

Chat Transcript + Curated Resources from the Montreal AI Ethics Institute's *The State of AI Ethics Panel* (December 2nd, 2020)

*Note: You can view a recording of the panel [here](#).

We've put the chat transcript from the event below but first, here's a curated list of the resources mentioned in the chat:

- **Books:**

- "Mary Gray's book [Ghost Work](#) and Sarah Robertson's book [Behind the Screen](#) are based on excellent ethnographic and anthropological work on the displacement of costs in clickwork and gigwork and datawork etc"
- [Algorithms of Oppression](#), by Safiya Noble
- [The Code of Capital: How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality](#), by Katharina Pistor
- [The Cathedral and the Bazaar](#), by Eric Raymond
 - [*Critique of Raymond](#)

- **Documentaries:**

- "Check out the film [Coded Bias](#)"
- [All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace](#) is a BBC television documentary series by filmmaker Adam Curtis, where he argues that computers have failed to liberate humanity, and instead have "distorted and simplified our view of the world around us."
- Montreal AI Ethics Institute website: <https://montrealetics.ai>

- **Research papers/summaries:**

- [The Whiteness of AI Research Summary](#)
- "I recommend the paper: [Do artifacts have politics?](#) (Winner) Which discusses different ways of thinking about artifacts. In particular Engels thinks that political power is embedded in artifacts, not that we give power to artifacts. In other words tools determine and define power and social structures."
- **Mittelstadt, B. (2019). ["Principles alone cannot guarantee ethical AI."](#)**

- **Other:**

- [OCEANIS - Open Community for Ethics in Autonomous Systems](#)
- [First Nations ethics guide](#)
- "Kate Crawford's [recent conversation](#) with Ethan Zuckerman re: her forthcoming book Atlas of AI, where she raises the issue of actual costs

of AI solutions (which she says go on the vectors of earth - so ecological footprint, but also mining), data and people)”

- “Hippocratic License seems to be a right direction - <https://firstdonoharm.dev/>”
- Responsible [AI Guidelines](#) from AI Global, which included learnings from medical ethics

- **Contact:**

- Twitter handles of panel: [@ruchowdh](#), [@danitgal](#), [@klinovakatya](#), [@ambaonadventure](#), [@atg_abhishek](#), [@victoria_heath7](#)
- If you want to get in touch with panelist Rumman Chowdhury (founder of Parity), email her at rumman@getparity.ai. Parity is a scientifically rigorous AI/ML model assessment platform that generates algorithmic and process fairness, transparency and explainability by using patent-pending language processing technology to create customized risk strategies.
- Get in touch with panelist Amba Kak regarding her new lexicon project; they’ll be launching soon: amba@ainowinstitute.org, or [@ambaonadventure](#)
- Connect with Black Women In Artificial Intelligence on LinkedIn and Facebook. Twitter handle is [@blackwomeninai](#)
- Learn more about Katya’s AI and Shared Prosperity Initiative: partnershiponai.org/shared-prosperity
- [ForHumanity](#) is working on an audit similar to financial audits but for AI

Transcript

Geoffrey Rockwell coming in from Edmonton, AB

10:30 am

Hey, this is Dorothea from Zurich, Switzerland.

18:30

Hi my name is Oriana Medlicott I am tuning in from London UK :)

5:30 pm

Netherlands

6:30 pm

Hi, I'm Erika Del Carmen Fuchs from Toronto, ON

12:30:46 pm

Andra Keay, Silicon Valley :/

9:30 am

Jesse Dinneen, @ Humboldt-Uni in Berlin, DE. (Liebe Grüße)

18:31

Hannah Ballard from Montreal here

12:30 pm

Hello from Singapore!

1:30 am

Hi! My name is Grant Gilkerson in Cincinnati, Ohio

12:30 pm

Gaspard from Rotterdam, the Netherlands

6:30 pm

Jocelyn from Idaho

10:30 am

Aparna from India - so excited to see so many favourites!

23:00

Hey everyone, Ribhu here from New Delhi, India

23:01

Calvin Collins, Portland, OR

9:30 am

J Williams

Jutta Williams calling in from Princeton, NJ

12:30 pm

Maria Psilopoulou from Greece.

7:30 μ.μ.

Renjie Butalid

Renjie calling in from Toronto!

