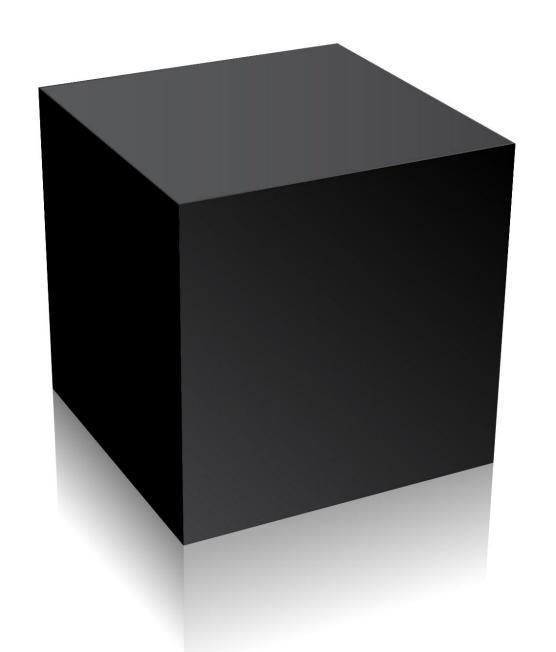
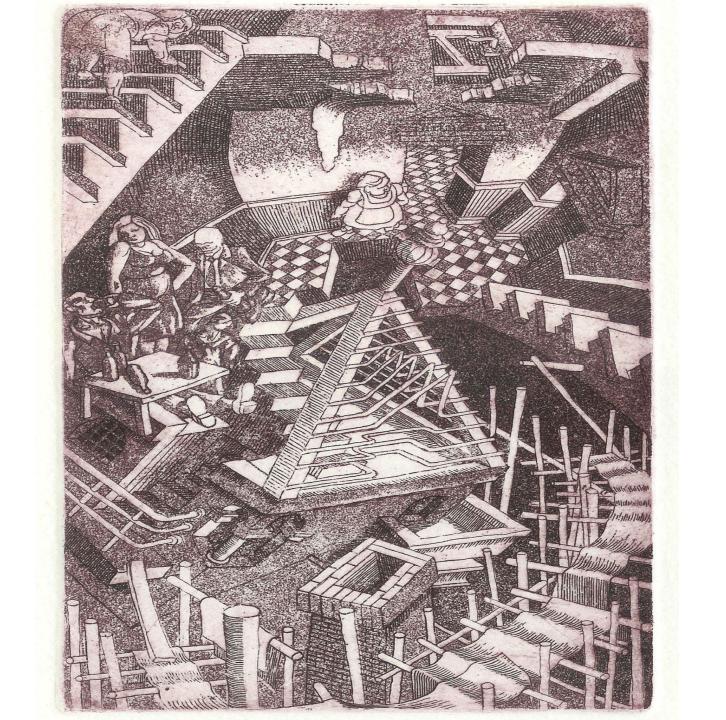
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# Cognitive Sovereignty, Machine Learning and Data Protection Rights

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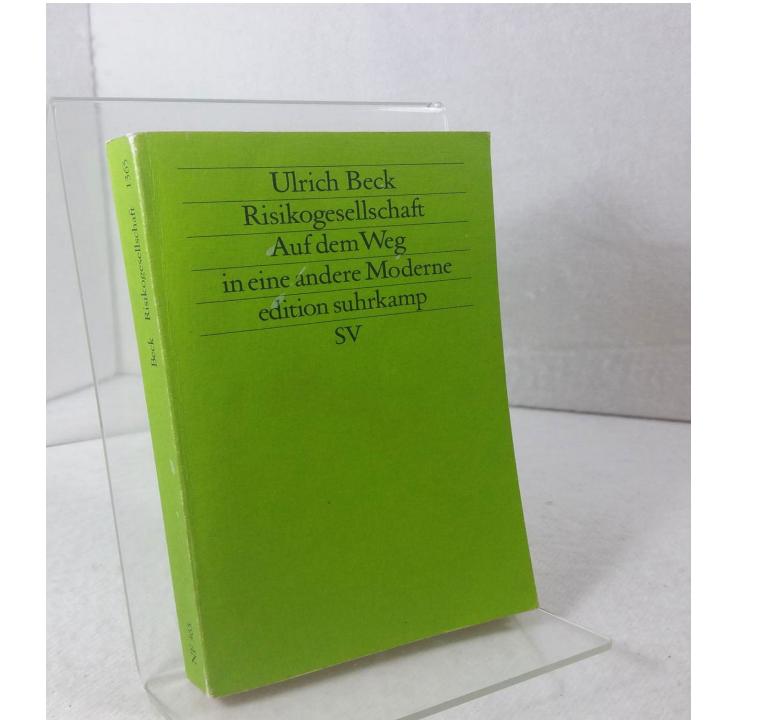




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THE BIG THINK

#### The Sociologist Who Could Save Us From Coronavirus



# Wissenssouveränität

## Cf. 'cognitive liberty':

'the right to self-determine what is on (and in) one's mind'

-- Bublitz & Merkel 2014

## Cognitive sovereignty (i)

Ability and entitlement to comprehend with reasonable degree of accuracy one's environs and place therein

## Cognitive sovereignty (ii)

Not omniscience

Not 'hyper-individualist'

Allows for 'external knowledge producers' (cf. Beck)

## Cognitive sovereignty (iii)

- Not privacy
- Not autonomy
- Not integrity
- Not dignity
- Not digital sovereignty («digitale Souveränitet»)
  - Cf. Digital Autonomy Hub, «Digitale Selbstbestimmung» (Policy Brief #4 Nov. 2021)



#### Article 22 GDPR

Article 22 Automated individual decision-making, including profiling

1. The data subject shall have the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning him or her or similarly significantly affects him or her.

### Several rights

- Right to 'human in the loop'
- Right of 'contest'
- Right to 'meaningful information about the logic involved, as well as the significance and the envisaged consequences of such processing for the data subject'

### AlA proposal: 'high risk' Al systems

- Article 13: transparency (and interpretability!) by design
- Article 14: oversight by design
- Obligations primarily on provider, not user (but user has monitoring obligations under Art 29(4) (albeit according to provider's instructions)
- Role of general public?
- Prohibition on use of harmful 'subliminal techniques beyond a person's consciousness' (Article 5(1)) – absolute! But what = subliminal techniques?

### AlA proposal (c'td): human oversight

- who is human overseer?
- how much independence?
- what expertise req'd?
- what training and other resources for overseers? (cf. Recital 48)

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## The turn to 'first principles'

