SEMINAR SERIES - ETHICS AND TECHNOLOGY

First seminar

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When: November 27, 5.30 pm

Where: The seminar will be held online on Microsoft Teams. The link is (no password needed): https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NzMxNTkzZWItNDM4Mi00ZGVkLWJmNTMtNjNiYzc3MzE1NjJi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ffb4df68-f464-458c-a546-00fb3af66f6a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22602a915c-3bd8-44f3-bc40-74ace029006b%22%7d

Title: Justifying vigilance toward AI

Abstract. Governments and companies are calling for "trustworthy AI" : Artificial agents and algorithms that humans can trust for being fair, as well as reliable. In this talk I want to raise another concern against this quasi-unanimous agenda : some philosophers object that trust can only hold between persons, and that AI are not persons, but I accept that AI are endowed with personal-like traits that mean they can be trusted. The way we trust however, is never blind, and there are good reasons to remain vigilant towards AI. Instead of trying to promote trustworthy AI, interested communities should work on promoting the right amount of political, practical and epistemic vigilance toward these new technologies.

Speaker's bio. Ophelia Deroy holds the Chair for Philosophy of Mind and Neuroscience at the LMU, and directs a research center on art, new technologies and engineering (CREATE) at the University of London. She leads a cross-disciplinary research group, with philosophers, computational scientists and psychologists, focusing on ways in which we can and should share experience, and experience-based decisions.

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