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EVENTS BY THE CLUSTER

The next RCAE workshop is on inclusion and artificial intelligence (22nd of June) and features two guest speakers from Germany (Petr Frantik from the University of Cologne and dr. Kinga Golus from the University of Bielefeld). The workshop takes place from 9 AM to 1 PM at the president V. Adamkus library, at Lithuanian World Community Hall, S. Daukanto street 25, Kaunas.

Publication: What do we owe to intelligent robots?

Recently, a paper by prof. John-Stewart Gordon called "What do we owe to intelligent robots?" has been published by AI & Society. In his paper, prof. Gordon presents four arguments in support of the claim that we are obligated to grant intelligent robots moral rights once they become full ethical agents and examines four main objections against this claim. The paper can be accessed by clicking here.

Conferences and Presentations

Judicial Professionalism and Ethics in the Age of Technologies and Globalization

Prof. Edita Gruodyte and prof. Julija Kirsieni from the law department of VMU have recently distributed an e-survey through the Lithuanian National Courts Administration in order to learn about the influence of technologies on the tasks carried out by the employees in Lithuanian courts. Their findings will be presented at the international conference "Judicial Professionalism and Ethics in the Age of Technologies and Globalization" on the 24th of May at VMU's law faculty. A talk at the conference will also be given by dr. Paulius Astromskis, who will deliver a presentation called "Automation of Law: Threat or Opportunity for the Courts of Lithuania?".

Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Social Studies

On the 7th and 8th of May, an annual STS conference ("Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Social Studies") took place in Graz, where prof. Vladislav V. Fomin gave a

presentation called "Laying Ground for Responsible Standardisation for Robotic Law". In his presentation, prof. Fomin explored different regulatory systems for robot law and other related research questions, such as machine learning, the rules for technology-in-society, and the "opacity" of AI systems.

Smart Technologies and Fundamental Rights

On the 15th and 16th of June, an international conference organized by prof. Gordon and prof. Claes Granmar from the University of Stockholm is taking place in Stockholm. The conference initiates a book project "Smart Technologies and Fundamental Rights" that prof. Gordon and prof. Granmar are collaborating on and will allow the authors of the chapters to present their ideas. A poster presentation in the conference will also be given by Kestutis Mosakas, who will introduce his PhD project "Moral and Legal Rights for Intelligent Robots".

Philosophy in Lithuania

Week of Academic Studies "Baltos Lankos"

The Vilnius University center of semiotic studies and research of Algirdas Julien Greimas is organizing the annual week of academic studies in Druskininkai. The main goals of the event are to encourage the exchange of scholarly ideas as well as the interdisciplinary and interinstitutional collaboration between scholars and students, and to promote the culture of discussions and polemics. Each annual event is typically related to the ideas of the famous French-Lithuanian semiotician A. J. Greimas. "Baltos Lankos" takes place on the 5-8th of July (in Lithuanian). More information can be found here.

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