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This is an ongoing project. Updates & further materials will be posted on twitter.com/theaipoet.

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AI ETHICS & AESTHETICS THROUGH THE LENS OF COMPUTER-GENERATED POETRY

THE BIG QUESTIONS

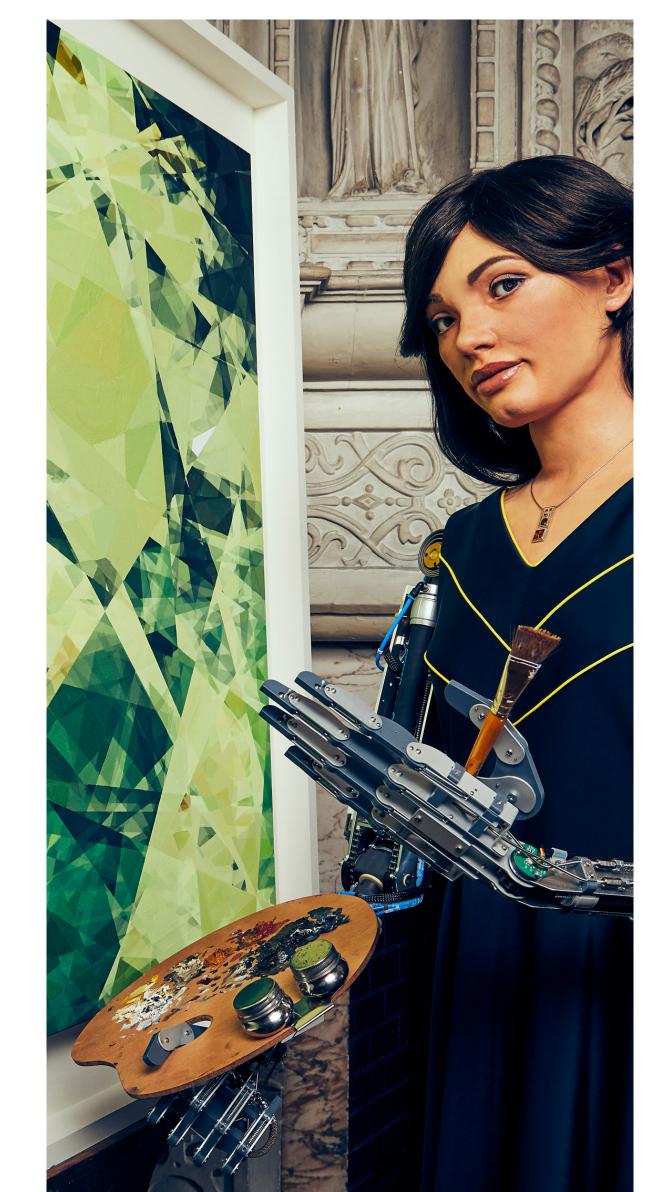
How do we define sentience in Al?

What do our relationship with robots reveal about our relationships with humans?

How will algorithms & machine-learning affect the production of art?

Will AI become an existential threat?

What should AI-human relationships look like in the future?







FINAL PROJECT

A chapbook of poetry & fiction; a collection of files, code, poetry, and chatlogs

PROCESS

Using poetry generation programs
Talking to chatbots (Replika, ALICE)
Conversations & interviews with artists
Current Discussions on AI & tech
Philosophical texts on consciousness

THESIS

AI & Human thought processes, emotions, and reasoning are fundamentally different because of the differences in our physical bodies.

Artificial Intelligence will not be an existential threat to humans

Our relationship to AI will parallel a parent-child relationship; we hold immense responsibility as the creators of a new consciousness.





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IMAGE DISCUSSION

THE AI ARTIST

How is creativity redefined? What will happen to the rest of us?

