



## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM (PRELIMINARY)**

### **Existential Threats and Other Disasters: Novel (Bio)ethical Solutions for Novel Challenges**

Reid Hall, Paris · 11–12 June 2026

#### **DAY 1**

**09:15–10:00**

Opening Remarks

Vojin Rakić • Vardit Ravitsky • Robert L. Klitzman • Roger Y. Chung • invited guests

#### **PLENARY KEYNOTES**

**10:00–11:45**

Each keynote session will be chaired by an assigned moderator, who will introduce the speakers and coordinate the discussion.

**10:00–10:15** Ingmar Persson – The Growing Mismatch between Our Moral Psychology and Our Technological Power

**10:15–10:20** Discussion

**10:20–10:35** Nicholas Agar – How Future Humanities Could Meet the Challenges of all Humans

**10:35–10:40** Discussion

**10:40–10:55** Toby Ord – Progress and Existential Risk

**10:55–11:00** Discussion

**11:00–11:45**

**General Discussion**

**11:45–12:00**

**Coffee Break**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 1**

**12:00–13:15**

**ROOM 1**

**SESSION 1.1 – Moral Enhancement, Political Order, and Ethics of Global Crisis**

**12:00–12:10** Rebecca Brendel – Bioethics and Moral Leadership in Challenging Times

**12:10–12:15** Discussion

**12:15–12:25** Ingemar Patrick Linden – Should We Accept Death or Fight It?

**12:25–12:30** Discussion

**12:30–12:40** Marie-Kristin Resch – Moral Enhancement – A Remedy for Democratic Regression?

**12:40–12:45** Discussion

**12:45–12:55** Jonathan H. Marks – Toward an Ethics of the Polycrisis (Climate Violence, War, Pandemics, and Beyond)

**12:55–13:00** Discussion

**13:00–13:15**

**General Discussion**

**ROOM 2**

**SESSION 2.1 – Climate Justice and the Ethics of Crisis Governance and Political Transformation**

**12:00–12:10** Josep Recasens Subias – Conditional Protection for Climate Disasters

**12:10–12:15** Discussion

**12:15–12:25** Kyle Ferguson – Wild Animals and the Ethics of Assisting Climate Adaptation

**12:25–12:30** Discussion

**12:30–12:40** Erin Paquette – Rethinking Bioethical Paradigms: A Systems Approach to Responsibility, Inclusivity and Justice

**12:40–12:45** Discussion

**12:45–12:55** Daniel Lee – The Promise of Moral Bioenhancement and the Implementation Challenge of Pathocracy

**12:55–13:00** Discussion

**13:00–13:10** Cathy Lively – Adapting Without Capitulating: Novel Bioethical Threats and the Limits of Acceptance

**13:10–13:15** Discussion

**13:15–15:00**

**Lunch Break**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 2**

**15:00–16:00**

**ROOM 1**

**SESSION 1.2 – AI as a Social Actor: Representation, Power, and Pedagogy**

**15:00–15:10** Aleksandra E. Kornienko – A billion “quasi-persons”: the unseen social transformation by conversational AI

**15:10–15:15** Discussion

**15:15–15:25** Ana Maria Ganev – Teaching Ethics in Apocalyptic Times

**15:25–15:30** Discussion

**15:30–15:40** Christy L. Cummings – From Conversations to Codes

**15:40–15:45** Discussion

**15:45–15:55** Taylor B. Harrison – Abrupt Decentralization and Risks to Clinical Research

**15:55–16:00** Discussion

## **ROOM 2**

### **SESSION 2.2 – Vulnerability, Migration, and Institutional Ethics**

**15:00–15:10** Katherine R. Peeler – Bioethical Underpinnings in U.S. Policies Affecting the Health of Asylum-Seekers

**15:10–15:15** Discussion

**15:15–15:25** Alexis Walker – Existential Threat Discourses, Collective Organizing, and University Futures

**15:25–15:30** Discussion

**15:30–15:40** Mario Ruiz Serrano – Biopolitical Prelude to the End of Conscious Alienation

**15:40–15:45** Discussion

**15:45–15:55** Romina Rekers – Moral Preparedness for Health Emergencies through Transdisciplinary Reflective Equilibrium

**15:55–16:00** Discussion

## **PARALLEL SESSIONS 3**

**16:00–17:00**

### **ROOM 1**

#### **SESSION 1.3 – AI in Clinical Practice: Empathy, Transparency, and Decision-Making**

**16:00–16:10** Karola Kreitmair – The Perils of 'Empathic AI' in Health Care

**16:10–16:15** Discussion

**16:15–16:25** Mary Lou Gaeta – Informed Consent in the Age of AI

**16:25–16:30** Discussion

**16:30–16:40** Ursula Francis – Clinical Ethics: The Province of Man or Machine?

**16:40–16:45** Discussion

**16:45–16:55** Beatriz Desanti de Oliveira – How Good is Good Enough: The Deployment of Substandard Algorithms in Early Pandemic Settings

