

‘The Social, Moral and Political Impact of Virtual Technology’ – Conference Programme

Online event, hosted by the Instituto de Filosofía, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.

All times are Chilean (GMT-3).

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Friday 22nd January 2021

10:00-10:30: Introduction.

10:30-11:15: Alfonso Ballesteros (Universidad Miguel Hernández, Elche, Spain), ‘Digitocracy and its Subjects: the Rise of Animal Digitalis’.

11:15-12:00: Matías Quer (Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile), ‘New Digital Technologies: Between Crypto-Anarchism and New Totalitarianism’.

12:45-13:30: Michael Barnes (University of Oklahoma, US), ‘The Promise and Peril of Bringing Speech Act Theory Online’.

13:30-14:15: Cassie Finley (University of Iowa, US), ‘Assigning Moral Responsibility in Adversarial Attacks on AI’.

14:15-15:00: TQ George (University of Iowa, US), ‘Pseudo-Good Robots Are Good Enough’.

15:45-16:30: Sarra Bouabdeli (University of Reading, UK), ‘VR as an Empathy and Prosocial Behaviour Machine’.

16:30-17:15: Claire Benn (The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia), ‘The Sympathy Machine: Virtual Reality and Ethical Enhancement’.

17:15-18:00: Rachel Taylor-Fergusson (University of Calgary, Canada), ‘Environmental Sustainability and Virtual Reality’.

Saturday 23rd January

10:00-10:45: Nicola Liberati (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China), ‘MR and Smart Textiles: A Phenomenological Approach to the Change in Identity and Emotions Through Digital Devices’.

10:45-11:30: Kylie Musolf (George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, US), ‘Bitcoin: A Marxian Analysis’.

12:00-12:45: Yonathan Listik (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), ‘Technology and Political Stupidity’.

12:45-13:30: Spencer Ivy (University of Utah, US), ‘Responsible Automation in the Digital Age’.

13:30-14:15: Leandro De Brasi (King’s College London, UK) and Claudio Gutierrez (Universidad de Chile, Santiago), ‘Democratic Deliberation in the Virtual World’.

15:00-15:45: Daniel O’Shiel (Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile), ‘Imaginary and Real Engagement: Social Media and Activism’.

15:45-16:30: Kenneth Merrill (Independent Scholar, California, US), ‘Going Into Nearness: Heidegger’s Move From Technological Autonomy to Ontological Freedom’.

16:45-18:00: Round up and final discussion.