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Time

Gather at 12.30pm Presentation from 12.40pm - 2pm

Venue

Room 131 | Tata Innovation Center Cornell Tech | Roosevelt Island Speaker

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Biography

Elizabeth O'Neill is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Eindhoven University of Technology, in the Netherlands. She completed her PhD in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Pittsburgh in 2015. Before that, she studied history and biology as an undergraduate at Brown University. Her current research interests lie primarily in moral epistemology, moral psychology, and applied ethics. Within applied ethics, Elizabeth's main interests are in data science ethics and ethical Al.

Abstract

A number of philosophers and computer scientists have begun to seriously entertain the idea that AI systems capable of some form of ethical reasoning could be on the horizon. Such AI could come in the near-term in a form resembling current decision support systems or, in the more distant future, in the form of artificial general intelligence. Either form of AI could conceivably function as an ethics advisor, supplying recommendations and guidance to humans on day-to-day moral questions. Their advice might be grounded on an individual's core values and normative beliefs or on other sources, such as information about shared societal norms and values. This talk examines some of the new types of ethical risks and questions that use of artificial ethics advisors might introduce.