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DAY 1 · THU 12 NOV

Thursday

9:00-9:15	Welcome speeches
9:15-10:15	↳ KEYNOTE 1 AI and the Future of Humanity: The Agentic Trilemma MARIO GÜNTHER, <i>Panthéon-Sorbonne</i>
10:15-10:30	Coffee break
§ I	ETHICS
10:30-11:00	Aligned to What? The Alignment Problem as a Problem in Metaethics WILLIAM L. CONNELLY, <i>Institut Catholique de Paris</i>
11:00-11:30	Democratic AI Governance: The Case for Citizen Assemblies on AI SANTIAGO FAVIERE, <i>EHESS Paris</i>
11:30-12:00	Animals, AI, and Ethics: The Analogies Between Veganism and “AI Veganism” ZARJA GUMILAR PAPOTNIK, <i>University of Maribor</i>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
§ II	PREDICTION AND EXPLANATION
13:30-14:00	Scientific Value of Accurate Predictions KATIA PARSHINA, <i>LMU Munich</i>
14:00-14:30	Explanation Theater: How Explainable AI Performs Transparency Without Delivering Accountability NIDA NUR ERDOGAN, <i>University of Bayreuth</i>
14:30-14:45	Coffee break
§ III	INTERPRETING AI
14:45-15:15	Questioning the Promise of Mechanistic Interpretability JOACHIM STEIN, <i>Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften & University of Tübingen</i>
15:15-15:45	Can We Propositionally Interpret AI Agents? MARCUS ASHBY, <i>King’s College London</i>
15:45-16:15	Minds Without Minds? LLMs and Social Understanding BARBARA BABIČ, <i>University of Zagreb</i>
19:30	Dinner

DAY 2 · FRI 13 NOV

Friday

9:00–10:00	└ KEYNOTE 2 AI and Science ATOOSA KASIRZADEH, <i>Carnegie Mellon University & Google DeepMind</i>
10:00–10:15	Coffee break
§ IV	CONSCIOUSNESS
10:15–10:45	The Chinese Room Today MAŠA HARL, <i>University of Maribor</i>
10:45–11:15	Testing Consciousness Across Humans and AI: Why No Universal Test Is Likely DENISA TUREČKOVÁ, <i>University of West Bohemia in Pilsen</i>
11:15–11:45	Consciousness, Thought and Ethics Between Human and Artificial Intelligence ALJA JERŠIČ, <i>University of Maribor</i>
11:45–13:15	Lunch
§ V	INTENTION AND AGENCY
13:15–13:45	Intentionality Without an Intender: AI Art and the Intentional Fallacy BARTOSZ CHMIELARSKI, <i>Jagiellonian University</i>
13:45–14:15	Does the Robot Still Lie if We Stop Saying That It Thinks? A Dissociation Between Verdict and Intention in Folk Attributions of Machine Deception KATARZYNA ZYŃ, <i>University of Warsaw & University of Graz</i>
14:15–14:45	An Eye for an ‘I’: Investigating the Relationship Between Embodiment and Agency, and Exploring the Possibilities for Artificial Intelligence Models KIRA MILLER, <i>University of Amsterdam</i>
14:45–15:00	Coffee break
§ VI	SCIENCE
15:00–15:30	The Epistemic Significance of Machine Learning Failures in Science RICCARDO FRACCHIONI, <i>TU Dortmund</i>
15:30–16:00	Discoverer or Instrument? Agency and Creativity in AI-Aided Scientific Discovery BENJAMIN THÉVENY, <i>Independent</i>
16:00–16:15	Concluding remarks