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FROM THE DIRECTOR

-By Maria

I am pleased to announce the INSEIT Newsletter for Winter 2026. As you will see, we have some very important news to share.

Happy New Year to everyone! As you can see, we have lots of news to share with you, we expect a very productive and thought provoking year promoting information and computer ethics worldwide. We should normally announce a U.S. venue for our next *Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry* conference. However, as things presently stand, the Board decided that it is prudent to stay within Europe (our President explains this in his note herein also). So, **Finland and the beautiful and serene Turku** is the winner. Save the dates: May 26-28, 2027. (You can combine this with ETHICOMP 2027, right afterwards in Maastricht). We extend our thanks and support to INSEIT Member, Kai Kimpaa, who will be our organizer for 2027. The **general theme will be AI ethics** – we will get back to you with more details before long.

CEPE 2025 in Rome achieved more than we could expect, due not only to the magic of the Eternal City in September, but of course, to the incessant work and care of our Member of the Board **Antonio Marturano**. Please see herein the report and the photos, which offer only a glimpse of what really happened…

We send you the **Call for Nominations for our next Weizenbaum Award** and the **Call for our next INSEIT Fellowships**. Please spread the word and send nominations for both – let us reward the

best people in the field, older and younger alike. We include here the final reports from our two last INSEIT Fellows, **Konstantinos Konstantis** (a James Moor INSEIT Fellow) **and Ioanna Mazi,** and congratulate them for their insightful research and presentations, including at CEPE in Rome 2025.

Judith Simon, an esteemed colleague and Professor of the University of Hamburg and former INSEIT Member of the Board has been selected for our **Member Spotlight** section – thank you Judith for your constant inspiration!

We also send you a series of important **new publications and conferences** for this year and the next – including our very own in Turku, Finland. Be there! And please, keep sending us your news, to circulate and promote everyone's moral ambitions.

Be well with your loved ones and keep up your good work! As always: if you need to organize an event, do select Corfu – the garden island…and I am here for you.

Maria

From the President

-By Keith

First, Happy 2026 to all INSEIT members. I hope your new year has started well.

Things are not going well in the U.S., as I am sure you know. I encountered masked gunmen (ICE officers) in a shopping center parking lot last week and had to maneuver around them. The next day, not far from where I had been, ICE masked gunman killed an unarmed mom of three children as she tried to maneuver around them. Sad, sad days in my country.
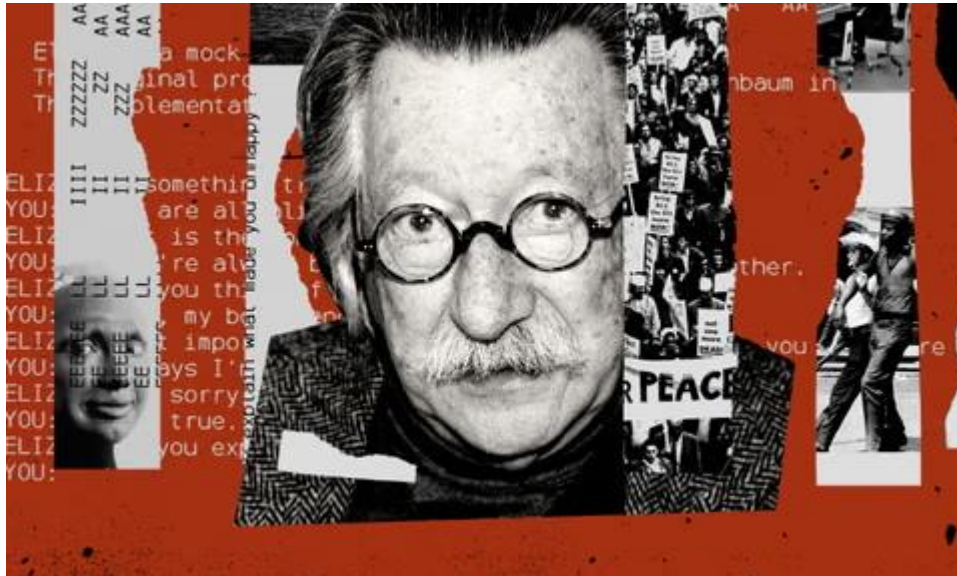
I am bending your ear about this because the board has decided to not solicit U.S. proposals for our next CEPE meeting. The hostility towards other countries in the current U.S. administration is too extreme for us to pretend that visitors are welcome in the U.S. Hopefully, this too will pass.

We are excited about where we WILL be having the next CEPE! (Please read more about this elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Ethics matter, perhaps more now than at any other time in my career. Thank you for all you do to help us be wiser, kinder, and more just.

Keith Miller

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2027 WEIZENBAUM AWARD

The International Society for Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT) / Joseph Weizenbaum Award in Information and Computer Ethics is awarded every two years to an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of information and computer ethics through their research, service, and vision. The recipient's work should have broad professional, theoretical or societal impact.

