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## VIRTUAL EVENTS ON DEMOGRAPHIC FAIRNESS IN BIOMETRIC SYSTEMS

### Join the conversation.

The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of EAB's virtual events series will take place in March 2021 and has "Demographic fairness in biometric systems" as an overarching theme. EAB's signature FREE online seminar will kick off the event series on **March 9, 2021** and two conference days will follow in the weeks after, on **March 15, 2021** and **March 30, 2021**.

The events will feature presentations by experts from academic, industry, and governmental organisations and will facilitate interactions and discussions between the experts and the

audience. The event aims to create awareness about the topic, a common ground and next steps. World leading experts will provide insights from current research and the latest developments across the community.

The event is aimed at a wide range of stakeholders including industrial and governmental developers, end-users of biometric systems, researchers, academics and post-graduate students, and policy makers.

# News Release



Algorithmic decision systems have frequently been labelled as “biased”, “racist”, “sexist”, “unfair” by numerous media outlets, organisations, and researchers. Are such assessments justified? Should citizens and policymakers be concerned? What is the current state of the research? How can variation across demographic groups be quantified in evaluations of such systems? These and other related matters have recently become a hot topic in the context of biometric technologies, which are ubiquitous in personal, commercial, and governmental applications.

Biometrics represent an integral component of many surveillance, access control and operational identity management systems, thus directly or indirectly affecting billions of people all around the world.

A white paper will be published based on the outcomes of the virtual events.

This edition is organised by the European Association for Biometrics (EAB) in cooperation with Hochschule Darmstadt and Fraunhofer IGD.

## Facts about the virtual events series

Dates	2021-03-09	Online seminar (FREE)
	2021-03-15	Virtual conference
	2021-03-30	Virtual conference
Location	Online	
Programme	<a href="http://www.eab.org">www.eab.org</a>	
Workshop fee*	normal:	200,00 €
	EAB members:	100,00 €
	EAB members (early bird):	50,00 €
	Students	0,00 €
	Speakers:	0,00 €

\*Early bird only available for EAB members, and until January 31, 2021.

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## About EAB

*The European Association for Biometrics (EAB) is the leading voice for digital ID & biometrics in Europe. We are a non-profit, non-partisan association.*

*The EAB's mission is to tackle the complex challenges facing ID in Europe, ranging from migration to privacy rights. Our role is to promote the responsible use and adoption of modern digital identity systems that enhance people's lives and drive economic growth.*

*Through a series of EAB initiatives we support all sections of the ID community across Europe, including governments, NGO's, industry, associations and special interest groups and academia. Our initiatives are designed to foster networking and debate, whether at an EAB hosted event across Europe, or in providing impartial advice & support to individual members.*

*We ultimately serve the citizens of Europe in the advancement of modern biometric identity systems that are fair, accessible, secure, while respecting privacy.*