Web-TAISU

I am excited to announce Web-TAISU!
May 13-17, 2020

I was going to run a [Technical AI Safety Unconference](#) (TAISU) at [CEEALAR](#) (formerly EA Hotel), Blackpool, UK. Then there was a pandemic. *So instead there will be a Web-TAISU on the Internet.*

This is an unconference, which means that the program is participant driven. I do have some backup ideas to put in if there are not enough suggestions from you, but I don't expect those to be necessary.

I thought a lot about how to adapt this event to be run online, and I am grateful to the participants who took time to discuss this with me. In the end I concluded that I think it would work very well to stick to more or less the same format as the in-person TAISU I organised last year. The main adjustment I made is that the days are shorter, both because online calls tend to be more tiring, and for the event to work well in more timezones.

Web-TAISU is scheduled to happen during daytime for everyone in the Americas and Europe. I'm sorry everyone else, hopefully you find some hours to join, anyway.

Information for people joining late

If you're only just joining Web-TAISU, here's what you should do:
- Have a look at the [collaborative schedule](#)
  - Add things if you like
- Join the event for today:
  - **May 15 | [Day 2](#)**
  - **May 16 | [Day 3](#)**
  - **May 17 | [Day 4](#)**
- Read the instruction in the call notes for the Main Room

Signup

Please do this as soon as possible, to give me an idea of who is coming.

1) Use [this Omnipointment](#) to tell me your best guess of when you will be attending Web-TAISU. Go here right now and give me your guess! You can always change it later.
2) [Create a QigoChat user](#)
3) Join the [AI Safety Circle](#)

4) Let others know who you are by filling in your profile
    a) Add a profile picture - Important!
    b) Fill in the rest of your profile
5) Invite your friends. If you know someone you think might want to join, share this document with them.

Schedule

The official time zone for Web-TAISU is British Summer Time, BST or UTC+1

A more detailed Schedule can be found here

Before the Event

We have a TAISU slack channel, come join us if you want. You can introduce yourself, suggest and discuss program ideas, or whatever you want.

Preparing for the event
1) Sign up (see steps above)
2) Install Zoom and test it with a friend.
    a) If you are worried about security issues, you can use the browser version instead.
3) Click around a bit in QiqoChat and make sure you know how to join events. You can enter any event at any time and have a look around.
4) Have a clock around that shows UK time. You can either change your computer clock or have a seperate somewhere in your field of vision.
5) Read through the Schedule (below) - Yes, actually do this!
    a) Schedule a call with me if you can't join the opening on May 13
6) Contact me if you have any problems or questions.
    a) linda.linsefors@gmail.com
    b) Facebook
    c) Schedule a call

May 13 | Day 0

5pm - 6pm | Socialising and testing
During this time anyone can drop in, ask questions about how the event will be run, and testout the software.

6pm - 7pm | Opening and session pitches
One big call with everyone.

1) Opening statement by Linda

2) Round of introductions.
   Tell us your name, two AIS interests and one other interest.

3) Program pitches: If possible, we'll go round in a circle and when it is your turn you either propose and pitch a program item, or you say "pass".
   a) After a program item is proposed, everyone who is interested waves. The proposer can then decide if they will do it or not.
   b) If the proposer decides to do the program item, it is added to the list in the shared document, and everyone who would like to join adds their names.
   c) Add notes to the document for
      i) If you want more than one virtual room for the session, write down how many.
      ii) If you want the session to be recorded.

For people who can't be there:
   1) Set up a call with Linda at any time before this event.
      - This is so that I get to welcome all my participants, and go over a few practical things with you.

7pm - 8pm | Socialising
If it is not too late where you live, you are encouraged to hang around and talk to people.
There will be break out rooms if people want to split up.

You can keep adding program items to the list for the rest of the day and night.

May 14 | Day 1

12am - 1pm | Intermission
Linda will do her best to organise the schedule for Day 1 and Day 2 according to everyone's preferences and availability.

2pm - 3pm | Socialising
Each day there is an hour of social time before and after the event. Join the one that works best with your timezone and sleeping habits.