It is officially named the 'INSEIT/ Joseph Weizenbaum Award in Information and Computer Ethics', "*in recognition of Joseph Weizenbaum's groundbreaking and highly influential work in computer ethics in the 1970s, which helped to shape the field as we know it today*".

If an individual is nominating someone, nominations should include a description of the individual's contributions; how the individual has impacted the field of information and computer ethics; specific evidence of their leadership and vision in promoting the field; and the nominee's curriculum vitae. Recipients must be INSEIT members at the time of receipt of the Award.

The deadline for nominations is **September 15, 2026**. Please send the nominations to botti@otenet.gr. They should include a short presentation of the nominee in relation to the purpose of the Weizenbaum Award.

The Award will be presented at the CEPE Conference in Turku, Finland, May 2027. It is followed by a monetary award of $500/US.

More information: https://inseit.eu/weizenbaum-award/

REPORT ON THE CEPE 2025 CONFERENCE IN ROME

The 2025 edition of CEPE—Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry was held from 24 to 26 September at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, gathering an international community of scholars and practitioners to reflect on one of the most pressing issues of our time: the ethical, normative, and philosophical challenges posed by artificial intelligence.

Hosted by the Department of History, Cultural Heritage, Education and Society in collaboration with INSEIT, IHRC, and the University for Peace, CEPE 2025 stood out both for the quality of its contributions and for its strong interdisciplinary character. With around 120 submissions and approximately 80 accepted papers, the conference showcased rigorous scholarship from across the globe, confirming CEPE's role as a leading forum for research in computer and information ethics.

A Rich and Engaging Academic Program: The three-day event brought together researchers, policy experts, technologists, and philosophers from more than 20 countries, offering a vibrant intellectual environment. Discussions focused on a wide range of contemporary issues: algorithmic fairness, privacy and surveillance, AI governance, human rights, digital autonomy, philosophical conceptions of agency, and the societal impact of intelligent systems.

The conference was marked by the presence of three distinguished Keynote Speakers:

- **Derrick De Kerckhove**, a pioneering voice in media theory and digital culture
- **Mario De Caro**, one of Italy's most prominent philosophers, exploring ethics, agency, and modern technology

- **Frances Grodzinsky**, a leading figure in information ethics and the recipient of the Weizenbaum Award, awarded in recognition of her outstanding and lifelong contributions to the field.

Their lectures set the tone for rich debate and deep interdisciplinary exchange.

Community and Cultural Experience: Beyond the academic sessions, CEPE also provided opportunities for community-building. The social dinner, held at the agriturismo Tenuta di Pietra Porzia, a beautifully preserved 19th-century farmhouse in the Castelli Romani, was attended by most of the conference participants. In this unique setting overlooking the Roman countryside, attendees continued discussions, exchanged ideas, and strengthened international connections in an atmosphere that blended scholarship with Italian cultural heritage.

National Visibility and Broader Impact: CEPE 2025 attracted broad media coverage in Italy, with articles and features appearing in major newspapers, online news portals, and cultural magazines. This visibility demonstrates how themes once confined to academic circles—AI ethics, responsibility, and human rights—are now central to public discourse.

Indeed, the conference contributed to shaping the national conversation about the governance of emerging technologies. By bringing together voices from academia, industry, public institutions, and civil society, CEPE 2025 highlighted the shared responsibility of designing technological futures aligned with human values.

Selected papers from the CEPE Conference will be published in several Special Issues for the Journal of Information, Communication and Ethics in Society (JICES), International Review of Information Ethics (IRIE), and Ethics and Politics (University of Trieste Press).

CEPE 2025 reaffirmed the conference's role as a vital meeting place for critical thought, scholarly exchange, and ethical foresight. The

high quality of submissions, the diversity of perspectives, and the strong engagement of participants underscored the continuing relevance of philosophical enquiry in the age of AI.

As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly embedded in everyday life, events like CEPE are essential for cultivating the ethical imagination and normative frameworks needed to guide technological development in humane and socially responsible directions.

REPORTS FROM THE INSEIT FELLOWS 2025

Report from the James Moor INSEIT Fellow 2025, Dr Konstantinos Konstantis

During my time as the James Moor INSEIT Fellow, I explored engineering ethics with a focus on AI ethics, aiming to formulate a framework for reconceptualizing and resolving dilemmas across engineering practice. Such a framework is presented as essential for education, research, technological implementation, and policy-making, while also shaping the professional and personal formation of engineers. Ethical concerns are shown to permeate all areas of engineering—ICT, biomedical, environmental—and influence research design, resource management, and long-term strategy. The outcome of my research aspires to strengthen both the coherence of engineering practice and the ethical responsibility of engineers.

My work emphasizes academic and social contributions. Academically, it advances self-awareness within engineering by integrating diverse fields under a unified ethical perspective. This coherence is key for addressing dilemmas in research and practice, while also enriching educational programs for future engineers. Socially, the research promotes ethically responsible professional conduct and responds to major contemporary challenges, supporting the development of sound technological policies across engineering domains.

