

HYBRID SHAPING FUTURE CITIES

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**A CALL TO ACTION TO GUIDE AI IN
DEFENDING AND DEVELOPING
PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND
HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS**

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AGENDA

CÓRDOBA CAPITAL 2025

OPENING AND FRAMING OF THE DEBATE
GIOVANNI ALLEGRETTI, PHOENIX PROJECT / CENTRE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (CES), UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA; MEMBER OF PEOPLE POWERED

- Framing the dual challenge of AI in urban governance
- Addressing human and environmental rights risks
- The global implications of AI on democratic systems

ROUNDTABLE: TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR RESPONSIBLE AI IN URBAN GOVERNANCE

- Case studies on AI applications in local governance and other institutional levels
- Strategies for inclusive policy frameworks and digital rights protection
- Presentation of collaborative tools and the proposal for an online AI Toolbox
- Discussion on regulating external AI influences and preserving local democratic autonomy

PANEL OF SPEAKERS

Carla de Paiva Bezerra – Director of Digital Participation and Network Communication, Federal Government of Brazil; People Powered
Cesare Ottolini – Global Coordinator, International Alliance of Inhabitants
Fernando Stern – Coordinator of Digital Governance and Citizen Relations, Municipality of Niterói, Brazil
Florencia Caffarone – Director, Democracia en Red, Argentina; People Powered

DEBATE WITH THE AUDIENCE, SUMMARY AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES GIOVANNI ALLEGRETTI, PHOENIX PROJECT / CENTRE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (CES), UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA
Challenges and opportunities, with a focus on AI's role in promoting democracy, human peace, and ensuring the empowerment of all inhabitants.

CALL TO ACTION. CESARE OTTOLINI, IAI GLOBAL COORDINATOR

- Advocacy for a multipolar, peaceful world guided by participatory democracy
- Appeal for an international regulatory framework resisting technocratic authoritarianism preventing concentration of technological power
- Proposal for a global democratic platform connecting local governments, civil society, and academia

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SEMINAR

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SEMINAR SHAPING FUTURE CITIES. A CALL TO ACTION TO GUIDE AI IN DEFENDING AND DEVELOPING PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS
DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025
TIME: 11:00-12:30 (ARGENTINA TIME) | 14:00-15:30 (UTC) (CLICK FOR LOCAL TIME)

Venue: OIDP 24th Conference – Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, UCC Amphitheater, Córdoba, Argentina
Interpreters: English, Spanish, and Portuguese
Access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91qyOXndT2OJ9PvewbXzXw>

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION: THE DUAL CHALLENGE THIS SEMINAR, ORGANIZED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 24TH CONFERENCE OF THE OIDP

The Seminar explores the critical intersection between Artificial Intelligence (AI), participatory urban governance, and the protection of human and environmental rights.

AI holds the promise of enhancing citizen engagement, increasing transparency, and improving decision-making in urban contexts. However, it also presents significant risks, including algorithmic discrimination and bias, invasion of privacy, the digital divide, and the potential for technocratic authoritarianism. These risks are particularly acute in working-class and marginalized communities, where AI-driven solutions may bypass democratic accountability and exacerbate inequality.

This event offers a space for reflection, exchange, and proposal, bringing together diverse actors committed to shaping inclusive, ethical, and sustainable approaches to AI in cities. The seminar builds on previous discussions such as the "Challenges of Participatory Democracy to AI" conference and the "AI & Local Democracy" webinar, previously organized under the umbrella of OIDP.

ORGANIZERS

International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI)
PHOENIX Project / Centre for Social Studies (CES), University of Coimbra
People Powered – Global Hub for Participatory Democracy

Seminario híbrido

Dando forma a las ciudades del futuro: una llamada a la acción para guiar a la IA en defensa de la democracia participativa y los Derechos Humanos y Medioambientales

Jueves 22 de mayo de 2025

11:00–12:30 (hora de Argentina) | 14:00–15:30 (UTC) ([clic para horario local](#))

24a Conferencia OIDP – Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Anfiteatro UCC, Córdoba, Argentina

Intérpretes: Inglés, Español y Portugués

Regístrese con antelación en zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-1qyOXndT2OJ9PvewbXzXw>

Este seminario, organizado en el marco de la [24ª Conferencia del Observatorio Internacional de la Democracia Participativa \(OIDP\)](#), explora la intersección crítica entre la Inteligencia Artificial (IA), la gobernanza urbana participativa y la protección de los derechos humanos y ambientales.

La IA promete fortalecer la participación ciudadana, aumentar la transparencia y mejorar la toma de decisiones en contextos urbanos. Sin embargo, también presenta riesgos importantes, como la discriminación y los sesgos algorítmicos, la invasión de la privacidad, la brecha digital y el potencial autoritarismo tecnocrático. Estos riesgos son especialmente graves en las comunidades trabajadoras y marginadas, donde las soluciones impulsadas por IA pueden eludir los mecanismos democráticos de control y agravar la desigualdad.

Este evento ofrece un espacio para la reflexión, el intercambio y la propuesta, reuniendo a diversos actores comprometidos con la construcción de enfoques inclusivos, éticos y sostenibles de la IA en las

ciudades. El seminario se basa en discusiones previas como la conferencia “Desafíos de la Democracia Participativa ante la IA” y el seminario web “IA y Democracia Local”, organizados anteriormente bajo el paraguas del OIDP.

Programa

Ponentes

- Giovanni Allegretti, Proyecto PHOENIX / Centro de Estudios Sociales (CES), Universidad de Coimbra; miembro de People Powered
- Carla de Paiva Bezerra – Directora de Participación Digital y Comunicación en Red, Gobierno Federal de Brasil; miembro de People Powered
- Cesare Ottolini – Coordinador global, Alianza Internacional de los Habitantes (AIH)
- Fernando Stern – Coordinador de Gobernanza Digital y Relaciones Ciudadanas, Municipio de Niterói, Brasil
- Florencia Caffarone – Directora, Democracia en Red, Argentina; miembro de People Powered

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- People Powered – Centro Global por la Democracia Participativa

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Background

[The Inhabitants Solidarity Intelligence begins to challenge Artificial Intelligence 31/10/2023](#)

[23rd OIDP Conference in Valongo “Authoritarian Threats: Building Democratic Resilience through Participatory Communities](#)

[The new frontier of alliances for the Right to the City. Participatory Democracy Challenging Artificial Intelligence. 18/10/2024](#)

[Webinar. AI & Local Democracy – What Are We Talking About? How Can Participatory Democracy Meet the Challenge\(s\) of Artificial Intelligence? 21/03/2025](#)