

**Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre
Hybrid Research Seminar**

The Default Argument for Cognitive Enfeeblement

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Eliezer Yudkowsky and Nate Soares are about to publish a book about artificial general intelligence (AGI) arguing that if anyone builds "superhuman" AI, then "everyone dies." My book, *Loss Function*, argues for a much more modest conditional -- not about "superhuman" AI, but about capable cognitive assistants built on existing (as compared to merely possible) technology: if anybody builds them, we all get a bit stupider in a specific way. This talk presents the core argument from the book. I also briefly explain three ways it would be bad for all (or even just some) of us to get a bit more not smart: it would be imprudent, immoral, and (probably) politically destabilizing.

Venue: LKK107 & Zoom Seminar



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