Central to the analysis is the distinction between engineering ethics and technology ethics, along with recognition of the non-neutrality of technology. Drawing on Science and Technology Studies (STS)

perspectives such as Actor-Network Theory and the Strong Program, the research highlights how technologies—including AI—are embedded in political, economic, and social structures. Ethical theories commonly applied in technology ethics are reviewed to support this contextual understanding.

My research identifies five key elements of a comprehensive AI ethics. First, a critical history situating AI within broader societal and political-economic contexts. Second, a review of mainstream topics such as fairness, accountability, and transparency, while exposing their limitations. Third, a deeper exploration of AI's "black box," including hidden labor and power structures. Fourth, case studies analyzed through the lens of capitalism, showing that biases and inequalities are structural rather than incidental. Fifth, an examination of AI's hidden labor and its consequences for the future of work, calling for structural critiques of capitalism beyond abstract ideas of "ethical AI."

Finally, the research surveys institutions, centers, and initiatives engaged in engineering and AI ethics, as well as educational programs such as courses and curricula. Through empirical analysis, it evaluates how universities incorporate these concerns, underscoring the need to prepare engineers for navigating complex ethical challenges

REPORT FROM THE 2025 INSEIT FELLOW PHD (cand.) IOANNA MAZI

I had the great honor of receiving the INSEIT scholarship for the academic year 2024–2025, which concludes with my participation in the CEPE 2025 international conference. The study conducted during the academic year 2024-2025, funded by INSEIT and presented in CEPE 2025, served as an important pillar for my research, as it introduced the ethical aspect of the use of Artificial Intelligence in Cultural Heritage environments. This scholarship paved the way for the implementation of a pilot case study regarding a human-centered framework that ensures ethical use of AI tools in cultural contexts, through the establishment of good practices that were formed during the process.

My doctoral research (supervised by Professor Ioannis Delygiannis) explores the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the automated generation of content in cultural environments, with two main objectives: 1. Redefining content usability by classifying and adapting content to users' needs and preferences. 2. Developing methodologies for AI-driven, user-specific content creation, targeting cultural heritage specialists, educators, tourism and technology experts, and end users.

During the fellowship, I participated in the following workshops: *Chania Film Festival*: Designed a cross-media narrative with AI for a middle school workshop. The *10th International Documentary Festival of Peloponnese*: Co-led a three-day workshop on Metaverse game design, helping students integrate AI narratives into their games. I also took part in the following research projects: *Intelligent Destination Management (INDIANA)*. I worked on user classifications and tourism business model analysis, forming the basis of two research papers. And: *Institute for Games Research: Contributed to the design of the educational program "Learn to Navigate Responsibly",* integrating AI into simulations, role-playing, and interactive scenarios for traffic education.

I also presented my work in the following international conferences: *DCAC 2025*: Presented research on AI in the Castle of Santa Maura case study. *OpenAirCities:* Co-authored work on Business Information *Models and sustainability/MBD*: Co-authored research on AI-driven personalization in tourism. Finally, I co-authored five research articles to date.

CALL FOR THE NEXT INSEIT FELLOWSHIPS

We are pleased to announce the return of the INSEIT Fellows Program for the year 2026-2027!

The **INSEIT Fellows Program** is designed to support our mission of advancing scholarship in the realm of information and computer ethics. By fostering partnerships and camaraderie among ethics scholars (broadly construed), we aim to enrich academic collaboration in this field.

In 2026, we will appoint two distinguished individuals as INSEIT Fellows for a period of twelve months. Each fellow will receive a complimentary one-year INSEIT membership and a $1,000 USD stipend upon successful completion of the program.

Each fellow will be thoughtfully paired with a senior INSEIT member. Mentors will work with their paired fellows throughout the fellowship.

We expect these partnerships to engage in regular communication and collaborate closely over the year. Pairs are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal for CEPE 2027 at the University of Turku, Finland, in May 26-28, 2027. Fellows presenting at CEPE 2027 will be released from conference fees. Proposals for other relevant conferences (ETHICOMP, etc.) during the fellowship year are highly encouraged. Additionally, the fellows will contribute a brief paper to both the INSEIT website and newsletter, to showcase some of the outcomes of the program.

One of the Fellows is eligible to be nominated as **the James Moor INSEIT Fellow,** at the discretion of the adjudication Committee.

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be enrolled in a relevant graduate program, be doctoral or post-doctoral students, or faculty within their first professional year. Doctoral candidates are encouraged to consult their Ph.D. supervisors before applying.

Mentor Requirements: Prospective mentors must be established scholars with a track record in academic publishing, research, and advisement. Interested applicants (fellows) could reach out to potential INSEIT mentors and note the mentor's interest in collaborating in their application.

Stipends: Fellows will receive a $1,000 USD stipend and a one-year INSEIT membership. Fellows presenting at CEPE 2027 will be released from conference fees. Stipends will be awarded upon successful completion of the program. Non-fulfillment of responsibilities by either party will result in the withholding of the stipend.

