Research Seminar

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Abstract

From the introduction of clinical bioethics in the 1970s to the current wave of neuroethics and AI ethics scholarship, the importance of the professional philosopher in society seems to be growing. In spite of this, industry, funding agencies, and other actors boldly promote emerging technologies and newly imagined futures for humans, seemingly unaffected by the expert concerns of ethicists. Presenting recent findings on the ethics of brain-computer interfaces and of organoids, I argue that we—philosophers and technology researchers alike—must take collective imagination more seriously and leverage interdisciplinary methods for its evaluation.

Biography

Matthew Sample is a philosopher of science and technology. His research maps the interactions between ethical ideals, emerging technologies, and democratic governance. Formerly a fellow at the Harvard Program on Science, Technology and Society, he is currently leading interdisciplinary research on the ethics of brain-computer interfaces at the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal and McGill University.

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