3pm - 5pm | Unconference Sessions
All suggested program items will have been given a time and a virtual room.
There will also be spare virtual rooms to go for whatever use you can think of.

5pm - 6pm | Break/Socialising/Self-care
Check in with yourself to see what you need to stay energized for the rest of the day.
Eat some food? Take a nap? Move about?

6pm - 8pm | Unconference Sessions

8pm - 9pm | Socialising

May 15 | [Day 2](#)

2pm - 3pm | Socialising

3pm - 5pm | Unconference Sessions
All suggested program items will have been given a time and a virtual room.
There will also be spare virtual rooms to go for whatever use you can think of.

5pm - 6pm | Break/Socialising/Self-care

6pm - 8pm | Unconference Sessions

~~**7pm - 8pm | Second round of sessions pitches**~~
~~Same system as we did on Day 0.~~

8pm - 9pm | Socialising
You can keep adding program items to the list for the rest of the day and night

May 16 | [Day 3](#)

2pm - 3pm | Socialising

3pm - 5pm | Unconference Sessions

5pm - 6pm | Break/Socialising/Self-care

6pm - 8pm | Unconference Sessions

8pm - 9pm | Socialising

May 17 | [Day 4](#)

2pm - 3pm | Socialising

3pm - 5pm | Unconference Sessions

5pm - 6pm | Break/Socialising/Self-care

6pm - 7pm | Lighting Talks

7pm - 8pm | Closing Session, evaluation forms, etc

8pm - 9pm | Socialising

Participant Guidelines

These are only recommendations. Read, think about it, and then do whatever you want.

Join the full event

You are allowed to come and go as you like, but if you can, I recommend that you set aside the full four days, May 14-17, for TAISU only. This means clearing any other work.

I know that the schedule does not cover the full days. Use the remaining time to rest, write down your thoughts from the previous session, read up on things that came up during discussion, prepare for upcoming sessions, have one-on-one with other participants, or anything else that feels alive for you in that moment. Just don't plan any other commitments.

Run a session

I am hoping for a mix of all types of sessions: Talks, discussions, brainstorming, having fun and getting to know each other, etc.

However there is one type I especially recommend, which is to present and discuss your early stage research ideas. The thing that you don't yet have good enough grasp on to write down in a blogpost, but still would like some feedback on.

You can run a session any way you like. You can set a limit on how many can join. You can tell me secretly who you want and don't want to be there. You can ask for more virtual rooms.

Not all sessions have to be serious. I hope there will be some things on the schedule that are just about having fun together.

Payment

Web-TAISU is an experimental event, and on top of that, I expect people to participate in different amounts depending on timezone, interests, and whatever other things are going on in your lives, and I don't want anyone to stay away because of costs. This makes it impossible for me to put a price tag on the event. Therefore you'll just get to pay whatever you want, but here are some guidelines.

£0 | Just participate
Paying is optional, you can join anyway.

£1-50 | Low cost support
You don't have a lot of money but you want to let me know this event is valuable to you.

~£100 | Professional
If you have a well paid job and would like me to keep organising things, please share some of your riches.

£150-Inf | Sponsor
You are not just supporting TAISU but also other things I'm working on.

Payment methods

Paypal
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UK bank transfer
Sort Code: 04-00-75
Account Number: 04453247
Beneficiary: Linda Linsefors
Beneficiary address: 36 York St, FY1 5AQ, Blackpool, GB

International bank transfer
IBAN: GB39 REVO 0099 7008 2915 16
BIC: REVOGB21
Beneficiary: Linda Linsefors
Beneficiary address: 36 York St, FY1 5AQ, Blackpool, GB

What you are paying for

The platform QiqoChat cost a bit but not very much. The majority of the income for this event will go to paying me and any staff I take on, for the work we put in.

If I can get a decent salary for running events like this, then I will keep doing it. If not, then I'll probably stop. So if you think this event is valuable and you have some money, make sure to pay.

When to pay

You can go ahead and send me money whenever you want, before, after or during the event.

I prefer if people pay before the event, and earlier is better, since this gives me a signal of how much work I should put into running this.

On the other hand, this is all new, so if you want to wait and see if the event is any good before giving me money, that's fine too.