

TECHNOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND DIMENSIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Workshop | 15–17 March 2018



Public Lecture by John Harris

„Who Owns My Autonomous Vehicle?
Ethics and Responsibility in Artificial
and Human Intelligence“

Friday, 16 March 2018, 17:00–18:00

“With great power comes great responsibility.” This saying has been attributed to such diverse sources as Voltaire, Churchill, and the Spider-Man comic books. The notion of responsibility is currently subject to extensive conceptual scrutiny and figures prominently in discussions in applied ethics about, e.g., human-machine-interaction and genome editing. These debates typically address questions of a widened scope of responsibility due to technological progress. At the same time, intentionally “designing” specific aspects of persons, like in the case of neuroprosthetics, might diminish and threaten traditional notions of responsibility if no longer the person but rather the technology involved is deemed to be responsible for a specific behaviour and its consequences.

The workshop combines conceptual and practical discourses about the role of technological innovations and human nature for our understanding of responsibility. In doing so, its goal is to shed new light on various dimensions of human responsibility in today’s technological world.

Speakers

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