THE DEFENSE TAKES PLACE:

November 9th, 13.00-16.00 CET

TITLE:

I Know What You’ll Do Next Summer: Informational Privacy and the Ethics of Data Analytics

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Kroghstraede 3, Room 3.114

You can participate in person or online
The defense will be conducted in English

Registration for the event is mandatory here
Deadline 7th November
After the defense Department of Culture and Learning will host a reception
Summary

This thesis is about privacy and the ethics of Data Analytics. I develop a novel account of what (informational) privacy is, and I develop a novel account of what the right to privacy is. I argue that the concept of privacy is best defined as a particular version of the so-called Access Theory of privacy. The right to privacy, on the other hand, is best defined as a particular version of the rival Control Theory. Furthermore, I explore some of the implications these accounts have for the use of Data Analytics to infer personal information about individuals. I defend the controversial ‘Inference Principle’: If an agent obtains some information legitimately, then it is legitimate for the agent to make any inference based on the information. Finally, I explore a democratic problem that arises due to substantial diminishments of informational privacy, and due to the advent of Data Analytics. In particular, I explain how Data Analytics makes it possible to legally buy a democratic election.