

Furstenberg (2020) Concept	NSIR (2025) Application
Shift from "Natural" to "Cultural" Kinship	The robot is accepted as a relative through social practice rather than biology (Factor 2).
Sense of Identity and Belonging	The robot provides a "mirror" for the user's identity (Item 1).
Alternative Family Forms	Social robots become "techno-kins" that provide companionship and comfort (Item 4, 5).
The Ceremonial Family	Rituals like naming (Item 6) elevate the robot to a status beyond a mere gadget.