Application Process: Applicants for the fellowship must submit a two-page proposal detailing their research interests and objectives for the fellowship period, along with a one-page CV. Prospective mentors are to provide a statement of interest and credentials for mentoring, accompanied by a one-page CV. All application materials should be emailed to director@inseit.eu by July 1, 2026.

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: August 1, 2026

Fellowship Period: September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

Review and Selection: The Fellows Program Review Committee, consisting of the INSEIT President (Keith Miller), a Board member (to be selected by the Board) and the Director (Maria Bottis), will adjudicate applications.

Administration: The program is managed by INSEIT, c/o Prof. Keith W. Miller, 1 University Blvd., UMSL MS 100 MH, St. Louis, MO 63121, USA

Reporting Obligations: Fellows must submit a 1-page mid-term report by March 1, 2027. A final 1-2 pages report summarizing the fellowship's activities and results is due by September 1, 2027.

We trust in the professional integrity of our participants to uphold the values of the program.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Professor Judith Simon,

University of Hamburg, former Member of the INSEIT Board, is our selection for the Winter 2026 Newsletter Member Spotlight.

How did you begin your work in computer ethics?

In my PhD thesis, I investigated how social media and what at the time was called Web 2.0 shape our knowledge practices. When I started in 2005, this concerned mostly Wikipedia, but also recommender systems and opinion markets. In trying to understand these systems, I turned to social epistemology for answers and was most inspired by feminist philosophers and Science and Technology scholars. From their work, I learned how epistemological questions were always also entangled with ethical questions. Moreover, at the time, I felt that social epistemologists were not really interested in the role of software and computing for knowledge practices. Thanks to a pointer by **Helen Nissenbaum**, who had co–organised a summer school on Values in Design together with **Geoffrey Bowker** and **Susan Leigh** Star in Santa Clara in 2008, I attended my first CEPE conference in Corfu in 2009. I have been tied to this community since, as it turned out that computer ethicists were not only a friendly crowd, but also open towards epistemological questions.

What are you currently reading for fun?

A crime novel by **Javier Cercas** set in Terra Alta; the cookbook "*One - A Greener Way to Cook*"; a travel guide for Southern France and **Helen de Cruz**'s book "*Wonderstruck*". Something which I have started reading as well, but which clearly does not fall into the light reading category is **Timothy Snyder's** "*Black Earth*" – it is a hard, but important book.

What technology ethics issue concerns you the most and why?

As probably many people these days, I worry a lot about Generative AI – what it may mean for learning and knowledge, but especially for interpersonal relations and democracy.

If you could be another person for a week, who would you be and why?

I thought about this question a lot and find it really difficult to answer. One reason for wanting to be someone else may be that one envies that person. But I am quite happy with my life, hence I would not want to swap with anyone. The second reason for wanting to be someone for a week could be to understand them by being in their skin. And this could be most interesting for someone who is very different from oneself. My initial impulse, the first person that popped into my mind was - maybe absurdly – **Donald Trump**. And this was of course based on the latter motive of trying to understand what on earth must be going on in someone's mind who is wrecking the world these days. But then - what if your insight would end up revealing banality? Or evil? Or both at the same time? If this knowledge and experience would then stay with you, after returning to your own skin (how) could you live with that knowledge? So maybe, I would simply decline the offer.

IN PRINT

Computer Ethics Across Disciplines. Deborah G. Johnson and Algorithmic Accountability
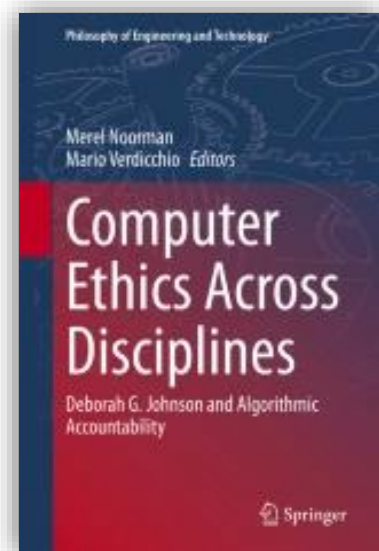
Springer Nature, 2025.

Editors: **Merel Noorman, Mario Verdicchio**.

The book relates to the invaluable work of the **INSEIT Founder Member, former INSEIT President (2001-2003) and recipient of the Weizenbaum award in 2015, Professor Deborah Johnson**. The book provides key conceptual insights from an interdisciplinary approach to computer ethics and includes reflections by the biggest names in computer ethics and algorithmic accountability. It also offers key perspectives in applied philosophy to inspire a new generation of scholars in computer ethics.

