

Artificial intelligence as a challenge to *a new humanism*

> Who is the
human being ...

person

imago Dei

user

machine

The development of artificial intelligence represents a significant transformation for society as a whole, one associated not only with great concerns but also with hopes and visions. This lecture will first highlight how generative AI utilising large language models (LLMs) differs from other technologies, and, in the second part, focus on how to conceptualise humanity in a world undergoing an AI revolution.

How can humans shape their decision-making, sense of meaning and agency? In what ways can humans be better than AI? Does such a question even make sense? How can we create potential forms of collaborative interaction between humans and AI systems? These questions frame a problem that, over the last three years, has come to appear increasingly fundamental in the context of both philosophy and theology – who is the human being in this transforming world?

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