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Dr. Michael Goodchild, Distinguished Professor Emeritus
UC Santa Barbara Geography

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Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Talk 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

University of Redlands, Casa Loma Room 1230 E Brockton Ave, Redlands, CA 92374



RSVP by March 21st https://rsvplink/goodchild Artificial Intelligence is the leading hot topic in digital technology, and it is being applied in numerous ways in the geospatial world. But it raises many important ethical issues, including lack of transparency and replicability, and demographic and geographic bias in training.

How should GIS users respond to these issues, and how do they add to the need for critical spatial thinking?



About Michael Goodchild

Dr. Michael Goodchild is Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography at UC Santa Barbara. Until 2012, he held the Jack and Laura Dangermond Chair of Geography and was Director of UCSB's Center for Spatial Studies. He received his BA degree from Cambridge University in Physics in 1965 and his PhD in Geography from McMaster University in 1969.

His research and teaching interests focus on issues in geographic information science, including uncertainty in geographic information, discrete global grids, and volunteered geographic information. He directed or co-directed several large, funded projects, including the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, the Alexandria Digital Library, and the Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science. He was elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in 2002, and Foreign Member of the Royal Society and Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy in 2010; and in 2007 he received the Prix Vautrin Lud.

He has published over 550 books and articles. He has moved to Seattle upon retirement in 2012 and currently holds part-time positions as Research Professor at Arizona State University and as Distinguished Chair Professor at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

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