

Ethics of Artificial Intelligence: Exploring Pluri-Perspectives
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Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 24 May 2021

Inaugural session – 18:00 – 18:30 [IST]

18:00 – 18:05	Welcome Remarks: Ms Renata Dessallien , United Nations Resident Coordinator in India
18:05 – 18:20	Keynote Address: Mr Amitabh Kant , CEO, NITI Aayog
18:20 – 18:25	Opening Remarks: Prof. C Raj Kumar , Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session I - 18:30 – 20:00

Reimagining humanity: Alan Turing asked in the 1950s if a machine could “think”, an ability at the heart of the anthropocentrism of many major philosophical and spiritual traditions. This session will explore the cognition landscape of AI, the futurist idea of the singularity of human-machine integration, philosophical investigations on the meaning and future of humanity, and implications of the emergence of “real” artificial intelligence on assigning human ethical duties, rights, and privileges to machines. Given the current developments, how would the spread of AI challenge the prevailing ethical frameworks? How are these frameworks to be re-engineered, and in what desired directions?

Facilitator: Ms Renata Dessallien, United Nations Resident Coordinator, India

18:30 – 18:35	Introduction and welcome
18:35 – 18:50	Special Address: Prof Wendell Wallach , Senior Fellow, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, and Emeritus Chair, Technology and Ethics Studies, Yale University Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

18:50 – 19:00	Prof. Thomas Pogge , Leitner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Political Science at Yale University
19:00 – 19:10	Dr Agata Ciabattoni , Professor, Faculty of Informatics at the Vienna University of Technology, and co-chair of the Vienna Center for Logic and Algorithms of TU Wien (VCLA)
19:10 – 19:20	Dr Chinmayi Arun , affiliate of the Berkman Klein Center of Internet & Society at Harvard University, and resident fellow, Information Society Project at Yale Law School
19:20 – 19:30	Dr Ahmed Bawa , CEO, Universities South Africa
19:30 – 20:00	Facilitated Discussion + Audience Q&A

Session II – 20:00 – 21:30

Can a robot be a moral agent? With the technological progress of AI rooted in the optimization and efficiency discourses, particularly as narrow AI is rolled out in specific use cases, philosophers have had to deal with the ethical design of decision making (through accurate data, removing statistical bias, and answering the trolley problem for driverless cars). This session aims to consider further what an “ethical machine” means from the lens of philosophies of legal personhood, responsibilities of an application that bridges the human-machine divide, determinism, and whether the philosophical origins of bioethics can add value to this new scientific landscape.

Facilitator: Dr Rajiv Mehrotra, Trustee/Secretary, The Foundation for Universal Responsibility

20:00 – 20:05	Introduction and welcome
20:05 – 20:20	Special Address: Prof Chetan Prakash , Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, California State University, San Bernardino [TBC]
20:20 – 20:30	Prof. JeeLoo Liu , Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Fullerton
20:30 – 20:40	Prof. Jonathan Edelmann , Assistant Professor of Religion at the University of Florida

20:40 – 21:00	Dr Avik Sarkar , Visiting Associate Professor, Data, Technology & Public Policy, Indian School of Business
21:00 – 21:10	Prof. Akhandadhi Das , Vedanta philosopher and Director of Buckland Hall
21:00 – 21:30	Facilitated Discussion + Audience Q&A