12:30 pm

David Justh in Austin, TX
11:30 am

Hello from Turkey!
20:31

Sujan Soosaithas from Montreal, Canada
12:31 pm

Hello from Atlanta, GA
12:31:03 pm

Vanessa Alarie, Montreal too!
12:31

Hello everyone! I am Brenda from Washington, DC US
12:31 pm

Farhad, coming in from Rensselaer, NY
12:31 pm

The Okanagan
9:34 am

Junhua from Finland!
下午7:31:05

lauren calling from Western Mass
5:31 pm

Roonak Rezvani, London UK
17:31

Camilo from France
18:31

Tyler L. Jaynes, Grad Student at Albany Medical College, joining from Salt Lake City
UT, USA
10:31 am

Fleur from Canada
12:31 pm

Jess Ogden in Exeter, UK
17:31

Also from Finland :D
7:31 pm

South Dakota
11:31 am

Teresa, from Brazil
14:31

New Jersey
12:31:33 pm

Monika Viktorova, Toronto
12:31 pm

Ken Bell, IEEE P7008
9:31 am

Pravi from Charlotte, NC
12:31 pm

Eugenio V Garcia, from Brazil, but connecting from Guinea
5:31 pm

Siva Mathiyazhagan
Siva Mathiyazhagan from Pennsylvania , USA
12:31 pm

Any chance that this is being recorded?
12:31:45 pm

I see people talking but I hear only Danit. Should I be able to hear others?
9:31 am
Sofía Trejo
Mexico City
11:31 am

Pittsburgh, PA, USA

12:31 pm

Victoria Heath

<https://montrealethics.ai/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/State-of-AI-Ethics-Oct-2020.pdf>

12:32 pm

Cambridge, uk

17:32

Gilles, in Montreal, Canada

12:32 pm

Gabriel from Montreal

12:32:28 pm

Cambridge, MA

12:32 pm

Kenny Chen

Greetings from Cambridge, MA

12:33 pm

I need to drop off early. Can I confirm that there will be a recording available?

12:33 pm

Mo (Producer)

Yes!

12:33 pm

Great, thanks.

12:33 pm

thx

7:35 pm

Itzel LH

Mexico City

11:37

As AI ethics and AI policy has expanded, it has subsumed other areas within (autonomous systems) - and that unfortunately impacts the priorities of discussion because different issues are surfacing at different times across the fields.

9:37 am

Oarabile Mudongo

How should the concept of machine consciousness influence approaches to AI governance?

7:38 pm

Mo (Producer)

Audience Q&A will be in the last 20-30 minutes! :)

12:39 pm

Yes the conversation on fairness and bias in AI has increased, but has there been a measurable impact on reduction of harm. There are people keeping lists of negative AI impacts that are growing rather than lessening

12:40

Agree that we need to bridge the gap between technologists and policymakers (leaders, politicians, parliamentarians) for interconnection between these two worlds for AI policymaking.

5:40 pm

hear hear Rumman

9:40 am

I encourage everyone to join OCEANIS - Open Community for Ethics in Autonomous Systems as a way to open doors. <https://ethicsstandards.org/>

9:40 am

OCEANIS yes

9:41 am

Yes, the standard for using the phrase 'responsible AI' is low: plenty of publications tagged as such simply by not being overtly IRRESPONSIBLE.

18:43

Also its very Eurocentric and North American focused

5:42 pm

Ethics frequently ends up as a claim of 'correctness' or a meeting of 'ethical standards' instead of an active choice to be ethical.

12:42:54 pm

The impact of algorithms going wrong is becoming more visible to the general impact, in the UK this was highlighted with school exam results by algorithms were biased

17:43:10

Got it! Thanks

12:43 pm

Glissant has an essay "On Opacity" about resisting being seen - that communities might want to be invisible to technologies like AI

10:43 am

the problem with 'invisibility' is that sadly invites the opposite, usually from, researchers. when you create a black box, someone will want to look inside.

12:44:41 pm

it might be we need a 'right to be forgotten/ignored' in Canada

12:45:22 pm

The 'AI and Robot Ethics UK' group on LinkedIn has over 400 members and hopefully extends interest in AI Ethics to a wider group. An attempt to build a wider community.

17:46

Indigenous communities have been fairly successful at forcing co-development of research and ownership of data - perhaps we can learn from them

10:46 am

+100 support indigenous community examples

9:47 am

Greetings from Dublin, Ireland. It has been extremely to get traction on AI and ethics because of politics, our funding structures, and commercialisation of higher education

17:47

Good Afternoon From Black Women In Artificial Intelligence

11:48 am

extremely difficult, sorry. There are people who do work in this arena, and good work, but getting the kind of synergy, support at higher levels of government and corporations, and other stakeholders is....depressing

17:48

Yes, many companies explicitly identifying the importance of AI ethics, but not addressing the issue at the hiring and human resources level

12:48

Ethical challenges exist without AI .

17:48:54

Can we develop projects for Collective AI - for example humane and empowering shift work for gig work (Andra Keay - Silicon Valley Robotics)

9:49 am

AI workers not just precarious, often well trained experts, e.g. translators, see the data they produce being used to automate their own profession without compensation.

