***Tekethics***

**Abstract**

Bioethical questions have a crucial role both in people’s personal choices and in the political domain. The task of this course is to introduce students to the main controversies in contemporary bioethics, especially to those concerning the intersection between ethics and technology. At the end of the course, students will be equipped with the conceptual tools required to understand the main debates in ethics and technology and the most relevant positions in the debate. Hopefully, they will be also able to take their own stance on these subjects. To this purpose, active engagement from students will be expected, so to ensure a development of the discussion in line with what they will find most intriguing, challenging and worth of attention of the topics chosen. This course is organised around four themes. We will start with AI and robotics, to then move to the debate on human enhancement. Next, we will look into the link between [genetic] engineering and environmental ethics and, lastly, we will consider the implications that developments in neuroscience are having for notions of responsibility in law. Particular attention will be paid to the “controversies” over these topics, and different examples will be brought forth so to ensure a lively and up to date discussion with and between students.

**Structure:**

Introduction (only video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_Z2ybflGWA&feature=youtu.be>

AI and Robotics

Enhancement

Engineering and Environment

Neuroscience and the Law