

The Canadian Association For the Club of Rome



Is inviting all members to a hybrid event (in person and on zoom) to participate in a panel discussion by the committee exploring Values. Topic for Discussion:



An Ecology of Artificial Intelligence - A Frankenstein moment

Location : Sunnyside Library, 1049 Bank St. Ottawa , room 1B

Time : 1:30 pm

Date: March 6th, 2025

Event will be open to public, as requested by the Library. Please join us for an intriguing dialogue.

ZOOM address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86473930222?pwd=ckFPN2swMDhBVERuek1uWTNkSEdGdz09>

Four panelists will offer a 10 minute introductory comments before a discussion among members/attendees:

*Like the Frankenstein story, neglecting "familial responsibility" in early days of development led to tragedy. We have a new "creation", more than a computer and less than a human, at least for now. The aim is to explore how to embed ethics in both the AI programs, and the users, developers and maintainers in the meta environment." - **Paul Maillet***

*I would say from the age of enlightenment - "Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome is insanity" - how we weave a topic around this area in terms of how do we find the power of balance between indigenous and eastern wisdom and modern techno industrial knowledge and intelligence...? **Lalith Gunanathne***

A frank-Einstein moment. *Living systems use many forms of algorithms to harness collective intelligence. This is evident in the coordination of all multicellular beings, in the murmuration of herds, swarms, colonies - and all forms of quorum-sensing.*

We now face a frank-Einstein moment to determine the survival of democracy and our political economy. Like Dr Frankenstein we have abandoned our response-ability to provide the conditions for all people to flourish with inalienable rights, equality before the law, freedom from domination and unequal power and freedom to pursue personal and collective self-development. We have abandoned our democracy and markets – our economic and ecological commons-sense to Capitalism’s artificial intelligence – ‘the invisible hand’, reduced to extreme self-interested greed. As Gordon Gecko claimed in 1987 in the film Wallstreet - “Greed is Good”.

Today we look in horror, at the creature of our own making. That creature is the emerging leviathan of an anti-market techno-feudal rentier political economy.

*To evolve our collective response-ability, we need to protect, guide, nurture, and grow these new AI tools of the digital environment. Care-fully cultivated tools are necessary for a global response-ability. These are the ‘meta’ tools harness the phase-transitions of informational domains for reliable science, engineering, communication. They can enable a new sensorium, to level-up of our democratic collective intelligence, quorum sensing of the general will of-for-by the people, and those we choose to represent us. - **John Verdon***

Some links for your interest:

[ANTIQUA ET NOVA: Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence](#)

<https://youtu.be/NeVRtDe8EG8?feature=shared>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKV5GB6dN3o>