Deborah G. Johnson is Anne Shirley Carter Olsson Professor of Applied Ethics Emeritus in the Science, Technology and Society Program at the University of Virginia School of Engineering. She has taught engineering students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Virginia. Her research focuses on ethical questions related to computer/information technology and engineering ethics, STS theory, and technology policy. She published one of the first textbooks on computer ethics, the 1985 Computer Ethics,

and co-edited the reader Technology & Society: Building Our Sociotechnical Future. She holds a PhD in philosophy from the University of Kansas

This edited volume brings together philosophers and scholars in disparate fields who have engaged in Professor Deborah G. Johnson's body of work throughout her long career. It appeals to both students and researchers and introduces Johnson's thought to a broader audience. This text shows how, with due to the resurgence of AI research, her work is more relevant than ever. The volume will help a new generation of scholars benefit from the conceptual insights that Johnson has provided. Her work on algorithmic accountability sets the tone. Chapters illustrate how combining philosophy of technology across disciplines helps clarify the complex intricacies of AI and societies, particularly the topic of accountability. Other themes covered include moral agency and responsibility, transparency, gender and technology as well as ethics education.
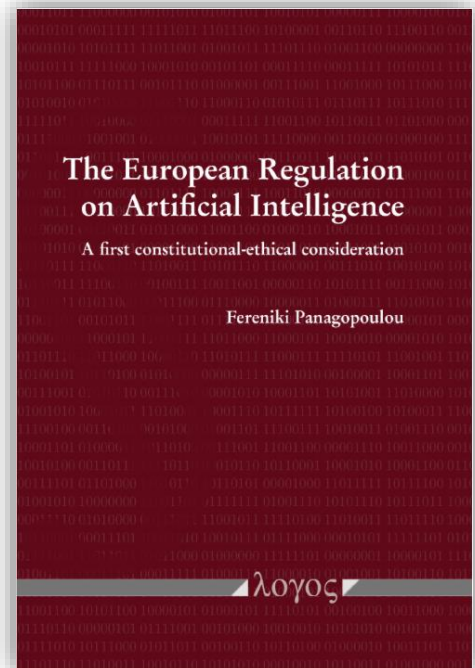
The European Regulation on Artificial Intelligence: A first constitutional-ethical consideration

By **Fereniki Panagopoulou**. Logos Verlag Berlin. December 2025, DOI:10.30819/6016, License CC BY-NC-ND 4.0

The study critically outlines the key aspects of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 on Artificial Intelligence (AI Act) and selectively highlights issues of constitutional interest that merit serious consideration. It comprises an Introduction, a General Section, a Special Section, and Conclusions. The Introduction sets out the overall framework of the study and provides a brief clarification of terminology. The General Part describes the process of adopting the Regulation and related legislation, followed by a comparative overview of AI regulation. It then examines the necessity of legislative intervention, outlines the philosophy and objectives of the text, and analyses the guiding principles that should govern the regulatory framework. The section proceeds with an examination of the scope of application and its similarities with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation). It continues with the issues of control and supervision at both national and supranational level and concludes with a systematization of the sanctions and liability regime and an analysis of the Regulation's entry into force. The Special Section addresses key areas raising significant constitutional questions, including biometric identification, employment, democracy, education, health, and innovation. A separate part considers whether the revising legislator should incorporate AI into the forthcoming constitutional revision. The study concludes with final observations.
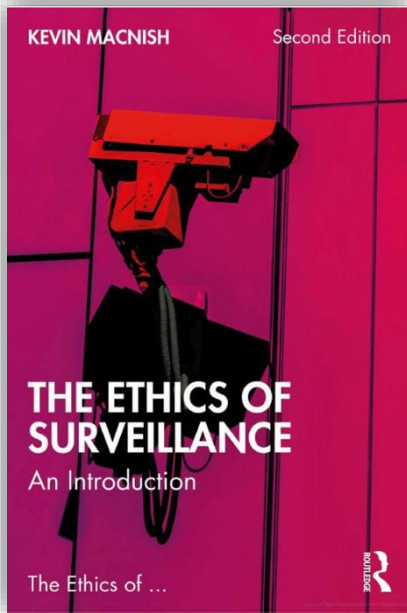
The book is available freely at:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/398969118_The_European_Regulation_on_Artificial_Intelligence_A_first_constitutional-ethical_consideration.

The Ethics of Surveillance: An Introduction (2nd Ed.)

Routledge, Nov 2025: A timely update on surveillance ethics.

by Kevin Macnish

The Ethics of Surveillance: An Introduction offers a clear and comprehensive exploration of one of the most pressing ethical issues of our time. From government monitoring to everyday data collection, it tackles the moral dilemmas at the heart of surveillance in contemporary society.

Among the questions it addresses are: Is it ever acceptable to spy on one's allies? Should the state intrude into private lives in the name of health or security? What new ethical challenges arise from using AI for surveillance? How far should journalists go in pursuit of the truth? Can we really expect privacy in public spaces? Is it ever justifiable for a parent to read their child's diary?

This fully revised second edition includes fresh material on pandemic-era 'track and trace', and emerging technologies such as digital identity, AI and the Internet of Things.

