

PHILOSOPHY OF AI AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| Registration | 9:45 a.m. |
| Opening Remarks | 10:00 a.m. |
| First Session | 10:15 a.m. |
| Break | 11:00 a.m. |
| Second Session - Keynote Speaker | 11:15 a.m. |
| Break | 12:45 p.m. |
| Third Session | 2:15 p.m. |
| Break | 3:00 p.m. |
| Fourth Session | 3:15 p.m. |
| Closing Remarks | 4:00 p.m. |

All activities will take place in room 240, University College, 203-220 Dysart Road, on the University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus.

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JANUARY 17 SPEAKERS

First Session

“A General Condition of Necessity for AGI”

Anand Ekbote, Ohio State University

Second Session - Keynote Speaker

“I, Robot; I, Roboticist; I, Philosopher: Reflections from a Philosophical Gadfly of the Military-Industrial Complex”

Dr. Duncan MacIntosh, Dalhousie University

Third Session

“Rethinking Robot Rights Through the Everyday Cyborg”

Rida Jafar, University of Guelph

Fourth Session

“Poetically Man Dwells On This Earth”

Caramia Axland, Colorado State University

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JANUARY 18 SPEAKERS

First Session

“Intention as a Necessary Condition for Art”

Lizzie Robinson, Colorado State University

Second Session - Keynote Speaker

“The Many Value-Alignment Problems”

Dr. Karina Vold, University of Toronto

Third Session

“Bodies Left Behind; Cyberfeminism and Embodiment”

Marijke Oosterhuis, McGill University

Fourth Session

**“When Should We Believe LLM Outputs? A
Testimonial Theory”**

James Gillard, University of Texas at Austin

KEYNOTE #1

DR. DUNCAN MACINTOSH

**PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

“I, Robot; I, Roboticist; I, Philosopher: Reflections from a Philosophical Gadfly of the Military-Industrial Complex”

Abstract: I shall first review why what matters in the deployment of Artificially Intelligent Lethal Weapons (AI Weapons) is not that they be under meaningful human control, but that they be under the control of morality; and I shall review what it is about AI Weapons that can make it morally permissible or even obligatory to use them. I shall then consider whether those who can produce such robot weapons have a duty to do so in times of war on pain of being guilty of something like a war crime. Finally, I shall explore conflicts between the duties of robots, of those who make them, of those who deploy them, and of philosophers who have influence on the Military-Industrial Complex.

KEYNOTE #2

DR. KARINA VOLD

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

“The Many Value-Alignment Problems”

Abstract: The term ‘value alignment’ frequently enters contemporary discussions around the ethics and safety of artificial intelligence. Sometimes this is phrased as the value-alignment problem; the goal of value-alignment, the value-alignment research community, or so on. In this talk I argue that there are many value-alignment problems; there are at least six different problems that get wrapped up under one title. I further argue that these problems, for the most part, cannot realistically be ‘solved’. I then explore what this means for the value alignment project going forward.



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