17:49

First Nations ethics guide:

http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/fn_ethics_guide_on_research_and_atk.pdf

10:49 am

Yes, regulation is lacking behind the proliferation of guidelines

18:50

@Abishek - agree! If we spend all our time waiting to solve issues then we miss opportunity to actively create more positive structures/projects (Andra Keay)

9:50 am

We should stop talking about ethical AI system, we need ethical AI _organisations_

17:50

Thank you for sharing First Nations Ethics guide!

12:50 pm

How do we create a culture of ethics similar to medical ethics?

10:50 am

Hello (also from Dublin). To the person who commented on difficulty of getting traction on AI ethics there I work for Govt. & I agree.

17:50:59

Regulation is often behind the technology, but the first part is to sensitize policy makers regarding AI. A lot of them don't know much about this technology...

12:51 pm

and sometimes Anglocentric ;-)

11:51 a.m.

Person in Dublin - any way we can talk further? ::)

17:52

(unless we've already talked and given up :)

17:52

Rumman is the only one without sound

5:52 pm

Ireland/Dublin is very economically dependent of big internet firms so some fear of stepping of toes, but they have problems they need to solve - a barrier is the research collaboration arrangements needed to engage on sensitive topics without fear of reputational damage

17:53

"political pokemon" has entered my dictionary

9:53 am

Regulation is by its nature static and aimed at solving issues preposterously, which is in contrast with the dynamic and experimental nature of technology. A comprehensive framework of AI ethics cannot rest only on the shoulders of regulation, rather there should be a multicentric and dynamic governance structure that can follow the pace of technology.

12:54

Is there such a practice of "participatory AI"? I recently heard this term come up - participatory ML at a recent ML conference. But I want to know if/how this exists

12:54:49 pm

very much linked to this conversation is Kate Crawford's recent conversation with Ethan Zuckerman re: her forthcoming book Atlas of AI, where she raises the issue of

actual costs of AI solutions (which she says go on the vectors of earth - so ecological footprint, but also mining), data and people).

<https://publicinfrastructure.org/podcast/06-kate-crawford>. So pertaining to this a useful frame of talking about ethics in the context of AI is perhaps the lens of justice (see also data feminism and the NO manifesto). Because this allows us to ask why we are building these things, and if we are building from the premise of efficiency or we are building to make a more just world. (Katrin Tiidenberg, Tallinn University, Estonia)

7:54 pm

Also, let's face it- there is an elite AI oligarchy that makes their own rules because they own the majority of AI research/innovation. It's like trusting major banks to "self-regulate".

9:54 am

How can we find this overlooked work?

12:55 pm

My Twitter handle is dublin_kshankar.

17:55

could you point to ethics papers / articles from singapore, s. korea, japan ?

5:55 pm

one thing that AoIR did when they started their Internet Research Ethics group back in 2000, was provide a very clear set of links to all the national and subnational standards and ethical statements for research... compiling a large bibliography that is international makes it very clear that things are international

12:56:05 pm

Very good insight @danit

11:56 am

Hello: We are hunting for deployed examples of deployed "computational ethics."

Here is an example: <https://www.mediapost.com/publications/article/357998/>

12:56 pm

good insight @danit

12:56 pm

yess!! Thank you for mentioning Anglocentrism @ Danit.

11:56 a.m.

Nice point about context of different countries. How is AI ethics be shaped by different worldviews?

12:57 pm

Question for the panelists: What is the most impactful initiative you have been part of around Ethics and AI?

12:57 pm

For those interested in AI in different countries, Dovetail Labs did some great work on this

17:57

here again, people have presented quite a few different places, centralize and standardize the bibliography

12:58:14 pm

9:58 am

J Williams

I can scroll

12:58 pm

There are various standardization efforts towards the ethical compliance of AI powered products/services. Do you foresee if there will be consolidation efforts of these or there will be different schools of thoughts?

10:58 am

re Katya's argument that there isn't research ... Mary Gray's book Ghost Work and Sarah Robertson's book Behind the Screen are based on excellent ethnographic and anthropological work on the displacement of costs in clickwork and gigwork and datawork etc

7:59 pm

:) I will second your applications! (Andra Keay)

9:59 am

Why not work with organizations like UNESCO's IFAP program (Information for all) - that brings a very different set of actors together

10:59 am

Sarah Roberts not Sarah Robertson, sorry

7:59 pm

An international AI Ethics community should coordinate to work on problems of high social impact (and not necessarily try and influence national politics). Lead by example.

17:59

Raashi

Is there anyone here working towards detecting hate speech using ML systems?

