

# Design for Non-Domination: towards responsible ML development

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## ➤ What does it mean to Design for Non-Domination (DfND)?

- Domination is being subjected to an **unaccountable power**.
- Design for non-domination is to **prevent** (or at least mitigate) subjection to such powers.



## ➤ How can we approach Design for Non-Domination (DfND)?

- Application-specific: domination is caused by the unaccountable power asymmetry between developers and end-users of a **particular system** (Maas 2022).
- Structural: domination (partly) caused by underlying **socio-economic structures** (Maas WiP).

## ➤ What do these different perspectives mean for design strategies?

- Application-specific: we **can** design particular AI systems that are non-dominating without addressing broader societal concerns.
- Structural: we **cannot** design particular AI systems that are non-dominating without addressing broader societal concerns.



## ➤ Which one of these perspectives should we aim for & how?

- We should aim for **structural** DfND.
- Domination is a structural concern, with as root source the possibility for “move fast and break things.”
- Regulatory initiatives for specific applications do not address this source. The issue, is there, to **rethink our individual freedom to innovate** (Maas WiP).

