

Brussels Talks n°5:

The phenomenon of attachment to 'social' robots.

A call for vigilance among the scientific research community

Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot-Curie, rue du Trône 100, Brussels

Monday 17th of March 2025

PROGRAMME

12:00-13:15 **Welcome Lunch at Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot-Curie**

13:15-13:25 **Presentation of the CNRS**

Jean-Stéphane Dhersin, Director of the CNRS Brussels Office

13:25-13:40 **Presentation of COMETS Opinion n°46 : [“The phenomenon of attachment to “social robots”. A call for vigilance among the scientific research community”](#)**

Patrice Debré, Professor of Immunology at Université Pierre et Marie Curie and Member of Académie de Médecine (confirmed)

Catherine Pélachaud, CNRS Research Director at the Institute of Intelligent Systems and Robotics (confirmed)

13:40-14:20 **Roundtable: ‘Ethics and robotics: the ethical issues raised by social robots’**

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Mihalis Kritikos, Policy Analyst on AI Ethics and Trustworthy Governance of AI, Research Ethics and Integrity Sector, DG RTD (confirmed)

Katleen Gabriels, Associate Professor at Maastricht University (FASoS, Department of Philosophy), philosopher of technology, specialised in computer and machine ethics (confirmed)

Guillaume Chaslot, Scientific Project Officer at the European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency (ECAT) of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), focusing on evaluation of trustworthy AI within the HUMAINT team (confirmed)

Christophe Lazaro, Professor of Law and Philosophy at UCLouvain's Centre for Philosophy of Law. Interdisciplinary researcher on the social and legal impact of new technologies (prosthetics, robotics, AI) on human activity and subjectivity (TBC)

*Moderator : **Pascal Dayez-Burgeon**, COMETS Secretary General*

14:20-14:50 **Q&A**

14:50-15:15 *Networking Coffee*
