

Dear SOHAM's friends,

Thank you for signing up to the mailing list for SOHAM, the Centre for Sociology for Humans and Machines. These newsletters will keep you updated with our work at SOHAM and forthcoming events.

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Welcome to Our Two New Team Members!

We are delighted to give you the news that we are expanding our team again. Two new Research Fellows join SOHAM, Dr Guillaume Falmagne and Dr Jenny Carla Moran.

You can read more about Jenny and Guillaume and their research interests at:

<https://www.tcd.ie/soham/news-and-events/news-2025/soham-welcomes-another-two-new-team-members/>

Gender and AI Symposium – Call for Papers by 31st December 2025

Led by Dr Jenny Carla Moran we are co-hosting the Gender and AI Symposium which will ask questions relating to how understanding the social dynamics of gender can help us recontextualise our relationships with AI and other technological commodities. The Symposium will take place on 3rd June 2026 in the Long Room Hub at Trinity College Dublin. The call for papers for the symposium is now open and has a deadline of 31st December 2025.

You can find out more at: <https://www.tcd.ie/ahss/news-and-events/events/gender-and-ai-symposium-call-for-papers/>

Do We Treat AI Differently Based on Gender? Yes, We Do.

New research from SOHAM and LMU Munich shows that people bring real-world gender biases into their interactions with Artificial Intelligence. In a study of over 400 participants, people were more likely to exploit female-labelled AI systems and distrust male-labelled ones, mirroring and often even amplifying patterns seen when working with human partners. The findings highlight the need for careful design and regulation of interactive AI to avoid reinforcing harmful stereotypes.

Full paper: [https://www.cell.com/iscience/fulltext/S2589-0042\(25\)02166-2](https://www.cell.com/iscience/fulltext/S2589-0042(25)02166-2)

Read the full press release here: https://www.tcd.ie/news_events/articles/2025/humans-bring-gender-bias-to-their-interactions-with-ai--new-study/

A feature on CVT News: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/article/users-more-likely-to-exploit-female-ai-partners-study-finds/>

And a short interview on *The Last Show with David Cooper*:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/taha-yasseri-gender-bias-and-ai-november-24-2025/id1168275879?i=1000738360023>

Comprehensive Resource Paper on Community Notes

Community Notes (formerly Birdwatch) is the first large-scale community-based content moderation system. We have released a comprehensive resource paper that traces its evolution over the program's first four years and summarises all existing research on Community Notes. The paper includes a large curated dataset of notes, their detected topics, and monthly interaction networks, along with code for replication and analyses of contributor behaviour over time. It is intended as a foundation for future research on community-based content moderation and platform governance.

Read the preprint here: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.09585>

Grokpedia: The Issues with the xAI Written Encyclopedia

On 15th October, The Conversation published an article written by Professor Taha Yasseri, in which he addresses the assertion of Elon Musk that xAI's chatbot, Grok will generate and verify more accurate and context rich information than is delivered by what Musk terms as the "political and ideological bias" of Wikipedia.

You can read the article here: <https://theconversation.com/grokipedia-elon-musk-is-right-that-wikipedia-is-biased-but-his-ai-alternative-will-be-the-same-at-best>

Following the launch of Grokipedia on 27th October, we conducted some preliminary analysis comparing its content with Wikipedia, here see our working paper:
<https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/ydvng>

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