



International workshop



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From Human to Posthuman? Ethical Inquiry

The workshop will use the imagery of Sci-Fi stories as a way to explore the ethical issues regarding radical enhancement (enhancing to a point as to becoming something ontologically different).

January 29-31, 2018 (starting at 9am)
Collegium Helveticum
Schmelzbergstrasse 25
8092 Zürich

Speakers - Nick Agar, Michael Hauskeller, Marcello Ienca, Nicole Vincent, Andy Miah, Johann Roduit, Simon Spiegel, Vincent Menuz, Maurizio Caon, Thomas Philbeck, David Doat, Lars Schmeink, Effy Vayena, Gerry Canavan, Vanessa Rampton

Please register by email to johann.roduit@ethik.uzh.ch before January 10, 2018 with name, title and affiliation. Limited number of participants. There is no registration fee.

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Program (draft)

Day 1- Jan 29, 2018

9am	Intro & Welcome: Dr. Johann Roduit & Dr. Simon Spiegel
9.30-10.20	1) Prof. Nick Agar (Philosophy, University of Wellington): The Limitations of Radical Enhancement in <i>Body Snatching</i> , with reference to <i>Invasion of the Body Snatchers</i> (1956: Don Siegel)
10:20-11.10	2) Prof. Michael Hauskeller (Philosophy, University of Liverpool): Disposable Bodies and Wandering Souls.
11.10-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.20	3) Dr. Marcello Ienca (Bioethics, ETHZ). Human-machine interaction and the prospect of extended humans, with reference to the <i>Six Million Dollar Man</i> (1973: Richard Irving)
12.20-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.10	4) Dr. Nicole Vincent (Philosophy, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia). Moral enhancement and moral perfection in Stanley Kubrick's ' <i>A Clockwork Orange</i> '
14.10- 15.00	5) Prof. Andy Miah (Bioethics, Future Media, Salford University). The Unimagined Cyborg, in reference to <i>Ghost in the Shell</i> (2017: Rupert Sanders)
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 16h30	6) Dr. Johann Roduit (Bioethics, University of Zurich). Outsourcing our moral decisions to machines: ethical inquiry, with reference to <i>Minority Report</i> (2002: Spielberg)
17h00- 19h00	Dinner
19h30	Launch of the 502001.CH initiative Dr. Johann Roduit . <i>Presentation of the 502001.CH initiative</i> Dr. Simon Spiegel (Film Studies, University of Zurich). <i>Commentary on the movie</i>
	Movie night: <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> . (1986: Stanley Kubrick) 142 min



Day 2 - Jan 30, 2018

9am	Intro and coffee
9.30-10.20	7) Dr. Vincent Menuz (Bioethics, University of Zurich) / Dr. Maurizio Caon (Computer Science, NeoHumanitas/University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland): Enhancing towards the Börg? From the Last Common Ancestor to the Last Universal Descendant, with reference to <i>Star Trek</i> (1966: Gene Roddenberry)
10:20-11.10	8) Prof Bengt Kayser (Sports, University of Lausanne). Refusing augmented sport? With reference to <i>Rollerball</i> , <i>Blade Runner</i> , <i>Tron</i> , and <i>Gattaca</i>
11.10-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.20	9) Dr. Thomas Philbeck (Philosophy, WEF, Geneva), The technopolitics of enhancement in the work in <i>Gattaca</i> (1997: Andrew Niccol)
12.20-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.10	10) Dr. David Doat (Bioethics, ETHICS EA-7446, Lille Catholic University, France), To enhance: a critical posthumanistic disability studies perspective, with reference to <i>Limbo</i> (1952: Bernard Wolfe).
14.10- 15.00	11) Prof. Lars Schmeink (Media, Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg). A New World Order: A Posthuman Future ,Without Us' in <i>The Girl with All the Gifts</i>
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 16h30	12) Prof. Effy Vayena (Bioethics, ETHZ). Big Data Ethics and <i>Her</i> (2013: Spike Jonze)
17h30- 20.00	Tour of Zurich + Swiss traditional dinner



Day 3 - Jan 31, 2018

9am	Intro and coffee
9.30-10.20	13) Prof. Gerry Canavan (Literature, Marquette University). The Horrible Anticipation of an Imminent Smash: Posthumanity in the Anthropocene in <i>The Time Machine</i> (1960) and <i>The Time Machine</i> (2002)
10:20-11.10	14) Dr. Michele Loi (Philosophy, University of Zurich). Moral Enhancement through AI, with reference to <i>Robocop</i> and <i>Pinocchio</i> .
11.10-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.20	15) Johannes Katsarov (Center for Ethics, University of Zurich). Social Enhancement – An Alternative to Moral Education or a Pathway to Ruthless Manipulation; building on the video game <i>Deus Ex: Human Revolution</i> (2011, Eidos Montreal, Feral Interactive, Straight Right)
12.20-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.10	16) PhD cand. Johnny McDonald (University of Wellington). Enhancements and Limits, Does the <i>Matrix</i> also have limitation?
14.10-15.00	17) TBA
15.30 -16.30	18) Closing Panel : Nick Agar, Michael Hauskeller, Nicole Vincent, Andy Miah Chair: Dr. Vanessa Rampton (ETHZ)
16:30-17.00	Conclusion