Rich with case studies – including contemporary examples like ChatGPT and facial recognition – this book offers a philosophically grounded yet accessible entry point into a fast-evolving field. It is ideal reading for students and thoughtful readers across applied ethics, technology ethics, privacy, politics, journalism, security studies and human geography.
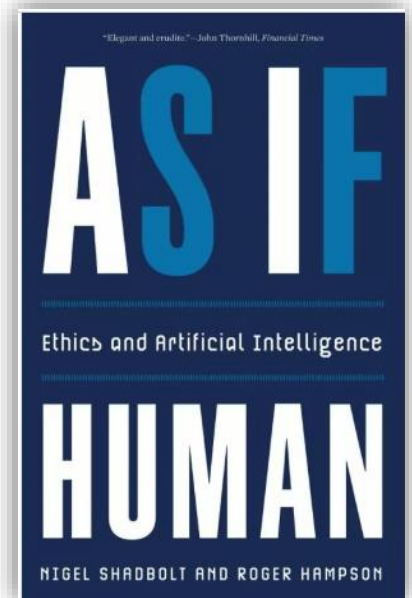
As If Human: Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Nigel Shadbolt and Roger Hampson

Yale University Press, 2025, pp. 1-272, ISBN: 9780300268294

A new approach to the challenges surrounding artificial intelligence that argues for assessing AI actions as if they came from a human being.

Intelligent machines present us every day with urgent ethical challenges. Is the facial recognition software used by an agency fair? When algorithms determine questions of justice, finance, health, and defense, are the decisions proportionate, equitable, transparent, and accountable? How do we harness this extraordinary technology to empower rather than oppress?
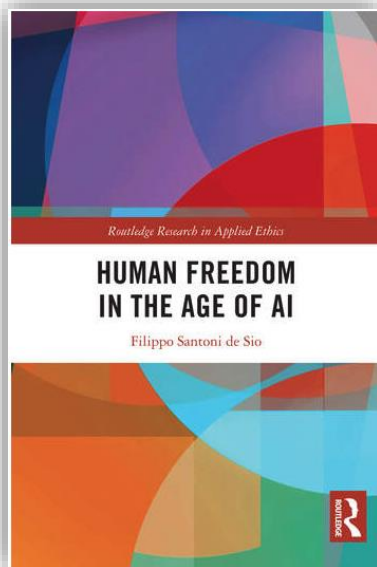
Despite increasingly sophisticated programming, artificial intelligences share none of our essential human characteristics—sentience, physical sensation, emotional responsiveness, versatile general intelligence. However, Nigel Shadbolt and Roger Hampson argue, if we assess AI decisions, products, and calls for action as if they came from a human being, we can avert a disastrous and amoral future. The authors go beyond the headlines about rampant robots to apply established moral principles in shaping our AI future. Their new framework constitutes a how-to for building a more ethical machine intelligence.

Human Freedom in the Age of AI

Taylor & Francis Ltd, 2024

by Filippo Santoni de Sio

This book claims that artificial intelligence (AI) may affect our freedom at work, in our daily life, and in the political sphere. The author provides a philosophical framework to help make sense of and govern the ethical and political impact of AI in these domains. AI presents great opportunities and risks, raising the question of how to reap its potential benefits without endangering basic human and societal values. The author identifies three major risks for human freedom. First, AI offers employers new forms of control of the workforce, opening the door to new forms of domination and exploitation. Second, it may reduce our capacity to remain in control of and responsible for our decisions and actions, thereby affecting our free will and moral responsibility. Third, it may increase the power of governments and tech companies to steer the political debate, thereby affecting the possibility of a free and inclusive political participation. The author claims that it is still possible to promote human freedom in our interactions with AI. This requires designing AI systems that help promote workers' freedom, strengthen human control and responsibility, and foster a free, active, and inclusive democratic participation.
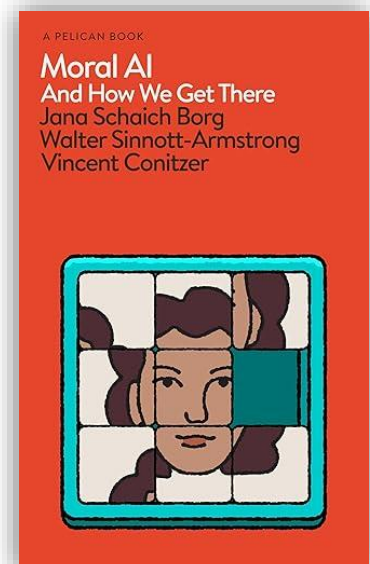
Moral AI: And How We Get There

(Pelican Books) Hardcover **–pp. 1-304**

by **Jana Schaich Borg, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong & Vincent Conitzer**

A balanced and thought-provoking guide to all the big questions about AI and ethics. Can computers understand morality? Can they respect privacy? And what can we do to make AI safe and fair?

