

Ethics@theMovies

16 October 2024 | 10:00 – 14:30

Ster-Kinekor, Mall of Africa

Join us for Ethics@theMovies on Global Ethics Day, a unique event where storytelling meets ethical exploration.

In this unique session, we delve into the realm of ethics through the lens of storytelling, exploring the moral implications of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) and the essence of humanity. Drawing inspiration from Nina Rosenstadt's perspective that stories are powerful tools for understanding ethics, we will use the movie "Ex Machina" as a catalyst for thought-provoking discussions and debates.

Background:

According to Nina Rosenstadt, a renowned moral philosopher, narratives, whether in written or cinematic form, offer excellent insights into ethical dilemmas. Through engaging with the journeys of protagonists and antagonists, viewers are encouraged to reflect on their own moral compasses, thus deepening their understanding of ethical principles.

Target audience:

Ethics@theMovies on Global Ethics Day welcomes a diverse audience ranging from employees, students, executives, CEOs, to anyone with an interest in ethics and the profound implications of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) on humanity. Whether you are a seasoned professional, a student eager to explore ethical dilemmas, or simply someone fascinated by the intersection of technology and morality, this event is tailored to stimulate your intellect and spark engaging discussions.

Objectives:

1. To explore ethical decision-making and its relevance in a world where Artificial General Intelligence exists.
2. To analyse the moral complexities of AGI through the narrative of "Ex Machina."
3. To facilitate group discussions and debates on the themes presented in the film.
4. To provide a cinematic experience that stimulates critical thinking and reflect on ethical issues.



"Ex Machina" follows a young programmer's involvement in a groundbreaking experiment in synthetic intelligence. Tasked with evaluating the human qualities of a highly advanced humanoid AI, he grapples with questions of consciousness, morality, and the blurred lines between man and machine.

Director & Writer
Alex Garland

Stars
Alicia Vikander, Domhnall Gleeson and Oscar Isaac

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Programme

1. Introduction to Ethical Decision-making (45 minutes)

- Brief overview of ethics and moral decision-making.
- Discussion on the importance of narratives in understanding ethics, referencing Nina Rosenstadt's perspective.
- Setting the stage for exploring AGI ethics through the film "Ex Machina."

2. Introduction to Ex Machina (15 minutes)

- Overview of the film's premise and key themes.
- Highlighting points of interest relevant to ethical discussions, such as the nature of consciousness, autonomy, and ethical responsibility in AI development.

3. Viewing of Ex Machina (1 hour 50 minutes)

- Screening of the movie in a cinema-like setting, allowing participants to immerse themselves in the narrative and characters' experiences.

4. Debrief and Group Discussion (50 minutes)

- Facilitated discussion on the moral dilemmas presented in "Ex Machina."
- Reflection on the implications of AGI on humanity and ethical decision-making.
- Encouraging participants to share their perspectives, engage in debates, and explore alternative ethical frameworks.

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