

A-day Virtual Colloquium On

AI ETHICS IN AFRICA

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Description

In recent years, there has been a rapid development in Artificial intelligence (AI). Some of these developments include smartphones, factory arms, autonomous cars, AI wristwatches, ChatGPT4, griefbots, robot surgeons, and robot lawyers. This rapid development raises various concerns, one of which is the ethical concern of how to design AI in such a way that it would not pose a danger to humanity or exacerbate the suffering of nonhuman animals in the context of factory farms. Much of the literature written on AI ethics has focused mainly on Western ethical perspectives, thereby making the discourse on the ethics of AI largely one-sided. However, one finds relatively little contributing to the discourse on AI from African ethical perspectives. The aim of this colloquium is not only to interrogate AI ethics but also to emphasize the importance of African moral values in formulating novel principles for developing ethically permissible AI. This colloquium presents a unique and crucial opportunity for scholars to contribute to the discourse on AI ethics from African perspectives.

Submissions should address (but should not be limited to) the following themes:

- Decoloniality and the ethics of AI
- Afro-communitarianism and AI ethics
- Ethical AI and personhood
- Ubuntu and griefbot
- Deepfake bot and African ethics
- Conversational AI
- AI and African theories of meaning in life
- AI ethics and religion
- AI ethics and law
- AI ethics and global governance

Submission Guidelines

Interested speakers should submit a 300-word abstract suitable for a 20-30 minute presentation to Amaraesther35@gmail.com on/before June 30, 2024, 11:49 pm South African Time. Notification of acceptance will be sent on/before July 10, 2024. Once the abstract is accepted, speakers are encouraged to develop it into a full paper to be submitted by October 30, 2024. This will allow time for review and subsequent publication by December 2024. Submissions should be written in English and original (not plagiarized or published or under consideration elsewhere).

The colloquium will be recorded and uploaded to the Conversational School of Philosophy YouTube channel for educational purposes. By submitting an abstract and presenting at this colloquium, speakers accept that we may record and upload their lectures for educational purposes.