

THE AI AND HUMANITIES HUB

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH NETWORK

Monthly hybrid
meet-ups &
future journal
opportunity!

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TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

VISION

To convene thinkers, readers and scholars dedicated to the thoughtful exploration of artificial intelligence through the lens of the humanities. We aim to become a community committed to critical reading, philosophical dialogue and understanding the future of human thought in an age of intelligent machines.

PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

- To engage with seminal texts - from philosophy and literature to history and critical theory - as a framework for interpreting the cultural and intellectual shifts prompted by AI
- To create a space for robust discussion on the ethical, philosophical and existential questions surrounding artificial intelligence and its role in society
- To encourage a contemplative approach, where the focus is not on what AI can do, but on what its existence asks of us as thinkers, readers and human beings
- To connect individuals who share a passion for deep reading and sustained inquiry into the enduring questions of the human condition

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Connect with a network of peers who share your intellectual passions
- Gain access to carefully selected reading lists and scholarly resources that illuminate the intersection of AI and the humanities
- Refine your critical voice, share your work in a thoughtful setting and engage with emerging ideas in your field

UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS

- A virtual roundtable on “Reading the Human in the Age of the Machine”
- A guided reading of foundational texts on technology and the human condition
- An in-person gathering dedicated to member-led discussions and collaborative inquiry

WHY JOIN US?

The AI and Humanities Hub offers a space for contemplation in a fast-paced world. We are not here to build or to code, but to read, to question and to understand - inviting scholars who believe that the deepest insights into our technological future lie in the enduring wisdom of the humanities. Together, we will engage in the critical and philosophical inquiry necessary to navigate the complex future of human insight.

PROPOSED READING LIST

Literature and speculative fiction

- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *The Machine Stops* by E.M. Forster
- *Neuromancer* by William Gibson
- *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

History and social critique of technology

- *The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood* by James Gleick
- *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* by Shoshana Zuboff
- *Discipline and Punish* by Michel Foucault

Philosophy and critical theory

- *Discourse on the Method* by Rene Descartes
- *The Question Concerning Technology* by Martin Heidegger
- *On the Mode of Existence of Technical Objects* by Gilles Simondon
- *Technics and Time, 1: The Fault of Epimetheus* by Bernard Stiegler
- *A Cyborg Manifesto* by Donna Haraway

