

[Spiritualities of Human Enhancement and Artificial Intelligence](#)

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Call for Papers

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Saskatchewan, Canada

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Religious Studies and Theology, Sociology, History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, Humanities, Graduate Studies

International Conference, Vancouver

December 1st and 2nd 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Saskatchewan Center for Science and Religion invites submissions of paper proposals for its inaugural conference on “Spiritualities of Human Enhancement and Artificial Intelligence.”

This conference aims to start and deepen interdisciplinary conversations about human enhancement, artificial intelligence, and spirituality. We welcome papers by academics working from diverse perspectives, including scientists and scholars of religion who are willing to analyse the spiritual implications of issues surrounding human enhancement and artificial intelligence (even if they ultimately conclude that spirituality is not relevant to this nexus). Topics may include, **but are not limited to**, how artificial intelligence may make spirituality obsolete or augment it, the challenge of transhumanism for world religions, the religious-ethical implications of artificial intelligence, faith traditions’ reactions to efforts to engineer human enhancement, and the opportunities and significant tensions emerging for religious traditions in light of recent developments in artificial intelligence research.

The conference will be held at the Guildford Sheraton Hotel in Richmond, B.C. It will feature a panel discussion and keynote presentations by Ray Kurzweil (<http://www.kurzweilai.net/>), Peter Robinson PhD (<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~pr10/>), Wei Lai (author of *Science and the God*), and Tracy J. Trothen ThD (<http://www.queensu.ca/religion/people/faculty/tracy-j-trothen>).

Please submit a **400-word** abstract of a paper that can be presented in 20 minutes, along with a current CV to sask.scienceandreligion@gmail.com by **October 16, 2017**. Those chosen to present will be informed shortly after that date and will have their conference fees waived. Co-presented

papers are welcome. Questions from academics can be directed to the chair of the conference planning committee at chrynkow@stmcollege.ca.

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