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FAccTRec 2025

The 8th Workshop on Responsible Recommendation
<https://facctrec.github.io/facctrec2025/>

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Workshop History

- FATREC 1 @ RecSys 2017 (Como, Italy)
- FATREC 2 @ RecSys 2018 (Vancouver, Canada)
- Year off but related: FACTS-IR @ SIGIR 2019 (Paris)
- FAccTRec 3 @ RecSys 2020 (Rio, Brazil) - Virtual
- FAccTRec 4 @ RecSys 2021 (Amsterdam, Netherlands) - Virtual
- FAccTRec 5 @ RecSys 2022 (Seattle, USA) - Hybrid
- FAccTRec 6 @ RecSys 2023 (Singapore) - Hybrid
- FAccTRec 7 @ RecSys 2024 (Bari, Italy) - Hybrid
- FAccTRec 8 @ RecSys 2025 (Prague, Czechia) - Hybrid
- FAccTRec 9 @ RecSys 2026 ?

Staying Connected

- Mastodon: [@FAccTRec@recsys.social](https://recsys.social/@FAccTRec)
- RecSys Slack: #responsible
- LinkedIn Group (“Socially Responsible Information Access”)

Themes

We are deliberately broad - community needs to define topic:

Responsibility, Fairness, Accountability, Transparency, Safety, and Impact

This year, we focus on the following points:

1. **Increasing importance of pre-trained models** in recommendation, including LLMs as well as other existing and possible pre-trained models
2. **Shifting regulatory, organizational, and political landscapes** such as advanced regulation, political opposition to social responsibility concerns, and organizational de-prioritization

Launchpad - the work doesn't stop here. RecSys, SIGIR, FAccT, KDD....

Paper Types

Position papers

- New ideas & proposed directions
- Reflections on practical issues (e.g. industry experience reports)

Research papers

- Empirical or analytical results
- Broad in scope

All papers *non-archival* — this is a workshop for conversation and feedback

Review Process

Submissions:

- 9 papers (15 in FAccTRec 2024)
 - Research 5, Position 4
- Acceptance: 8 papers (13 in FAccTRec 2024)
- Research: long 3, short 2
- Position: long 1, short 2

Reviewing Process:

- Each article is reviewed by at least 3 reviewers
- All the articles are accessible from the workshop website:
<https://facctrec.github.io/facctrec2025/program/>

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Thank
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Workshop Schedule

- Opening (on-site)
Session 1 (online)
Keynote (online)
 - 08:30–10:30 CEST, 06:30–08:30 UTC
- Session 2 (on-site)
 - 11:00–12:30 CEST, 09:00–10:30 UTC
- Long papers: 16 mins + 4 mins
- Short papers: 8 mins + 2 mins

Feedback

- Questions and feedback
 - In Zoom chat & live
 - Need to use the chair's microphone
- Please give feedback! Help make the work better for the next iteration.
- Presentations are recorded fully, but Q&A will be removed later.

From regulations to implementations: Building information access systems in the public interest

Asia Biega (Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy)

Policies and regulations are some of the pillars of responsible computing. Their goals are broad: from user data protection, through securing the rights of training data contributors, to addressing broader considerations such as protecting society from systemic risks. Yet, despite the growing number of such regulations, the practical implementation of their underlying requirements in information access systems often falls short. This talk will explore the computational and organizational factors contributing to these shortcomings and discuss how researchers and practitioners can contribute to improved governance of information access technologies in the public interest.

