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WHAT ABOUT TRANSHUMANISM?

That the Human Race will (have to) transcend itself in the years to come, that's the premise in some of the most influential scientific as well as political programs of our time. What are the main tenets of these descriptive and/or normative programs?

Our Basic questions: What's the meaning of Human Nature & Humanity? What are the parts of our Nature that will (have to) be transcended? Why and for what purpose? What does "transcendence" imply for us?

Today, these are the deepest, most important and most pressing questions for any critical open mind – and so for Analytical Philosophy in particular.

Seminar Sessions (Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm).

(1) Oct 18 (2) Nov 01 (3) Nov 08 (4) Nov 22 (5) Dec 06

Basic Texts (Selection – and maybe some Substitutions – to be discussed in our first session)

Introductory Reading:

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David Chalmers, *Reality+, Virtual Worlds And The Problems of Philosophy*, Allen Lane, 2022.

Jonathan Glover, *Humanity*, London, 2001.

Yuval Noah Harari, *Homo Deus. A Brief History of Tomorrow*, London (Vintage), 2015.

John Harris, *Wonderwoman and Superman. The Ethics of Human*

Biotechnology, Oxford (OUP9, 1972.

Julian Huxley, *Transhumanism*, 1957. (Originally titled *New Bottles for New Wines*, reprinted as Mentor Book under the title *Knowledge, Morality & Destiny*: http://paulhague.net/documents/julian_huxley-transhumanism-in-new_bottles_for_new_wine.pdf

Georg Henrik von Wright, *The Myth of Progress*, 1993.

Human Augmentation – The Dawn of a New Paradigm. A Strategic Implications Project, May 2021.

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INTERVIEW WITH DAVID CHALMERS

<https://epochemagazine.org/48/the-near-and-far-out-virtuality-extended-minds-and-reality/>

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<https://english.alarabiya.net/views/2022/06/03/Some-pills-will-allow-Big-Brother-to-know-more-about-ourselves-than-we-do>