# NEWSLETTER

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# EVENTS BY THE CLUSTER

The call for papers that has been announced in October is still on-going and new submissions are welcome. The call for papers concerns moral rights for intelligent robots (1st of May 2018 is the deadline).

The authors of the three best papers will be giving presentations at the workshop on inclusion and artificial intelligence. For more information, see our Facebook page, as well as our main website, right below.

### **Research Stay**

Prof. Gordon is currently at the Centre for Ethics at the University of Toronto in order to continue working on his funded research project on the nature of moral expertise. In particular, he is doing research on the notion of moral expertise/experts in Confucianism in comparison to Ancient Greek Ethics (Plato, Aristotle) and examining the vital issue of moral reasoning and decision making with respect to moral experts vs. ethical theories Please, watch his talk online at:

https://www.facebook.com/ researchgroupappliedethics/videos/ 1853072718039160/

## Workshop: Inclusion and Artificial Intelligence

The RCAE has announced the cluster's next workshop on the topics of inclusion and artificial intelligence, which takes place on the 22nd of June. The first part of the workshop is dedicated to exploring issues related to inclusion and features two guest speakers from Germany (Petr Frantik, a phd candidate from the University of Cologne, and dr. Kinga Golus from the University of Bielefeld). The second part of the workshop concerns artificial intelligence and features authors of the three best essays of the call for papers on machine rights organized by the RCAE. The workshop takes place from 9 AM to 4 PM at the president V. Adamkus library, at Lithuanian World Community Hall, S. Daukanto street 25, Kaunas.

### **Upcoming Special Issue and Paper**

Prof. Gordon is currently finishing his work as the guest editor on a special issue on the ethics of aging to be published at the journal Bioethics, which is one of the leading international journals in the field. The special issue is expected to tackle topics such as aging and concepts of health and disease, human dignity and solidarity, healthcare technologies, models of care provision for elderly people, and more. The issue is already coming out this April. Prof. Gordon has also been working on a paper on indignity and old age, in which he explores the possibility of approaching the topic of aging from the standpoint of indignity, rather than dignity, as the more basic and primary notion.

### Philosophy in Lithuania

#### Conference: "Scientia et Historia"

The Lithuanian fellowship of historians, and philosophers, together with the Lithuanian Culture Research Institute and the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, is hosting an annual conference called "Scientia et Historia", which focuses on the Lithuanian history, sociology, and philosophy. The conference is in Lithuanian and takes place on the 29-30th of March. For more information, see the link below:

http://www.filosofija.vu.lt/03/kasmetinelietuvos-mokslo-istoriku-ir-filosofu-konferencija -scientia-et-historia-2/

### Conference: "Comparativism, Globalization, and Changes in the Contemporary Discourses of Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art"

On the 5th of May, the Lithuanian Culture Research Institute is holding a conference on contemporary aesthetics and comparative cultural philosophy. For more information, see the link below:

http://www.filosofija.info/renginiai/konferencija-komparatyvizmas-globalizacija-ir-dabartiniu-estetikos-bei-meno-filosofijos-diskursu-kaita/

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