

Artificial Intelligence and Philosophy: Some Themes

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In this talk, I explore some loosely connected themes from the philosophy of artificial intelligence. These include the relation between thinking and intelligence, the question of whether thinking machines would need to be given rights and the kind of rights that would be appropriate, the issue of whether or not we should severely restrict patents on AI, the amazing potential that such technologies have to accelerate scientific progress and, finally, the difficulties surrounding our understanding and detection of intelligent behaviour in both artificial and biological agents.