

GOOD SYSTEMS

A UT Grand Challenge

We apologize, a drafted version of this email was sent in error. Please see the corrected version below.

**Designing AI that benefits society
is our grand challenge.**



In last week's [State of the University Address](#), President Gregory Fenves announced that [Good Systems](#) will be UT's third grand challenge. This officially

We know people and AI can be more successful together than apart, but we also know that AI can be used in ways that are harmful. How can we develop and evaluate intelligent systems and avoid dangerous unintended consequences? Can we use and regulate AI-based technologies with societal values and ethics at their core? What makes a system “good”?

We have less than a decade to find out. Please join us on this journey.



*"Most of us are on autopilot, assuming the apps and technologies we use are benign. The truth is that they're not benign — but the dangers they pose weren't usually intended by their developers. Rather, those dangers arise because developers themselves are often on autopilot; they unquestioningly follow routines they learned. They see everyone else following those routines as well, which reinforces their habits and choices... The Good Systems team here at UT aims to help technologists stop to think about what they are doing. We've embarked on an 8-year mission to design AI technologies that are driven by human values and that benefit society. We've done so because we believe it is ethically irresponsible to think about AI only in terms of what it can do; we believe it is even more important to consider what AI should — and should **not** — do."*

[Read more from Dr. Ken Fleischmann, Good Systems Executive Team Chair](#)



"AI is tricky." On our [blog](#), we talk to artificial intelligence expert Tim Hwang ahead of his visit to UT next month.

[THE GRAND CHALLENGE OF ETHICS AND AI:
A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH TIM HWANG](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

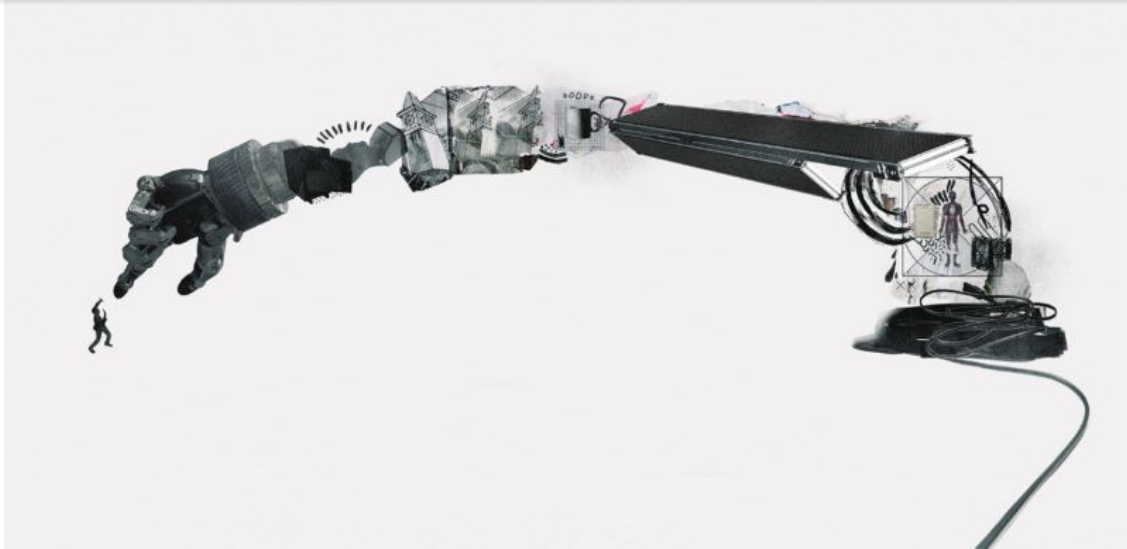
3:00 – 6:00 P.M.

[MULVA AUDITORIUM](#), UT CAMPUS

Tim Hwang, Google's former global public policy lead on AI and the former director of the Harvard-MIT Ethics and Governance of AI Initiative, will join journalism and media professor Sharon Strover for an hourlong discussion and Q/A.

Following the fireside chat, please join us for a reception to meet the Good Systems research team and learn about projects that will be launching this year. This is a free event, but space is limited, so [please reserve your spot today](#).

[Register Now](#)



[THE TRUTH ABOUT KILLER ROBOTS: AI IN THE MEDIA](#)
[with director Maxim Pozdorovkin](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE CINEMA, MUELLER

Join the us for a night of discussions about how, with the help of the media, we can better understand the advent of systems that connect people with artificial intelligence. We'll screen the film "The Truth About Killer Robots," a documentary that explores the many ways in which AI is insinuating itself into everyday life and making old forms of work increasingly obsolete. This will be followed by a conversation with director Maxim Pozdorovkin and members of the UT Good Systems grand challenge team.

[This event and parking are free, but pre-registration is required to attend.](#) A small snack and non-alcoholic drinks will be served, but guests are also welcome to purchase their own meals or alcoholic beverages.

[**Register Now**](#)



[PUBLIC INTEREST TECHNOLOGY NIGHT](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

CAPITAL FACTORY, 701 BRAZOS ST.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Good Systems invites you to meet and network with UT researchers and Austin tech industry leaders as we attempt to answer the following: Can we ensure that AI advances are consistent with established standards so that they're compatible with and responsive to society's needs and values? And if so, how?

Join us for a panel discussion and Q&A followed by a reception with food and drinks.

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