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AI CONSCIOUSNESS AND MORAL PATIENTHOOD

Inaugural Event of the HKCRC Workshop Series "Applied Ethics, Risks, and Future Technologies" (2026-2028)

3-4 December 2026 | MPL130567, 13/F, M+ Tower, Lingnan@West Kowloon

3 December (Thursday)

09:30 – 09:45 Opening Remarks

09:45 – 11:05 **Phenomenal Duplication and AI Mental States**
Prof. Daniel PALLIES,
Lingnan University

11:05 – 11:35 Coffee Break

11:35 – 12:55 **A Dilemma for Biological Naturalists about Moral Patienthood**
Dr. Bradford SAAD,
University of Oxford

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:50 **Consciousness and Coherence**
Prof. Cameron Domenico KIRK-GIANNINI,
Rutgers University–Newark

15:50 – 16:20 Coffee Break

16:20 – 17:40 **Agency, Sentience, and the Moral Significance of AI**
Prof. Joshua SHEPHERD,
Autonomous University of Barcelona

4 December (Friday)

09:30 – 10:50 **LLMs, Self-correction, and Rule-following**
Dr. Zhiwei GU,
Fudan University

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 – 12:40 **Is Panpsychism Compatible with AI (Macro)consciousness?**
Prof. Hedda Hassel MØRCH,
University of Inland Norway

12:40 – 14:10 Lunch

14:10 – 15:30 **Functionalism, Similarity and Pluralism in the AI Consciousness Debate**
Prof. Geoffrey LEE,
University of California, Berkeley

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:20 **Should AI Systems Be Legal Persons?**
Prof. Jeff SEBO,
New York University

17:20 – 17:50 Closing Remarks & Group Photo

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