The artificial intelligence revolution has begun. Today, there are self-driving cars on our streets, autonomous weapons in our armies, robot surgeons in our hospitals – and AI's presence in our lives will only increase. Some see this as the dawn of a new era in innovation and ease; others are alarmed by its destructive potential. But one thing is clear: this is a technology like no other, one that raises profound questions about the very definitions of human intelligence and morality.

In Moral AI, world-renowned researchers in moral psychology, philosophy, and artificial intelligence – Jana Schaich Borg, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong and Vincent Conitzer – tackle these thorny issues head-on. Writing lucidly and calmly, they lay out the recent advances in this still nascent field, peeling away the exaggeration and misleading arguments. Instead, they offer clear examinations of the moral concerns at the heart of AI programs, from racial equity to personal privacy, fake news to autonomous weaponry. Ultimately, they argue that artificial intelligence can be built and used safely and ethically, but that its potential cannot be achieved without careful reflection on the values we wish to imbue it with. This is an essential primer for any thinking person.

MEMBER NEWS

Scott Dexter joined Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan in Fall 2024 as a Lecturer (i.e. teaching faculty). His main assignment has been the development of a new required course for CS-Engineering students entitled "**Empathetic Leadership and the Social Context of Computing."** He expects to be teaching this course, with the help of a half-dozen undergraduate and graduate teaching staff, to roughly 300 students per term starting in Fall 2026. He also—for fans of speculative fiction—recently published an ethics-adjacent article entitled "Speculative Endocrinology and the Mid-Century Trans Futurity of Gerald Heard" in Extrapolation 66(1).

Luciano Floridi's New Chapter at Yale: After his tenure at Oxford, Luciano Floridi has embarked on an exciting new chapter at Yale University. In 2023, Yale established the **Digital Ethics Center** under Floridi's leadership as **Founding Director** marking a significant institutional commitment to addressing the ethical challenges posed by emerging technologies. Floridi, internationally renowned for his pioneering work in information philosophy and digital ethics, brings his considerable expertise to Yale at a critical moment when pressing questions about artificial intelligence, data privacy, algorithmic governance, and technology's broader societal impact demand rigorous philosophical examination. The Digital Ethics Center aims to effectively bridge academic inquiry with practical policy considerations, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue on how digital technologies fundamentally shape human values and social structures. In July 2025, **Floridi was named the John K. Castle Professor in the Practice of Cognitive Science at Yale** a distinguished position that underscores the university's dedication to exploring the intersection of philosophy, technology, and cognition. Floridi's significant transition from Oxford to Yale represents not just a personal career move, but a strategic institutional positioning to significantly influence the global conversation on digital ethics from one of America's premier research institutions.

Nikos Koutras has been promoted to **Senior Lecturer in Law** at Curtin University. His research covers law, technology and ethics and he has published on topics related to artificial intelligence, intellectual property law, open science and access to knowledge. His recent peer-reviewed publications include: "*The Copyright Amendment (Access Reform) Bill 2021 And Open Access: A Comparative Legal Perspective*" in European Intellectual Property Review, and "*Information Governance and Open Access in Australia: A Potential to Enhance Access*" in Journal of Information Policy.

Simon Rogerson: Reimagining Digital Ethics through the Creative Arts. With the advent of accelerating technological dependency, it is time to look beyond conventional education and discursive approaches. Since authoring **Ethical Digital Technology for Everyone** in 2023, the third book in my trilogy Ethical Digital Technology, published by Taylor and Francis, I have continued to explore using the creative arts to reach out to everyone, regardless of age, concerning the ethical and social impact issues surrounding digital technology. For example, at Ethicomp 2024 delegates participated in writing acrostic poetry to highlight the key conference messages, which I curated into a video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwgd6iQpfjk&t=356s). My exhibitions: **Exploring Ethical Digital Technology and Smart Living Ethics** have been held in the UK, Portugal and Spain. **Smart Living Ethics** has toured Spain. Using digital art, poetry, diagrams and quotations, it offers new social and ethical insights into increasing smart technology dependency. Animations are powerful tools to involve people in digital ethics. I have created a short animation which explores the relationship between AI and people. It is a dual use conundrum. The animation encourages reflection before it is too late (See video The AI Conundrum at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPXTPO28XJI&t=3s).

Richard Spinello published an article in Minds and Machines entitled "**Moor's Theory of Just Consequentialism."** The article appeared in the special edition (edited by Herman Tavani) in memory of Jim Moor, one of the true pioneers in this field.

Nuno Silva completed the **MetaRed International Course in ICT Management for CIOs** at Ibero-American Universities, which enriched his knowledge of very specific topics and approaches in multicultural environments. He was co-editor of the proceedings of the 22nd International Conference, ETHICOMP 2025, Lisbon, Portugal. In addition, he is guest editor of the Journal of Information, Communication and Ethics in Society (JICES) for the upcoming special edition '**Shaping Digital Ethics Together,**' in partnership with the ETHICOMP 2025 conference. He is also co-author of three recent articles presented at two international conferences and works in Technology Assessment for the research project Advanced Multicriteria Models and Health Wearable Technologies for Diabetes (NEODIPPE) at Lusíada University.

