues including accuracy, fairness, accountability, transparency, discrimination, and privacy.

Given that the substantial upside benefits are tempered by equally significant downside risks, what are appropriate uses of deep machine learning tools to assist in policing and border security? How should deep surveillance technologies be vetted before being adopted by law enforcement authorities? What procedural protections should govern their use? What legal or ethical responsibilities do technology companies and AI experts have when contributing to the next generation of surveillance systems?

Submission guidelines

Submissions are due **August 14, 2020**, and should be emailed to Bryan Choi at choi.1399@osu.edu. We welcome submissions at any stage of development, although preference may be given to more fully developed papers.