Description

Making kin with the machine

Practicing the pluriverse

Further information

This is much influenced by the work of Jason Edward Lewis (we recommend to see his work if you are not familiar, it is very practical and absolutely inspiring https://jasonlewis.org), and particularly an article he wrote with Noelani Arista, Archer Pechawis, and Suzanne Kite (2018). This value focuses on the idea that humankind is neither at the centre nor the highest point of creation. This belief is central in traditional knowledge, indigenous epistemologies and more-than human frameworks, and see central kinship networks of codependency with other forms of beings, human and more-than-human. Indigenous cultures and cultures whose communion with nature forms their identities (farmers, agriculture, fishers) have protocols that allow them to create dialogues, mutually intelligible, with non-human kins across different materials, vibrances, times, possibilities and taxonomies. This principle talks about informing practices of designing, regulating and using AI systems using protocols that are mutually intelligible for the machine and us.

In addition, this is a value that really questions visions and fantasies of human-almighty and machines-slaves or machines taking over humanity; ideas of AI taking over jobs and replacing humans at emotional, spatial, and ontological levels. The AI as skabe or helper - advisor, an entity of wisdom- requires a relation with humans of care and support. It evaluates how AI systems use human resources (labour and data) and environmental resources. This value proposes to understand and assess AI systems according to its benefits for all.

Resources

https://jasonlewis.org

AI DJ – A dialog between human and machine: https://vimeo.com/259129367

[AI DJ Project — A dialog between human and AI through music](#)