



BSA Theory Study Group Call for Proposal

New Online Seminar Series

‘Social Theory and Artificial Intelligence: Challenges, Opportunities and Futures’

The rapid rise and proliferation of artificial intelligence across social, economic, political and cultural life raises fundamental questions for social theory. AI is increasingly implicated in processes of social interaction, work, governance, culture and meaning making. These developments invite renewed theoretical reflections both on the changing nature of social life in the age of AI and on the conceptual tools through which sociologists make sense of the social nature and genesis of AI.

This seminar series aims to provide an open forum for exploring the reciprocal relationship between AI and social theory. We are interested both in how contemporary developments in AI challenge, extend or transform existing traditions of social theory and theorisation, and in how social, and sociological, theories can contribute to a richer understanding of AI as a social phenomenon.

We invite proposals for online seminars from scholars with an interest in the intersection of social theory and AI. A typical seminar will comprise a 30-minute presentation followed by a Q&A discussion, although we are flexible with format (lectures, panel discussions, book launches, and creative formats are all welcome. Please indicate your preference in the proposal form).

Please submit your proposal by filling out [this form](#), or using this link:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MH_ksn3NTkql2rGM8aQVG7dUhdY7tZZGufn1DoslyFVURDRBMUJaMzREVIZCWkiRSziHVTIJN1FBQy4u.

We aim to respond to selected proposals within 20 working days of receiving your proposal.

Please direct any queries to the co-convenor of the BSA Theory Study Group and lead of this series, Dr Zheng Liu (zheng.liu@bristol.ac.uk).

We look forward to receiving your proposals!