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Roadmap for the Blockchain & Society Lab

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Resumen:

The unique technological characteristics of blockchain technologies are being actively explored in a number of social domains beyond the narrow confines of finance. There are experimental applications using blockchain to store health data, land registries, citizen identities, trace welfare payments, manage copyrights, etc. Despite the wide spectrum of potential blockchain applications, there is very little research on their non-technical, societal, economic, policy and legal implications. The Blockchain&Society Policy Research Lab has a mission to (1) trace the development of the governance of blockchain technologies, and (2) their diffusion in various social domains, (3) to inform the legal and policy discourse about both the challenges and the opportunities that lie ahead. We are developing a research roadmap to identify the most pressing legal and policy issues around blockchain technologies, and bring together all the different expertise that is necessary to develop informed policy. In this talk, Bodo will present the roadmap for the Blockchain&Society Lab, and give an overview of the research priorities in the intersection of blockchain and the law.

Sobre Balazs Bodo:

Bodo Balazs is a socio-legal research scientist at the Institute for Information Law (IViR), University of Amsterdam. Bodo has a background in economics and media studies, and held Fulbright research grants at major US universities, like Harvard and Stanford. Previously, he studied the social construction of p2p file sharing technologies and their impact on copyright, as well as the impact of legal tools, such as the Creative Commons licenses on knowledge production and distribution practices in Hungary. Bodo moved to the Netherlands with a Marie Curie Grant to study informal media economies, and the impact and organization of scholarly pirate libraries on the global production of knowledge. In the last few years he has conducted research on the impact of news personalization technologies on our information diet, and the impact of algorithmic decision making technologies on our societies. Since January 1st, 2018, Bodo runs the Blockchain&Society Policy Research Lab at IViR, funded by a European Research Council Starting Grant.