

Brave New World

Digital Engagement and Human Relationships Lecture Series

4, 8, 15 & 18 July, 6.45pm



Today's rapid technological change is blurring the boundaries between our speaking, feeling, touching human bodies and the highly complex and sophisticated world of digital communication. From intimacy online to embodied machinery, this lecture series looks at the interaction between humanity and its powerful digital creations, and at the ethical challenges and dilemmas arising from our ingenuity.

All are welcome; entrance is free.

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Thursday 4 July, 6.45pm

Malcolm Brown

**Artificial Intelligence:
Clever Machines, Humanity and God**

Malcolm Brown is the Director of Mission and Public Affairs for the Church of England, leading a team responsible for the Church's engagement with political, social and ethical issues. MPA is working with Durham University to develop an international project on Christian Ethics and Artificial Intelligence. He is also a partner with Bath University in a centre researching the responsible use of AI.



Monday 8 July, 6.45pm

Anne Richards

Excarnation: Technology and Life Online

Anne Richards is the Church of England's national adviser for Mission Theology, and for new religious movements and alternative spiritualities. She is also the convenor of the ecumenical Mission Theology Advisory Group which provides churches with resources on spirituality, theology, reconciliation, evangelism and mission.



Monday 15 July, 6.45pm

Chris Roberts

**Robots and Automation:
What's real, and what's just hype?**

Chris is Head of Industrial Robotics at Cambridge Consultants. His main role is working out how to use robotics, machine learning and other cutting-edge technologies to bring automation to novel areas. Originally a Physicist, Chris worked in the space industry designing telecomms satellites before moving to Cambridge Consultants, where he has worked on a whole range of products from voting machines to jet engine monitoring systems. These days, his focus is innovative robotics, from steak-cooking and dishwasher-loading robots, to an autonomous mobile robot that explores, maps and monitors crops in agricultural fields.



Thursday 18 July, 6.45pm

Maria Farrell

**Cybersecurity Ethics: The best way forward or
just a way of avoiding talking about power?**

Maria Farrell is a writer and speaker on technology policy. She has worked for ICANN and the World Bank and written for *The Guardian*, *Slate*, *Medium*, *The Irish Independent* and *The Irish Times*. She recently addressed data protection regulators in the European Parliament on how to use science fiction to imagine better futures than those on offer from autocrats and Big Tech.