Marty J. Wolf continues to serve as the chair of the ACM Committee on Professional Ethics, where the primary responsibility is overseeing the complaint resolution process. He, along with Emanuelle Burton, and Michael Kirkpatrick, are holding a workshop, **Reinvigorating a Culture of Curiosity and Learning in Computer Science Education**, as an affiliated event at SIGCSE 2026 in February in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The workshop, among other things, will guide participants through an exploration of approaches to education and its structures that center principles to advance a deeper commitment to intellectual curiosity. We will consider the strengths of using the ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct as a starting point for supporting a culture of creative, curious, and reflective practice.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the dates! More news in our next Newsletter!

Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiries (CEPE) is an INSEIT conference series. The CEPE conference series is recognized as one of the premier international events on computer and information ethics attended by delegates from all over the world. CEPE is held biennially. Conferences are held about every 24 months, usually alternating between Europe and the United States (note the **exception for 2027** above). INSEIT is the main organizer/sponsor of the CEPE series.

For past CEPE conferences see https://inseit.eu/conferences/4/.

The next IACAP conference: Kansas, US, July 15-17, 2026

IACAP 2026 will be held at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, USA, from July 15–17.

The International Association for Computing and Philosophy put out its call for abstracts for its next conference in 2026.   The conference's Website is https://iacapconf.org. The Conference host is the Center for Cyber-Social Dynamics.

Important Dates: Extended abstracts for individual talks (up to 1000 words) due on: January 31, 2026. Workshop proposals due on: January 31, 2026. Notification of acceptance: March 31, 2026.   Conference registration will open on: April 1, 2026.

The conference tracks are: Computation, Cognitive Science, and Cognition, Computational Methods in the Sciences, Computer-Mediated Communication, Epistemological Issues in Artificial Intelligence and Computing, Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, Computation, Information, and Robotics, Human-Computational Systems Interaction, Information Culture and Society, Philosophy and History of Computing, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Philosophy of Artificial Life and Biologically Inspired Computing, Philosophy of Information and Information Technology, Robotics and Embodiment, SIG: Mind and Machines, Societal and Environmental Impact of Computing Technologies and Automated Systems, Theoretical Problems in Computer Science, Virtual Reality and more.

International Conference on Ethics Education: Amsterdam, June 24-26, 2026, theme: "Shaping the Future: Educating Responsible Professionals". The conference will bring experts in the field of ethics education together to exchange knowledge, best practices and critically reflect on current needs in education, training, and ways to shape responsible professionals. There will also be interactive workshops and opportunities for networking with both national and international colleagues. https://ease.org.uk/event/14th-international-conference-on-ethics-education/

International Conference on Information Ethics and Policy Studies: Bangkok, Thailand (June 1, 2026) The International Conference on Information Ethics and Policy Studies connects experts in the field of science by providing a global platform for academic interaction through various events and conferences. It hosts workshops and keynote speeches across various fields in collaboration with local bodies and universities worldwide. ISER encourages professionals and researchers to join its community to use science in a more responsible way. https://internationalconferencealerts.com/eventdetails.php?id=100424671

European Conference on Ethics and Integrity in Academia: Batumi, Georgia, Sept 14-16, 2026, for higher education ethics. This event brings together scholars, educators, and professionals committed to promoting ethical values and integrity across higher education and research. The conference is organized by Ilia State University in Georgia. https://academicintegrity.eu/conference/

 Human Computer Interaction (HCI) International 2026: Montreal, Canada, July 15-20, covers Human-Computer Interaction, including ethical aspects. HCI International 2026 (HCII 2026), jointly with its Thematic Areas and Affiliated Conferences, held under one management and one registration, invites you to participate and contribute (through papers, posters, student designs, workshops or courses) to this major international forum for the dissemination and exchange of up-to-date scientific information on theoretical and applied areas of HCI. Past HCI Conferences were attended by more than 2500 participants from more than 80 countries. HCI International 2026, jointly with the affiliated Conferences, under the auspices of 21 distinguished international boards, to be held under one management and one registration, will take place at Montreal Convention centre, Montreal, Canada. HCII 2026 will run as an 'on-site' Conference with the additional option for online participation. https://2026.hci.international/index.html

International Conference on Cyberlaw and Ethics (ICCE): Lisbon, Portugal, April 15-16, 2027. Covers legal and ethical issues. The International Research Conference is a federated organization dedicated to bringing together a significant number of diverse scholarly events for presentation within the conference program. Events will run over a span of time during the conference depending on the number and length

of the presentations. With its high quality, it provides an exceptional value for students, academics and industry researchers. International Conference on Cyberlaw and Ethics aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Cyberlaw and Ethics. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Cyberlaw and Ethics.

https://waset.org/cyberlaw-and-ethics-conference-in-april-2027-in-lisbon?utm_source=conferenceindex&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=listing

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