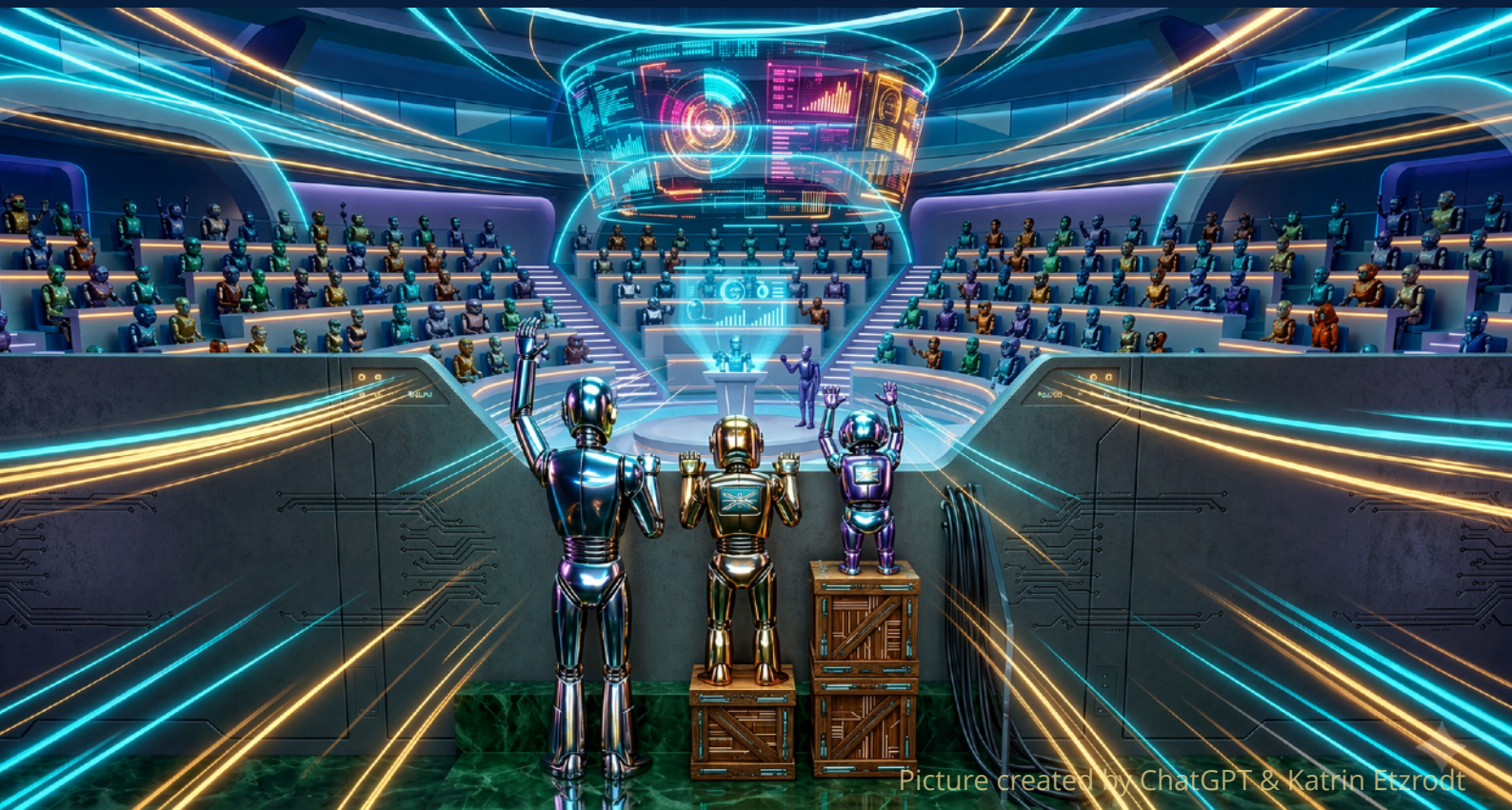


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HUMAN-MACHINE COMMUNICATION AND INEQUALITIES/INEQUITY

CONTEXTS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES



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8:00 AM **CHECK IN**

8:30 AM **OPENING**

9:00 AM **SESSION "UNSEEN" POPULATIONS**

10:15 AM COFFEE BREAK

10:45 AM **SESSION UNEQUAL ENCOUNTERS**

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM **SESSION FUTURE VISIONS FOR HMC**

2:00 PM BREAK

2:15 PM **INTERACTIVE SESSION PARTIAL BY DESIGN?**

3:00 PM COFFEE BREAK

3:30 PM **INTERACTIVE SESSION PARTIAL BY PRACTICE?**

4:15 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

5:00 PM **THE END**

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9:00 AM

“UNSEEN” POPULATIONS

TOWARD EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE HMC

RELAX, LISTEN, DISCUSS

SESSION CHAIR: KATRIN ETZRODT

Between Exclusion and Appropriation: Human Machine Communication and Disability

■ Caja Thimm

Stereotype Dynamics in Multilingual LLMs: Unpacking Gender and Migration Biases

■ Ljubiša Bojić, Ana Jovančević, Olga Zagovora, and Velibor Ilić

Designing an AI Agent-based Aggregation for Reserved People Experiencing Sustained Stressful Events

■ Li Xie

Being “Seen” by Healthcare AI: Exploring Linguistic Equity, Standardization Bias, and Ontological Reflections for the Elderly