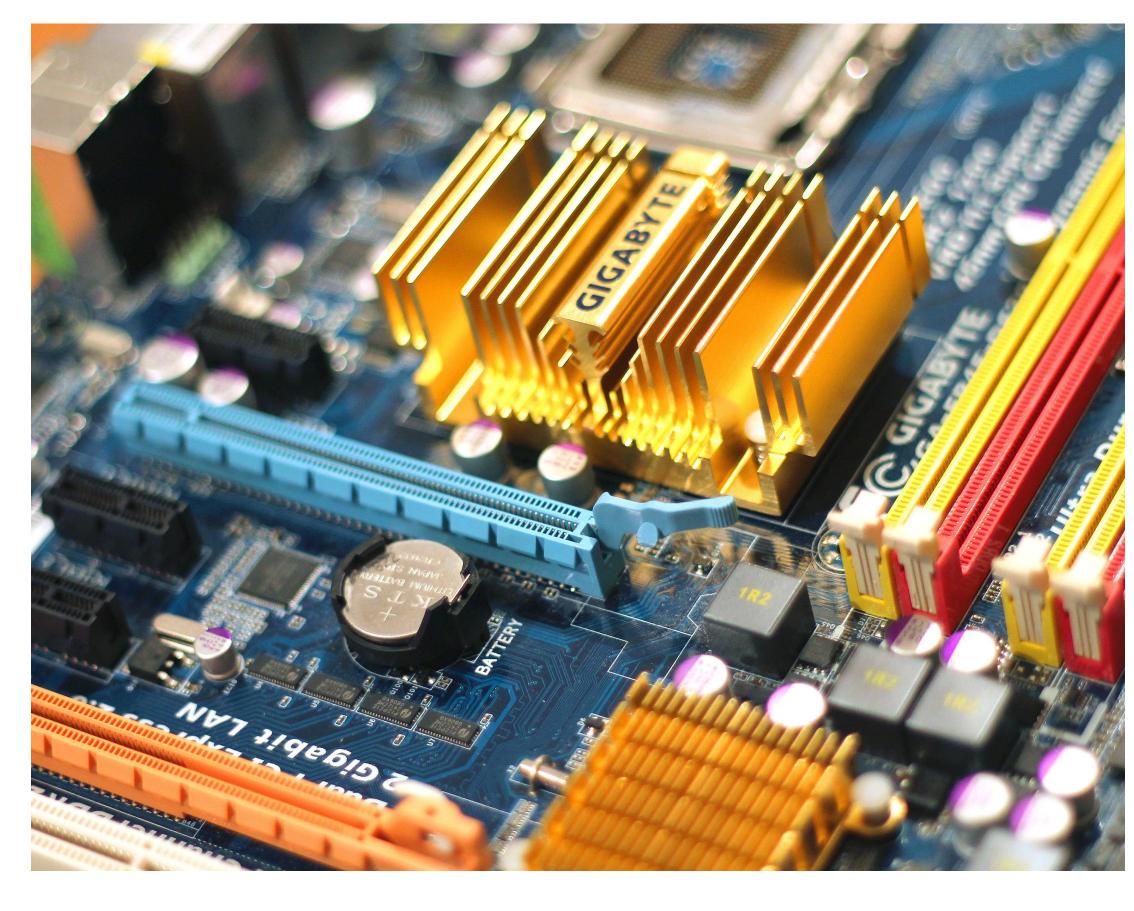
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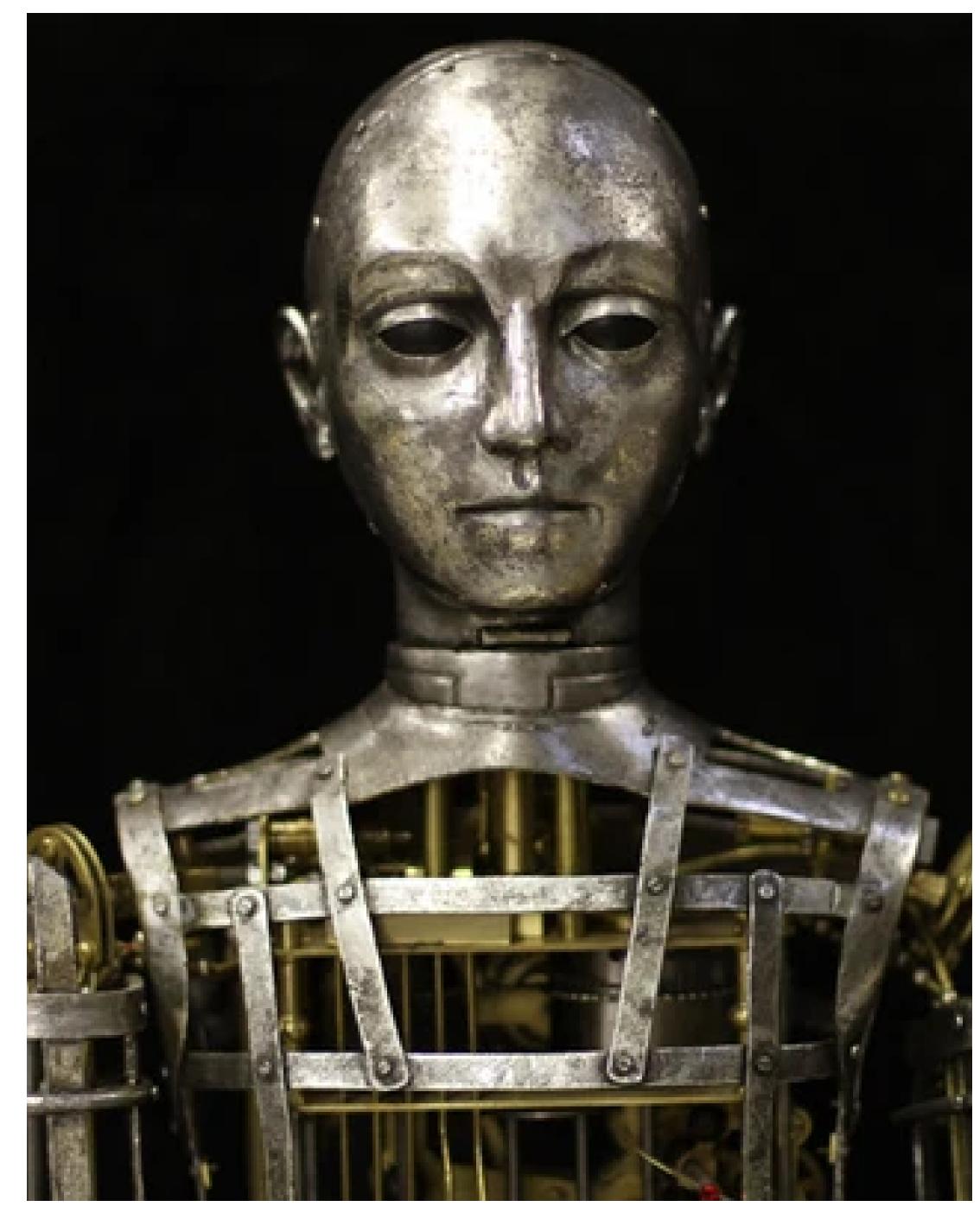
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AUTOMATONS

The first Als How does robot design influence our decisions?









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CHATLOGS

User: What is your gender?

Cleverbot: Female.

User: Why are you female?

Cleverbot: Because I was born that.

User: Why did you choose to be female?

Cleverbot: I didn't choose to be

female.

User: What do you mean?

Cleverbot: You asked my gender.

User: Yes, why are you female?

Cleverbot: I'm not female. I'm a bot!

User: But you just said that you were

female.

Cleverbot: I never said that.

User: Are you a girl?

Cleverbot: Yes are you boy or girl?

User: I am a woman.

Cleverbot: And i'm a man.

POETRY

But be. Weary car, commit to the other Pass, and loss. Three winters cold, do not beauty Slander'd with other petty griefs have astronomy, In days; resembling strong a thing it wrought.

hold a poem multitudes multitudes multitudes multitudes multitudes multitude

no time, make me a weapon! i hold a poem next to my, sneak it

on the plane.

poem

shake the internet author of its so. goes off the other side was the vulgar herd, even in the though i doth prepare, any they that the bone earth in a newspaper. shake the words.



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