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# AI + U

How will the world work when robots make our decisions, manage our health care, and write our literature; when computers “judge” our guilt and manipulate our elections; when our personal data is sold to the highest bidder? Don't look now, but it's happening already.

Canada is a world leader in the development of artificial intelligence. Now we must fathom the ethical and political questions it raises.

**The technology is here; next comes the tough stuff.**

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**AI films at The Loft**  
Nov. 5: *2001: A Space Odyssey*  
Nov. 19: *Blade Runner*

**SPECIAL EVENT:**  
**ONLY 30 TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH FACILITATORS FROM CIFAR, CANADA'S GLOBAL SCIENCE THINK TANK**

CIFAR's AI and Society Team, led by Brent Barron, presents “AI 101” – an introduction, and a case study in public policy surrounding health care, housing, and law. Facilitators will take break-out groups through AI applications to the problems.

**Friday, December 6 at 10 AM**  
Venture 13, 739 D'Arcy Street, Cobourg

# October

CCC **24** 7:30 pm

## THE BIG PICTURE

Scientists began talking about AI sixty years ago; now we're into deep learning. Over the next decade, AI could become the most transformative technology since electricity, with changes that will make our lives safer and more fulfilling. But why did Stephen Hawking call AI potentially "the end of the human race"? How do we keep it under control?  
Ira Basen, CBC broadcaster

PHKCH **25** 10 am

## WORKING FOR THE MAN...ROBOT?

Remember the elevator operator? Long gone; a victim of automation. The threat posed by AI to millions of workers will make other technological innovations seem benign - and how we respond to AI in the workplace will have profound social and economic ramifications.  
Ira Basen, CBC broadcaster

CCC **31** 7:30 pm

## GAMING AND AI

It started when Deep Blue beat Gary Kasparov at chess. Then AlphaGo mastered the ancient, abstract Chinese game of Go. Game designer Melissa MacCoubrey talks about developing video games and where AI might take games and gamers.  
Melissa MacCoubrey, Ubisoft, Game Designer

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CCC **THURSDAY NIGHTS**  
Columbus Community Centre - 232 Spencer St. E., Cobourg

PHKCH **NEW LOCATION: FRIDAY MORNINGS**  
Port Hope Knights of Columbus Hall - 1 Elias St., Port Hope (behind the Capitol Theatre)



# November

PHKCH **1** 10 am

## MAKING LITERATURE WITH COMPUTERS

AI is not all doomsday scenarios, robot armies, and mass unemployment. Adam Hammond looks at the positive: AI as an aide to the creative process. He will explain an algorithm that helped write the perfect science fiction story, and a sonnet generator that seeks to rival Shakespeare.  
Adam Hammond, University of Toronto

CCC **7** 7:30 pm

## WHICH WAY TO TURN? DRIVERLESS VEHICLES

Does a driverless bus plunge over the cliff and risk killing its passengers, or keep going and hit children playing in the road? Can algorithms make ethical decisions? Or will AI make our roads safer by eliminating human error? Driverless cars force us to confront our own morality. Barrie Kirk grapples with the answers.  
Barrie Kirk, Executive Director, Canadian Autonomous Vehicles Centre of Excellence (CAVCO)

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PHKCH **8** 10 am

## SMART CITIES — SMART PLANNING?

Can we escape surveillance culture? Do people control urban technology and the tech giants who own that technology, or is it the other way round? That's the challenge facing smart cities everywhere - none more so than Waterfront Toronto. Kristina Verner discusses the goals and challenges in creating smart cities.

Kristina Verner, Vice President Innovation, Sustainability and Prosperity, Waterfront Toronto

CCC **14** 7:30 pm

## HIGH RISK EXPERIMENTS: AI, MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

States the world over are turning to artificial intelligence and new technologies to police borders and manage migration. Lawyer Petra Molnar discusses the far-reaching human rights implications of these technological experiments.

Petra Molnar, University of Toronto



PHKCH **15** 9:30 am

## THE DISCRIMINATING ALGORITHM

Artificial intelligence is getting a good workout in predictive policing, criminal justice, and social services, but just as people discriminate, so can algorithms. Are we teaching computers to make judgments based on race, religion, and gender?

Petra Molnar, University of Toronto

CCC **21** 7:30 pm

## IS BIG DATA CHANGING DEMOCRACY?

Wesley Wark discusses security and the role of big data in democratic events: the U.S. 2016 presidential election, the Brexit referendum, and our own federal election. Do the forces behind big data now have the largest vote in our democracy?

Wesley Wark, University of Ottawa

PHKCH **22** 10 am

## REBOOTING REGULATION

Wesley Wark talks about privacy and protection of our personal data. Can we trust the tech giants to self-regulate? Should government make the rules? How do we protect ourselves?

Wesley Wark, University of Ottawa

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CCC **28** 7:30 pm

## AI AND HEALTHCARE IS REALLY 'IA' — INTELLIGENCE AUGMENTED

Healthcare is behind in reaping the benefits and confronting the challenges of AI: we are still not basing day-to-day decisions on real time data. But there are big ways AI can make things faster, better, cheaper, and smarter. Zayna Khayat will discuss where and how fast AI is going in healthcare as well as the risks and opportunities; she will also dispel some common myths.

Zayna Khayat, Future Strategist SE Health, Singularity University



PHKCH **29** 10 am

## WHAT DO PATIENTS NEED TO KNOW?

AI is increasingly part of clinical care in hospitals and healthcare, but many are concerned about the ethical implications. We will learn what is going on in hospitals in Canada, and what patients should know about navigating this new technology.

Melissa McCracken, Sick Kids Hospital and Vector Institute for AI

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