

Transhumanism – the proper guide to a posthuman condition or a dangerous idea?

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Transhumanism is an international philosophical and futuristic movement aiming to enhance the intellectual and physical capabilities of human beings beyond their current limits. It has gotten quite some drive and attention in the last 30 years. Transhumanists intend to employ already existing technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics, cognitive science, information technology, nanotechnology, biotechnology, and others as human enhancement technologies.

Max More, one of the major proponents, defines transhumanism as „a class of philosophies that seek to guide us towards a posthuman condition“. In contrast, critics like Francis Fukuyama consider transhumanism as one of „the world’s most dangerous ideas“.

The workshop will provide a forum to discuss the pros and cons of transhumanism from the point of view of information sciences, ethics, economics, psychology etc. Interested researchers are invited to submit a two-page abstract.

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