■ Ruoyu Yang

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10:45 AM

UNEQUAL ENCOUNTERS

BREAKDOWN, DESKILLING, AND EPISTEMIC WORK IN HMC

RELAX, LISTEN, DISCUSS

SESSION CHAIR: MARCO DEHNERT

Breakdown Types and Repair Trajectories in Everyday Human-AI Use: A Diary Study

■ Daniel Pietschmann

The AI Divide in Everyday Communication: Mapping Disparities in Competence and Engagement with Generative AI

■ Esther Greussing and Monika Taddicken

Digital Autonomy Divide? A Two-Wave Panel Study of Autonomy – Attribution and Deskilling in Human-AI Chatbot Interaction

■ Yuchen Wang

Take me to school: Integrating the study of inequality into the HMC classroom

■ Andrea L. Guzman and Jason Archer

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM

FUTURE VISIONS FOR HMC

DECENTRALIZATION, SOVEREIGNTY, AND COMMONS

IMAGINE ...

SESSION CHAIR: AUTUMN EDWARDS

**Weaving the Offline Web: A Speculative Proposal for a
Postcolonial "Story Seed Vault" as Reparative HMC**

▪ Dai Wan

**From Chatbots to Commons: Imagining an End to Epistemic
Injustice in HMC**

▪ Anne Mollen

Open Discussions

2:00 PM BREAK

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2:15 PM

PARTIAL BY DESIGN?

DESIGN CHOICES AND THEIR IMPACTS IN HMC

GET (INTER)ACTIVE!

SESSION CHAIR: MARCO DEHNERT

THE CONSTITUTION OF INEQUALITY AND AUTHORITY

“Loops of emergence”: How communicative AI’s inequalities emerge in recursivity tension between sociomaterial constitution and domain-specific appropriation

- Andreas Hepp and Wiebke Loosen

How Epistemic Authority Is Built into Medical AI – An Empirical Study of Human–Machine Communication in Interdisciplinary AI Design

- Monica Murero

THE IMPACT OF FRICTIONS AND DESIGN SIGNALS

The Right to Friction: Rethinking Support From GenAI Chatbots

- Navya N. Sharan

When AI Sounds Local and Looks Supervised: Language Similarity, Human-in-the-loop – Disclosure, and Trust in LLM-based Fact-checking Chatbots

- Junru Huang, Chang He, and Shirley S. Ho

3:00 PM COFFEE BREAK

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PARTIAL BY PRACTICE?

LIMITATIONS, POTENTIALS AND EVERYDAY NEGOTIATIONS IN HMC

GET (INTER)ACTIVE!

SESSION CHAIR: JIHYUN KIM

BARRIERS, COSTS AND THE BURDEN OF PARTIAL MACHINES

Designing for Self-Determination: Understanding Psychological Barriers in Smart Health IoT for Older Adults from An Asian Perspective

- Tingting Yang and Hyunjin Kang

Being Seen at a Cost: Representation as a Contingent Pathway to Fairness in Empathic Chatbots

- Fangqi Zhao

Autopilot, Radar, Compass: Legitimacy Navigation in AI Chatbot Use

- Daniel Pietschmann, Etienne Yerly, Camille Rollinat, Veronika Karnowski, and Thilo von Pape

Seamless, serendipitous, intimate: ethnographic reflections on the qualities of machine companionship

- Andreas Schellewald, Yingwen Wang, and Yiting Wang

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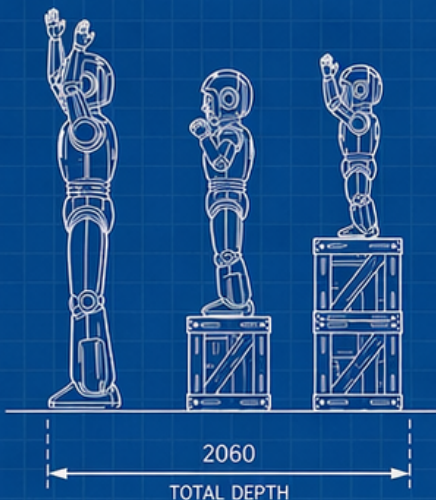
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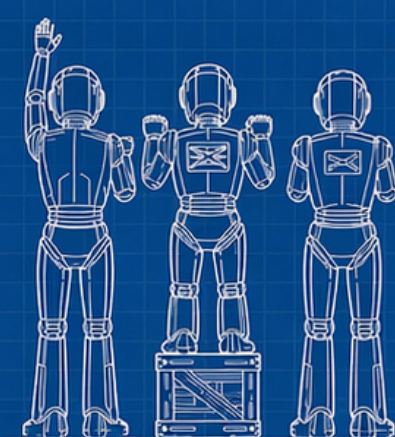
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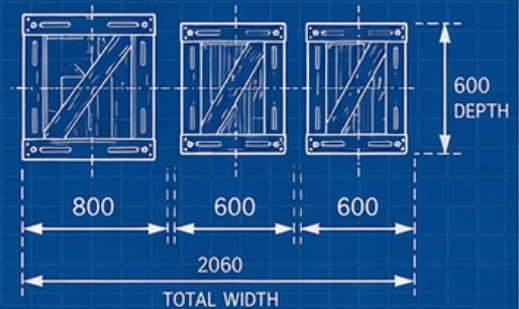


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