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'Anthropic probability and other puzzles affecting the human survival'

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Tuesday 20th November 2012, 12.30 -14.00
Seminar Room 14, Saïd Business School

ABSTRACT:

This talk will look at what philosophy can bring to predicting issues relevant to human survival. It will focus mainly on anthropic probability and the doomsday argument (an ingenious argument claiming from general principles that we are dramatically understating the risk of human extinction), and also looking at the extreme theoretical and practical difficulties that we can highlight in all attempts to estimate danger from technologies such as artificial intelligence.