

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.

### **Welcome to our five new team members!**

We are delighted to be starting the new academic year with the news that we are expanding our team again. Five new colleagues have joined SOHAM: two postdoctoral research fellows, Anna Bertani and Marina Schenkel; two PhD students, Azeez Hamzat and Khalida Bousrhal; and our new community engagement and lab manager, Helen Stanton.

You can read more about each of our new team members at: [SOHAM welcomes new team members](#)

### **Free lecture: A New Sociology of Humans and Machines - What if machines weren't just tools, but part of society itself?**

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy in Trinity College Dublin has chosen the theme of "AI The Age of Disruption" for its Public Autumn Series. This series provides four thought-provoking evenings asking where is AI taking us? – and are we ready?

The series kicks off with a lecture from SOHAM's Professor Taha Yasseri inviting us to rethink the relationship between people and machines.

This lecture takes place on Thursday 25th September at 7pm in the JM Synge Theatre, The Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin. The lecture is free and open to the public but you need to register. You can find information about the series and the links to register for each lecture at [Trinity SSP Autumn Series: AI The Age of Disruption](#).

### **Free webinar hosted by HACID: Gender and Diversity aspects in Hybrid Collective Intelligence**

Three speakers will explore how gender & diversity shape human–AI collaboration, and how to design inclusive, fair systems free from bias:

Prof. Taha Yasseri, Trinity College Dublin and Technological University Dublin  
Title: How Our Workplace Gender Biases Extend to AI Colleagues

Prof Roberta Calegari, University of Bologna

Title: From Opportunity to Compliance: Gender and Diversity in the AEQUITAS Framework for Fair AI

E.M. Lewis-Jong, Mozilla Data Collective and Common Voice

Title: Language, data and cultural identity in AI system

This webinar takes place on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 18:00 CEST (5pm Irish time)

You can register here: [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/HACID Webinar](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/HACID%20Webinar).

### **Interactive Event for Transition Year Students**

As part of Trinity's offering for European Researchers Night, this event will showcase the research aspects of its Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

SOHAM's Professor Taha Yasseri will deliver a 15 min lecture on "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of our Societies".

This event takes place in the TCD Institute of Public Health, Russell Building, Tallaght Cross. It invites 100 Transition Year (TY) students from local schools, coordinated by the Trinity Access Programme (TAP). It aims to inspire TY students to consider this less-visible element of third level.

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