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Is There a Right to Synthetic Expression? Freedom of Speech in the Era of Large Language Models

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The emergence and continued progress in the abilities of large language models (LLMs) has generated significant philosophical interest across many of the discipline's subfields. So far, however, the question of whether the outputs of LLMs qualify for the legal protections normally reserved for human speech has mostly been the province of legal scholars and popular political commentary. While the former offers a nuanced discussion of whether free speech laws extend to synthetic expression, the latter can often be summarized in a slogan that "free speech is for people, not bots." In this talk, I will look at whether and to what extent philosophical justifications for free speech apply to what LLMs produce. I will argue that, in general, such justifications lend support to protecting synthetic expression more or less as extensively as human-generated expression, and thus the artificial provenance of expressive content does not generally justify special legal treatment

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