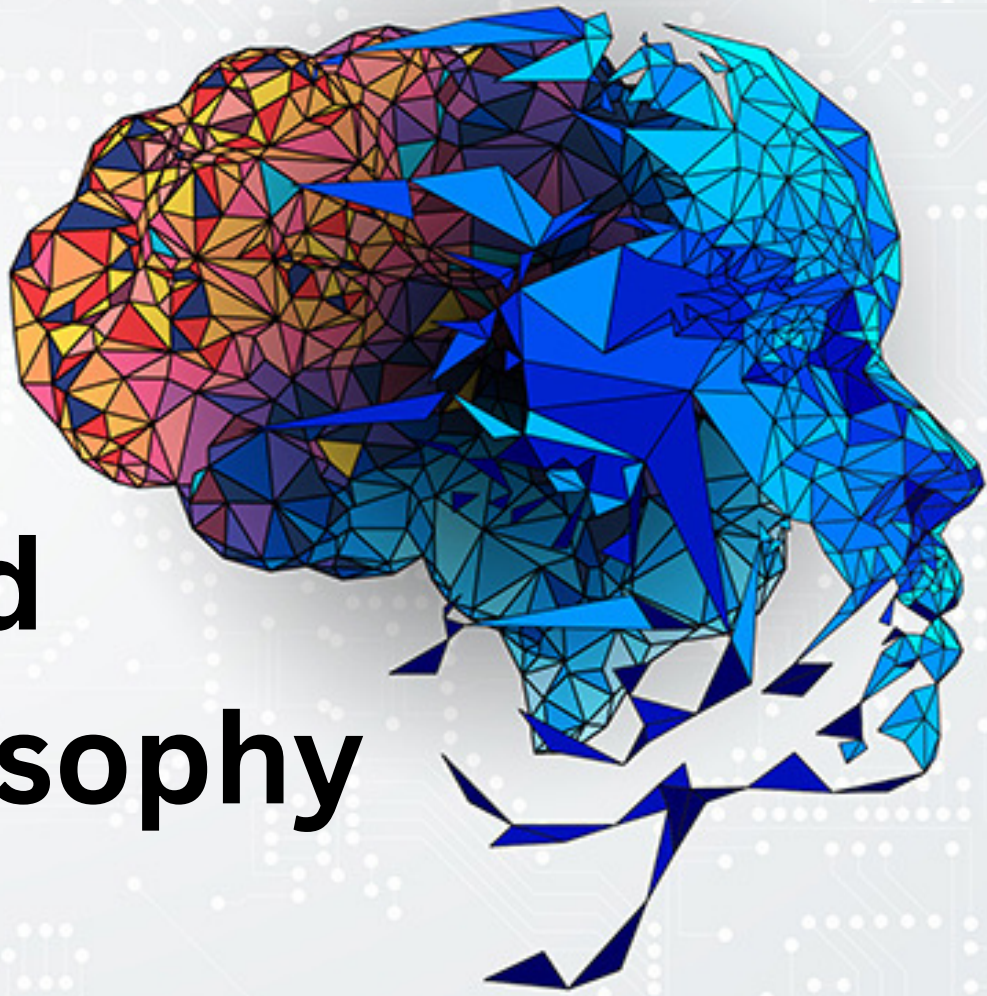# World Philosophy Day

AI and mental health: opportunities and challenges

November 16th 2023
1.30-2.45pm, Room XI

Cocktail, 1-1.30pm, in front of Room X

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The Heart of the Matter

This event will explore the profound implications of AI in mental health care – a subject that's not only timely but also promising. As we gather to celebrate World Philosophy Day, we'll navigate the uncharted territory of AI's contributions to a more humane approach to mental health.

Our expert panel, featuring thought leaders from diverse backgrounds, will delve into this pressing question: Can AI truly revolutionize mental healthcare while maintaining ethical standards? We'll examine the tremendous potential, the potential pitfalls, and the moral considerations associated with this groundbreaking technology.

A Philosophical Perspective

In the context of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme, UNESCO's work on philosophy promotes humanist thinking as a response to social transformations and encourages its use for impact on political dialogue.

> *Philosophy allows us to think collectively about the future of humanity - and to design a better world.*

Opening

Gabriela Ramos

Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Philippe Franc

Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of France to UNESCO

SPEAKERS

Dr Sarah Cunningham-Burley

Professor of Medical and Family Sociology, Dean at the University of Edinburgh and Co-Director of the Wellcome supported Centre for Biomedicine, Self and Society, University of Edinburgh, United-Kingdom.

Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics - *significant role in shaping ethical guidelines and public policy in the UK and a reference in the world of bioethics.*

Dr Ledia Lazeri

Regional Adviser for Mental Health at the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Psychiatrist, Dr Lazeri implemented the WHO European Framework for Action in Mental Health 2021-2025 and supported the pan-European Mental Health Coalition.

Dr Uichol Kim

Professor, College of Business Administration, Inha University, Republic of Korea.

He has been recognized as the second most cited Social Scientist in the Republic of Korea in 2016. He serves in the Advisory Board of the International Panel on Social Progress.

SPEAKERS

Dr Gustaf Arrhenius

Director of the Institute for Futures Studies, Sweden, Professor of Practical Philosophy.

He is best known for his research on our moral and political obligations to future generations and on issues in democratic theory.

Dr Mpho Tshivhase

Philosopher, Professor of applied ethics at University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Dr Tshivhase is the first black woman to receive a PhD in philosophy in all of South Africa.

Dr Eric Fourneret

Philosopher, Lecturer at the Catholic University of Lille, France

He is specialized in moral philosophy and medical ethics. and is invested in the « New Humanism Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence » project. He was also part of the President Hollande Commission on the End of Life (2012).

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Moderators

Gabriela Ramos
Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Christian Byk
French National Commission for UNESCO. Chair of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (2017-2019)

Conclusion

Daniela Piana
Professor of Political Science, University of Bologna (Italy) and Réseau Unitwin Netlearning MaISoN - Paris-Saclay