**Dawson College**

**Integrative Seminar 300-308-DW**

**Research Topic Selection: Artificial Intelligence**

The list below includes good potential topics and resources for your Comprehensive Assessment paper. You do not need to choose from this list, but if you do not, it is a good idea to speak to me to confirm that your topic will work.

Remember that your topic must be related to Artificial Intelligence and that you will have to examine it from the perspectives of three social science disciplines. The list is divided in themes and fields. One way to do it is to select one theme and one field, for instance: The Ethics of AI in Law Enforcement.

Theme: REGULATION

Moodle "pitch": Early AI policy discussions focused on how governments could give an edge to their national industries. It is in this context that Canada adopted the first national AI strategy in 2017. In 2022, privacy, bias, and ethical dimensions are now at the forefront of the policy debate. Legislators have a role to play in determining what type of data private and public actors have access to, and how to limit potential negative consequences of AI. Algorithmic biases in credit scores can be compensated with thorough auditing measures that need the implication of AI experts and social scientists. Government legislation can put thresholds on data stewardship, transparency, governance, and collection (the European Union is a leading actor in these fields). Another big theme linked to AI regulation are GAFAMs. Leveraging AI and personal data has been a key element helping these mega corporations grow in the last decade. Should private actors know this much about us? Should governments do something about it?

RESOURCES

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