23:29

Mexico is launching an AI transparency and explicability policy sandbox

11:59 am

Rumman Chowdhury

I have to hop!! It was lovely chatting and I wish I could stay! If anyone wants to be in touch i'm rumman@getparity.ai

12:00 pm

My question is who is in the room and who determines what are acceptable Ethics

12:01 pm

LOVE that point, Amba. That is one of the central things I am interested in

12:00:57 pm

Please be sure to connect with us at Black Women In Artificial Intelligence on LinkedIn and Facebook. Connect with us on Twitter @blackwomeninai

12:03 pm

Even with the mouse the scroll jumps back to end

10:03 am

Mo (Producer)

We will send a transcript of the chat to participants, BTW.

1:03 pm

Thanks, Mo

10:03 am

brilliant thank you :)

12:03 p.m.

Can you put the paper name in the chat, please?

10:03 am

can you share the link of the paper

1:03 pm

Thanks!

13:03

Abhishek Gupta (MAIEI)

<https://montrealetics.ai/the-whiteness-of-ai-research-summary/>

11:34 pm

I have seen that in a lot of AI for good groups it is an hard idea to combat

1:05 pm

Danit Gal

Why is it a hard idea to combat?

1:06 pm

Abhishek Gupta (MAIEI)

and for a lot of people, work also provides a great deal of meaning and community which we might not want to strip away by being paternalistic

11:36 pm

Freeing people from work is more paternalistic than capitalism which excludes people not working?

1:06 pm

There is not only income, but dignity in work.

07:06

Seeking live examples of computational ethics besides

<https://www.mediapost.com/publications/article/357998/>

1:07 pm

Thank you Katya. I have been having this issue a lot when in discussions around ai ethics. people are talking about how AI will deliver utopia to us, but i would argue that we already had everything we needed to create a utopia before AI, and ended up in late stage capitalism instead. Adding more tech to the mix will not change the underlying issue that we are not mentally/politically in a place to create that utopia.

~Sofia

1:08 pm

I'm interested in responsible AI beyond just the moral and social good perspective, but also an ROI perspective of having more realistic, accurate, representative algorithms and AI solutions.

10:09 am

well said Sofia

1:09 pm

its paternalistic in that it decides what is best without consulting those who would be impacted

10:09:09 am

Abhishek Gupta (MAIEI)

<https://montrealethics.ai/the-whiteness-of-ai-research-summary/>

11:39 pm

I like your sober analysis of universal abundance. Its dream land and a fantasy.

07:09

the myth that there is an algorithmic solution to AI ethics

1:09 pm

To a an extent i'm of the opinion that technology is never a solution, its a tool. and a tool can be a good or a bad thing, depends on the implementation and what its trying to do ~ Essa

9:10 pm

Whether it is paternalistic or not is neither here nor there, the future of work revolves about changing taxation systems (UBI) and the falicies in meritocracy

7:10 pm

The problem that we need to solve is how to do collective decision-making that is not driven by political or identity positions.

18:11

Good point Danit - social problems will not be solved by technology - they have their "root" in the human heart....

1:11 pm

Im with Danit. Be wary. Be suspicious.

07:11

The hype of technical determinism is an issue, but then what control do people have over innovation in the first place? There is no societal or global level way to direct innovation.

18:11

+1 Danit!!

1:12 pm

Well, it will bring utopia to the CEOs :)

18:12

I, for one, will not welcome our new robot overlords. :)

1:12 pm

Yes, companies should be "data driven" but CEOs lead with their "gut"/"intuition".

10:12 am

So now that it is here what do we do now to ensure that A.I. includes ethics

12:12 pm

Agree Essa, technology is a tool. Its good or bad effects are largely dependent on the design and intent of the technology.

1:13 pm

How about an independent seal of good AI (like "fair trade" coffee and organic foods)?

1:13 pm

yes. we will not have ethical ai til we have ethical labour laws

1:14 pm

CLAP :)

6:14 pm



12:13:57 pm

Sofía Trejo

I recommend the paper: Do artifacts have politics? (Winner) Which discusses different ways of thinking about artifacts. In particular Engels thinks that political power is embedded in artifacts, not that we give power to artifacts. In other words tools determine and define power and social structures.

12:14 pm

Check out the film Coded Bias

12:14 pm

Winner's book is good - Technology is not neutral...

1:14 pm

Education

18:15:06

What about the past of the discourse of the future - how much is this similar to the discussions in the 60s 70s about automation and leisure - deja vu all over (Geoffrey Rockwell)

11:15 am

The regulatory framework is not enough to ensure ethical in AI technology.

8:15 μ.μ.

indeed technology is not neutral

1:15 pm

Danit Gal

We show the ridiculously high error rate, every single time.

1:15 pm

CS and engineering education is crucial in teaching students that tech is not neutral.

1:15 pm

capital is coded

1:15 pm

Also Algorithms of Oppression by Safiya Noble

12:15 pm

Engineers need a liberal arts education!

