

## The Future of Decision-Making: AI, Governance & Ethics

University of Bremen – Bremen, Germany, November 2026

### Format & Dates:

**Online sessions (2 hours each, 14:00–16:00): Fridays, 6, 13, and 20 November 2026**

**On-site week (Bremen): 23–27 November 2026**

### Overview:

In November 2026, the Center for Decision Research at the University of Bremen will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Decision-Making Week, “The Future of Decision-Making: AI, Governance & Ethics”, for graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The event is organised in two phases: three online sessions followed by an on-site week, with participants engaging in both phases.

Against the backdrop of rapid advances in artificial intelligence, the programme explores how decision-making is being reshaped at the intersection of technology, governance, and ethics. It critically examines the opportunities and risks associated with AI-driven decision processes, with a particular focus on issues of transparency, responsibility, and societal impact.

This interdisciplinary setting brings together students, academics from diverse fields (political science, economics, law, artificial intelligence (AI) research, and philosophy), policymakers, as well as industry and administrative professionals to explore multiple dimensions of decision-making through collaborative dialogue and practical problem-solving.

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### Objectives:

- **Interdisciplinary Perspective:** Integrate insights from political science, economics, law, AI research, and philosophy to analyse complex decision-making processes.
- **Critical Reflection on Decision-Making:** Enable participants to critically assess contemporary decision-making, including its implications for governance, responsibility, and ethical judgement in an evolving technological environment.
- **Application and Exchange:** Foster practical problem-solving skills and dialogue between students, academics, policymakers, and practitioners to bridge theory and practice.

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### Thematic Structure:

The event is structured around three thematic perspectives addressing key dimensions of contemporary decision-making:

#### 1. Economic and Organisational Decision-Making in Times of Transformation

Exploring how decision-making processes are shaped by economic dynamics, structural change, and technological developments, including the role of artificial intelligence and other digital technologies.

#### 2. Governance and Public Decision-Making

Analysing decision-making in public institutions and governance contexts, with a focus on accountability, legitimacy, public trust, and the role of digital and data-driven approaches, including artificial intelligence.

#### 3. Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Decision-Making

Examining the ethical and legal foundations of decision-making, including questions of responsibility, fairness, and transparency in increasingly complex and technology-influenced environments.

**Interactive Elements:**

- **Group Experiments:** Hands-on group experiments conducted in an experimental economics lab, where participants engage in decision-making scenarios and analyse behavioural dynamics in controlled settings.
  - **Site Visits and Practice-Oriented Sessions:** Visits to research institutions and industry partners, including introductory talks by experts and guided tours with practical insights into real-world decision-making contexts.
  - **Case Studies:** In-depth examination and discussion of selected cases in digital governance and decision-making.
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**Target Audience:**

This event is designed for graduate and advanced undergraduate students studying Political Science, Economics, Law, Philosophy, Professional Public Decision-Making, and related fields.

It is also open to professionals as part of continuing education, particularly those with an interest in decision-making and artificial intelligence.

**Credit Points:**

This is a 3 ECTS course with a workload of 75-90 hours.

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**Expected Outcomes**

At the end of the programme, participants will:

- Develop an interdisciplinary understanding of how decision-making processes are shaped in contexts of technological and societal transformation.
  - Engage with the ethical and legal dimensions of AI in governance, reflecting on how values and legal norms guide technological innovation.
  - Gain practical skills in decision-making and problem-solving through interactive formats such as group experiments, case studies, and site visits.
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For further information or to register, please visit:

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