ADM Institutionalised: Public Sector Governance

ADM Nordic perspectives: 3rd Workshop, Lund 6-7 April 2022

Over the last few years, we've seen much piloting of ADM and predictive systems in the public sector, and related movement in the notions of how to govern these new initiatives. For the Nordics, in particular, there seems to be a formative period with regards to how ADM will be institutionalised, operationalised and governed. Drawing from two former workshops, we therefore address in the coming meeting institutional perspectives and normative responses to ADM in the public sector.

We are interested in which aspects of ADM in public agencies are moving from piloting to implementation on a larger scale. For example, what are the core ideas or values that become embodied in this type of institutionalisation? From an empirical perspective, what values and insights do contextualised studies of the situated uses of ADM bring to inform governance? From a governance perspective – ranging from ethics guidelines to administrative law and the European proposal for an AI Act – what implications, needs, tensions and conflicts can be traced?

We ask these questions, because in building bridges between governance and the practical realities of people implicated by ADM in organisational and everyday life, the possible tensions and problems need to be taken into account. Think of informed consent and transparency, for instance, in light of the practical needs and experiences of citizens in relation to ADM. The overall purpose of this workshop is to deepen both empirical and theoretical insights on the institutionalisation of ADM systems in the Nordic region and query what notions that govern them. The rationale for asking the following questions, we argue, is that detailed knowledge is quintessential if we want to steer ADM onto a path that sustains the high level of trust that citizens in the Nordic countries have in relation to governing bodies.

- What imaginaries are part of the institutionalisation of ADM, and how are these played out in different domains, such as healthcare, the education sector or welfare?
- What core notions of ADM or AI are solidified or juridified in guidelines, institutional practices or law?
- How are different levels interacting or clashing, for example the European, the national, the regional and the local?
- How are citizens involved, or not, in the institutionalisation of ADM practices?
- What notions or practices of ADM and AI move beyond piloting to become organisationally, regionally or nationally implemented?
- How does ADM and its governance relate to a spatial dimension, for example in public spaces?
- What happens to the role of the handling officers, case workers or other professionals as their decision-making increasingly depends on automated recommendations and computational predictions? How do they understand, work with or mitigate the relationship?
- How do traditional regulations on autonomy and involvement for the human/patient/ consumer translate to the use of ADM and AI?
- What does the institutionalisation of ADM mean in terms of private/public relationships? Are they becoming more complex and opaque for the everyday citizen?

If you wish to present your work, please send a title and abstract (150 words) to Laetitia (Tish) Tanqueray: laetitia.tanqueray@lth.lu.se **no later than 16 March**.

For those who just want to attend – let us know.

WHERE and WHEN
Lund, Sweden. Exact location will be decided. 6-7 April.

HOW
While we pursue a physical event, where we meet up in Lund to present and discuss, there will be an opportunity to join also online. Given the experience from the workshop in Copenhagen, we will have at the most 4 sessions containing around 3-4 presentations. For network members travel and accommodation can be covered. The workshop will have room for max 30 attendants, and presenters will be prioritised.

Welcome to Lund!

Stefan, Stine, Minna