1:15 pm

and empathy training

1:16 pm

Danit Gal

We all do.

1:16 pm

Abhishek Gupta (MAIEI)
Amen to what Danit said
11:46 pm

Katharina Pistor. "The Empire of Law" in *The Code of Capital: How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality*, Princeton University Press, 2019
1:16 pm

Whoever recommended the artifacts have politics by winner....THANK YOU! I think that's the first thing the so called instrumentalist technologists need to read.
23:45

What a great point Amba!!!!
1:16 pm

Amba Kak
Yes - participation theatre is a real risk Abhishek. I think that's the next key q for the critical AI community
23:48

How can AI be used to facilitate community engagement?
18:19

I agree = more focus on diversity and inclusion of underrepresented states and stakeholders of the Global South, which have been largely absent from most of the debate on AI governance taking place in North America, Europa and some countries in Asia.
6:19 pm

Will the UN come to the rescue?
6:19 pm

How do different religions and cultures find common ground in AI?
1:19 pm

The Global South is an emerging term, used by the World Bank and other organizations, identifying countries with one side of the underlying global North–South divide, the other side being the countries of the Global North.[1] As such the term does not inherently refer to a geographical south; for example, most of the Global South is actually within the Northern Hemisphere.[1] The term was first introduced as a more open and value free alternative to "Third World"[2] and similar

potentially "valuing" terms like developing countries. Countries of the Global South have been described as newly industrialized or in the process of industrializing, are largely considered by freedom indices to have lower-quality democracies, and frequently have a history of colonialism by Northern, often European states. The countries of Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, and Mexico have the largest populations and economies among Southern states.[3] The overwhelming majority of these countries are located in or near the tropics.

1:19 pm

wiki

1:19 pm

Governments have their own agenda

18:20:49

I would love to hear some potential solutions to these issues

12:21 pm

Agree with Danit - Its up to the AI Ethics community to lead by example (rather than try and persuade politicians).

18:21

+1 to sollutions

18:21

Sofía Trejo

Following the idea of technology as a political phenomenon. Considering AI needs computing power, data, etc. Do you consider AI can really be used as a tool which will not increase inequality?

12:21 pm

computational ethics

1:22 pm

Amba Kak

Collective/public v government interest can get conflated in a way that's hard to dismantle in policy spaces

23:52

Am deeply grateful to have been able to participate in this! Thank you

1:22:53 pm

Towards innovation democracy? Participation, responsibility and precaution in innovation governance - Andy Stirling

18:23

Give people a proper ownership share in their data, AI can't work without it, but once companies have it, barring some data protection rights, they can do what they want with it because no-one owns it. Give people legal recognition of their share and enable them to collectivise and organise - companies will soon listen to their representatives if they have their hand on the flow of data - No Datafication without Representation!!

18:23

Access, Engagement, Empowerment - Go beyond a seat at the table and include authority.

12:24 pm

opensource for algorithms and transparency for data.

10:24:49 am

Danit Gal

IP is not king.

1:24 pm

how do the panelists feel about digital global goods and how they might contribute to a more "open" approach to decision systems?

1:25 pm

AI Commons i think is coming in to try and fill that gap

9:24 pm

and include authority

12:25 pm

IP is king for capitalists

1:25 pm

Focus the international AI Ethics community on solving problems of high social impact.

18:25

Ersie Kalomoiri

Virtue ethics and care ethics could be quite useful ethical frameworks that could contribute to AI ethics. We can not rely only on principles and standards, and of course AI ethics by design.

8:25 pm

As an EU citizen, I'm glad there is data localization, it protects my data from the sad state of US regulation. Is that bad?

7:25 pm

An ethics review needs to be completed prior to deployment

12:25 pm

Also the problem of race to the bottom = governments and private companies may push even harder for rapid AI development, regardless of considerations based upon law, ethics, safety, or security.

6:25 pm

Hippocratic License seems to be a right direction - <https://firstdonoharm.dev/>

6:26 pm

"with many eyes ethical problems are more shallow" (to paraphrase Eric Raymond) :)

1:26 pm

Data and algorithms have huge monetary value so governments and corporations will want to control

18:26:31

Is there not an issues with open source is that unless governments have global regulations then AI development will be uneven because not everyone will be following the same model, how can this be operationalised exactly?

18:27

Danit Gal

Was just thinking about this timeless sentence. Encryption is such an important model for this

1:27 pm

Any thoughts on the AI Rights movement? Like, in how a lack of legal personality for AI might negatively impact the rights of patients with assistive bionic prosthetics that rely on self-learning architectures? --Tyler L. Jaynes, Albany Medical College

11:27 am

If you look at the OECD and anti-corruption, there is a peer review mechanism which forces member states to implement changes, CFPOA for Canada has been improved due to scrutiny

1:27 pm

Although I agree that open source is an essential part of the solution, but it's not a magic wand...