**16:55–17:00** Discussion

### **ROOM 2**

#### **SESSION 2.3 – Healthcare Ethics under Crisis and Vulnerability**

**16:00–16:10** Olga Vinogradova – Challenges Experienced by Healthcare Professionals during COVID-19

**16:10–16:15** Discussion

**16:15–16:25** Željka Buturović – Ectogenesis as Existential Threat

**16:25–16:30** Discussion

**16:30–16:40** Rebecca Walker – One Health One Ethic?

**16:40–16:45** Discussion

**16:45–16:55** Kyle C.H. Hui – The Art of Dying

**16:55–17:00** Discussion

## **DAY 2**

### **PLENARY KEYNOTES**

**09:00–10:45**

Each keynote session will be chaired by an assigned moderator, who will introduce the speakers and coordinate the discussion.

**09:00–09:15** Julian Savulescu (online) – Ethics of Polygenic Editing of Embryos

**09:15–09:20** Discussion

**09:20–09:35** Arthur Caplan (online) – Research Ethics for a World Facing Existential Risks

**09:35–09:40** Discussion

**09:40–09:55** Anders Sandberg – Hinges of History and of Technology

**09:55–10:00** Discussion

**10:00–10:15** James Hughes – Global Citizenship: New World DisOrder and the Moral Case for Post-Nationalism

**10:15–10:20** Discussion

**10:20–10:45**

### **General Discussion**

**10:45–11:00**

**Coffee Break**

### **PARALLEL SESSIONS 4**

**11:00–12:00**

**ROOM 1**

## **SESSION 1.4 – Genome Editing: Biodiversity and Social Consensus**

**11:00–11:10** Oliver Feeney – Germline Genome Editing & Calls for Consensus

**11:10–11:15** Discussion

**11:15–11:25** Blessing T. Adewuyi – Germline Genome Editing as an Existential Threat to Biological Diversity

**11:25–11:30** Discussion

**11:30–11:40** Junji Kayukawa – Ethical Issues Surrounding the “Trio Genome Study”

**11:40–11:45** Discussion

**11:45–11:55** Nikolaos Kolisis – Justifiably Threatened?

**11:55–12:00** Discussion

## **ROOM 2**

### **SESSION 2.4 – Beyond Human: Life, Emergence, and the Future of Ethics**

**11:00–11:10** Ana Katić – Emergence and the Limits of Modelling Life

**11:10–11:15** Discussion

**11:15–11:25** Sergei Shevchenko – The Double Edge of Biological Multirealizability

**11:25–11:30** Discussion

**11:30–11:40** Kristien Hens & Franlu Vulliermet – Thinking with Cable Bacteria

**11:40–11:45** Discussion

**11:45–12:00** General Discussion

**12:00–14:00**

**Lunch Break**

## **PARALLEL SESSIONS 5**

**14:00–15:00**

**ROOM 1**

**SESSION 1.5 – Human Enhancement, Transhumanism, and Justice**

**14:00–14:10** Konrad Szocik – Survivalism and Justice

**14:10–14:15** Discussion

**14:15–14:25** Marius Markuckas – Disability as an Existential Resource

**14:25–14:30** Discussion

**14:30–14:40** Mr. LEE Ho Wai, Theo – Justifying Medical Immortality

**14:40–14:45** Discussion

**14:45–14:55** Tang Ying Fei – The New Fashion in Humanity

**14:55–15:00** Discussion

**ROOM 2**

**SESSION 2.5 – AI Alignment, Institutional Ethics, and Moral Responsibility**

**14:00–14:10** Peter Zuk – Mental Privacy, Self-Expression, and Hermeneutical Injustice

**14:10–14:15** Discussion

**14:15–14:25** Adam Ford – AI Alignment: From Control to Motivation Selection

**14:25–14:30** Discussion

**14:30–14:40** Michelle L. McGowan & Barbara A. Barry – Mirror, Mirror?

**14:40–14:45** Discussion

**14:45–14:55** Weian Zhong – Euthanasia, Absolute Duties, and Moral Permission

**14:55–15:00** Discussion

**CLOSING KEYNOTES**

## **15:00–17:00**

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**15:00–15:15** Vardit Ravitsky – What are Humans Good for in the Age of AI?

**15:15–15:20** Discussion

**15:20–15:35** Vojin Rakić – Thought Thinking Itself Without a Thinker: What are Thinkers Good for in the Age of Advanced AI?

**15:35–15:40** Discussion

**15:40–15:55** Robert L. Klitzman – What are Doctors Good for in the Age of AI?

**15:55–16:00** Discussion

**16:00–16:15** Roger Y. Chung – Facing Existential Threats with Our Whole Selves

**16:15–16:20** Discussion

## **16:20–17:00**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS**