Philosophical Methodology: How to do Things with Artificial Intelligence

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In this talk, we investigate how to use AI, both as a ready-made tool (e.g. chatbots) but also more directly as a means through which we can build tools (e.g. training models), to amplify and revamp Philosophical research. We focus on the effects AI can have on battle-tested, if not well-worn, methods in Philosophy, including dialogue, thought experiments, conceptual analysis, meaning-as-use, explication, reflective equilibrium, and X-Phi. The talk concludes with some speculative thoughts about the future, particularly which areas of Philosophy are likely to be significantly affected first by the aforesaid AI amplification and revamping and why they will be so affected.