7:27 pm

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/writings/cathedral-bazaar/>

1:27 pm

Danit Gal

Agreed. Very far from magic wand!

1:27 pm

Thank you -- I have to jump on another call. Thank you so much.

1:28:08 pm

I've contributed to a wildly growing open source library (privacy preserving AI)- the founder (himself a white male funded by TWO of the top companies in the AI world, one of which is not known for respecting privacy whatsoever), is open about loving the open source model because his library has now essentially been "built by thousands of people from the global south for free". I anticipate that this will be "acquired" by one of the sponsoring companies in the not-so-distant future.... with no value accruing to those in the "global south" that built the product.

10:28 am

Doesn't the GPL v3 ensure that free software remains free?

1:28 pm

An open source development, addressing a significant problem, to demonstrate AI principles in practice seems like a good idea.

18:30

That's what the AI Commons is currently piloting, open source AI for social challenges

9:30 pm

At the end of the day, software is a human activity, with all the opportunities and challenges which that includes...

1:31 pm

They currently running it in 3 African countries

9:31 pm

Danit Gal

It's a good idea to be pursued in parallel with other good ideas

1:31 pm

Expanding on the the questions about implementation: Do the panelists have thoughts about the reality of practicing AI ethics, on the ground, in private industry? In my experience, when revenue and other business metrics are in the room, ethics are performed (“we had a discussion about potential harms, so we’ve done ethics”), rather than truly, impactfully practiced. For context, people in my role (UX-adjacent) are often expected to be the “ethical voices” in the room, which is frankly exhausting and unsustainable — and if we push for trying to measure potential harms, for example, we’re told can’t do this in order to maintain legal-ish “plausible deniability” (which also keeps the idea harms conveniently theoretical).

12:31 pm

Raymond is a problematic figure

<https://www.linux-magazine.com/Online/Blogs/Off-the-Beat-Bruce-Byfield-s-Blog/The-Divide-and-Conquer-of-Eric-S.-Raymond>

11:31 am

Perhaps, but you roll the tech developed into a "platform" which is not open source (but was probably the whole point of the effort to begin with), leaving the community with an open source library while you collect the windfall from the platform and develop it privately from that point. At that point, the free labor aspect becomes more apparent. I was taken aback by the "developed by thousands of people for free in the global south" (quote).

10:31 am

re: having your free labour acquired: 1. that is awful but yes, it is very true that so much of this work just gets absorbed into the machine and 2. i have actually had a similar thought regarding MAIE as i have now participated in many of their workgroups and had things ai said noted down and even been told "i am having a meeting with experts soon and will bring that up" and was left feeling a bit ripped off.

1:31 pm

A senior Govt figure has asked me for a recommendation for a ‘ladybird’-style guide to AI & current issues (not focused specifically on ethics). He doesn’t have much time

& it's a good opportunity to engage someone with influence in this space. Grateful for any suggestions!

18:32:20

in CanadaÉ

1:32 pm

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1:32 pm

Victoria Heath

Sounds interesting! Let us know to get in touch with you! 🖱

1:33 pm

Greetings from southwest Spain

19:33

Would love to participate in that!!!

7:33 pm

sounds interesting

12:33 pm

Do the presenters have twitter handles

12:33 pm

@ruchowdh @ambaonadventure @klinovakaty @danitgal @victoria_heath7
@atg_abhishek

1:34 pm

Amba Kak

amba@ainowinstitute.org and @ambaonadventure on twitter :) Please do get in touch re: the new lexicon project. We'll be launching very soon

00:04

Katya Klinova

partnershiponai.org/shared-prosperity

10:34 am

Amba Kak

Danit, then I will be in touch too!!

00:04

Thanks for the Twitter handles

12:35 pm

Danit Gal

Perfect Amba - big fan since Oii ;)

1:35 pm

Katya Klinova

katya@partnershiponai.org

10:37 am

Are you not just talk about the EU?

18:38

Awesome thanks @Karen

12:38 pm

The Institutional Research Broad in Medicine and bioethics has some serious shortcomings...

1:38 pm

Agreed with Danit!

1:38 pm

perhaps a "Hippocratic Oath" for AI people :)

1:38 pm

but AI engineers don't need to be licensed to practice and probably never will be

18:38

The virtuous AI reseacher! Too good to be true!

1:38 pm

with pleasure.. JEDI (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion is embedded in my work/framework...

1:38 pm

I work in pharma, we are a long way from having a "FDA" type of setup. It would also not be suitable to address AI challenges.

1:38 pm

We've published a Guideline on this at AI Global learning from medical ethics
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lfEW_Gefj3h_DzeoDW9ysO4z__Nzkw8arKbWuK6KHY/edit#heading=h.53vds2roxpjl

1:38 pm

Hippocratic License - <https://firstdonoharm.dev/>

6:39 pm

Reputation and ROI may be stronger incentives.

10:39 am

If anyone is curious about the Guideline or other bioethics/AI ethics work-
@mviktoro on twitter :)

1:39 pm

Thank you ! ^

1:39 pm

There is more to medical ethics than the FDA - it may not be perfect, but it is a
mature culture of ethics

11:39 am

We need to go beyond a Hippocratic Oath, but perhaps its a step in increasing
awareness for new grads.... Engineering ethics is another exemplar.

1:39 pm

is working on an audit similar to financial audits but for AI

10:39 am

See Mittelstadt, B. (2019). "Principles alone cannot guarantee ethical AI." Nature
Machine Intelligence 1: 501-507.

11:39 am

My message got split in two. repasting in one: ForHumanity:

<https://www.forhumanity.center/> is working on an audit similar to financial audits
but for AI

10:40 am

Sofía Trejo

Bioethics has some useful ideas. i.e. considering humanity as part of the world. I think the environment and other species are not considered enough in the debate around AI ethics, and they should!

12:40 pm

Great Conversation. Thanks.

12:40 pm

perhaps if engineers had to do more ethics training it would not slip away so quickly?

1:40 pm

An oath or list of principles is also not a culture of ethics - these are false comparisons

11:41 am

Danit Gal

+100

1:41 pm

Sofía, my bioethics MA at NYU is how I got interested in AI in the first place. -Charlie Peterson

12:41:06 pm

If anybody wants to get involved or has any questions about ForHumanity's mission or approach feel free to connect and reach out to me:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/casandrarusti/>

10:41 am

There's an emerging AI audit ecosystem- this is going to likely devolve into companies either not seeing any value in paying for an audit OR they pay for whatever audit they will pass (like audited financial statements where the auditor's payment comes from the company being audited- not a good incentive for rigor)

10:42 am

@Sofia i am also very much looking into what can be learned from bioethics (applied ethics more largely especially Ethics of care) let me know if you'd ever like to chat! ~ Sofia Stancioff [sstancioff@gmail.com](mailto:ssancioff@gmail.com)

1:42 pm

The EU also has a precautionary approach to innovation

18:42

Sofía Trejo

Charlie Peterson, I would love to read your work. I didn't know people could see my name hahah. here is my contact:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sof%C3%ADa-trejo-9559b918b/>

12:43 pm

@Sofia I'm very interested in how ethics of care and decoloniality can influence AI Ethics! I'd love to be added to the discussion ! feel free to email me :)

lilia.brahimi@mail.mcgill.ca

1:44 pm

If anybody wants to get involved China AI governance associated with UX approaches. Please feel free to connect and reach out to me:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/joshuahsiao/>

1:44 pm

@lilia awesome! (i hope i am the Sofia you were referring to lol)

1:45 pm

Hi thanks for the the amazing discussion! I have been grappling with this idea of evaluating the ethics of AI. Since context can be different, and with the issues of faithfulness and transparency of models, what are even the qualitative ways to even start the evaluation process? This is without even getting into the ideal vs non-ideal perspectives from the Fazelpour and Lipton paper ~Ribhu

00:16

requirements around openness and transparency will be key drivers for accountability

1:46 pm

Thank you everyone for sharing your expertise! If you're someone who's interested in public health ethics and AI ethics in the context of healthcare, feel free to connect I'd love to hear about your vision and your background! :)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/liliabrahimi/>

1:46 pm

Agree - I see a rich and diverse field of researchers and advocates - with a LOT of women!

10:47 am

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1:47 pm

Transparency is the key.

8:47 μ.μ.

@Sofía, my work is still developing. I am a high school physics teacher trying to find a new niche in public education about AI -Charlie

12:47:23 pm

What are some organizations specifically supporting employees focused on AI Ethics?

1:47:49 pm

But request sent!

12:47:33 pm

I'd like to see better dialogue between social scientists/academics and the business community, especially business schools

10:48 am

What does the history of ethics have to teach us? Is this really so new?

11:48 am

great question, is AI Ethics a new kind of ethics?

19:49

Also raising awareness on AI Ethics among low skilled adults in southwest Spain!

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/aromancasas/>

19:48

Thank you for such a rich and engaging discussion of AI ethics in various contexts. I am delighted that I discovered your event. announcement and was able to attend. I look forward to attending future events.

1:49 pm

i really like the idea of pressure testing a system

1:50 pm

Danit Gal

Robustness for the win!

1:50 pm

Thank you so much to all the panelists for such an engaging discussion!
Exceptionally insightful. Best regards, Vibhav Mithal
12:20 am

About the use of AI as an aid to or a replacement for human judgement and decision-making = is it OK to give machines unlimited power? Should we try to set limits and draw the line somewhere?
6:51 pm

Katya Klinova
<https://www.partnershiponai.org/aiincidentdatabase/>
10:51 am

Thanks so much for this opportunity. Very promising and inspiring all speeches.
8:51 μ.μ.

Just because an AI/ML algorithm works "perfectly," doesn't mean that it's beneficial for everyone. Sometimes, when these systems work "perfectly," they're even scarier.
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dangorman1/>
1:52 pm

Disagree. if you start by looking at the technical you will always be chasing the human.
1:52 pm

Calling out mis-use and harms is a good way of illustrating principles.
18:53

AI ethics is not new ethics. But it brings together many different fields, which is what makes it complicated. Re: what to learn from ethics history - ethical principles is essentially Natural Law, and to protect society, groups and individuals you need Legal Positivism, which adds nitty-gritty legal stuff (but is also not perfect, obviously)
7:53 pm

Sofía Trejo
@Chalie, I believe public understanding of Technology is CORE to this topic. I have been working on that issue for a while, mainly by giving talks everywhere I get given the chance.
12:53 pm

ahaha, reminds me of All watched over (adam curtis) : the issue isn't that there is not enough data, the issue is your machine is built on a false premise

1:53 pm

Thank you so much for the answer. It was super helpful and will definitely put it into practice :D ~Ribhu

00:24

+1 @danit

6:54 pm

Great:) because I've missed the first 40 mins...

20:55

@Sofia, that is encouraging to hear! Teaching is really what I'm best at. I'm looking at writing a book that synthesizes the work of all these experts in a digestible way for a public audience. Especially an audience that might be skeptical about the necessity for redistribution not just tech fixes. - CP

12:55:25 pm

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/charlie-peterson-73b8bb97/>

12:56:00 pm

but cp2812@nyu.edu is better - or twitter :)

12:56:11 pm

@ Katya any UX association related?

1:56 pm

Katya Klinova

Partnership on AI - a place to connect not only for UX researchers but everyone interested

10:58 am

@Abhishek, how can one be more involved with the maiei?

1:58 pm

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/maxlever/>

1:59 pm

@ Katya Thanks.

1:59 pm

chop up the table, use it for kindling, light a fire that keeps a community warm

1:59 pm

@Amba, great perspectives

1:59 pm

Katya Klinova

+1

10:59 am

Danit Gal

Amen.

2:00 pm

Amen!

8:00 pm

Yes Amba!! we need to adress so many issues to adress ai ethics

2:00 pm

Amen!

2:00 pm

Thank you everyone for sharing your expertise!

9:01 μ.μ.

<https://robotethics.co.uk/linkedin/>

19:01

Thank you everyone!

2:01 pm

Thanks to all the speakers (and commenters) Bye from Alberta

12:01 pm

Amba Kak

This was an uplifting conversation with allies - thank you team for organizing :)

00:31

Thanks!

7:01 pm



1:01:08 pm

Thank you!

2:01 pm

Great conversation. Thanks everyone!

2:01 pm

Thank you,

8:01 am

Thank you, excellent discussion!

7:01 pm

Thank you everyone!

12:01 pm

Thank you!

14:05

Can we access the chat itself later?

11:01 am

thanks a lot!

2:01 pm

thanks all!

19:01

thank you!

2:01 pm

thank you!

20:01

Thanks everyone and MAIEI for organizing!

00:32

Thank you for the discussion!

2:01:47 pm

thank all panelists!!!

2:01 pm

Thank you! would love to connect with anyone wanting to keep chatting!
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/maxlever/>
2:01 pm

Danit Gal
Thank you for a great panel and comments!
2:01 pm

Abhishek Gupta (MAIEI)
<https://montrealetics.ai>
12:31 am

Thanks, all! Excellent discussion
2:01 pm

thank you
9:01 pm
Sofía Trejo
Gracias!
1:02 pm

Kenny Chen
Thank you for a wonderful discussion!
2:01 pm

would be great to share the chat transcript if possible! it was hard to follow at the same time with watching the discussion
11:02 am

Thank you all, this was excellent!
11:02 am

Thanks everyone for this great discussion!
20:02

Thank you
2:02 pm

Thank you! It was such an enlightening session
00:32
Mo (Producer)

Transcript of chat will be sent, along with recording of the panel!

2:02 pm

Thank you to all Panelists--you were great!!!

2:02 pm



8:02 pm

everyone should sign up for the newsletter!! excellent work Abhishek!!! thanks to all the panelist! :)

8:02 pm



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Thank you!

20:02