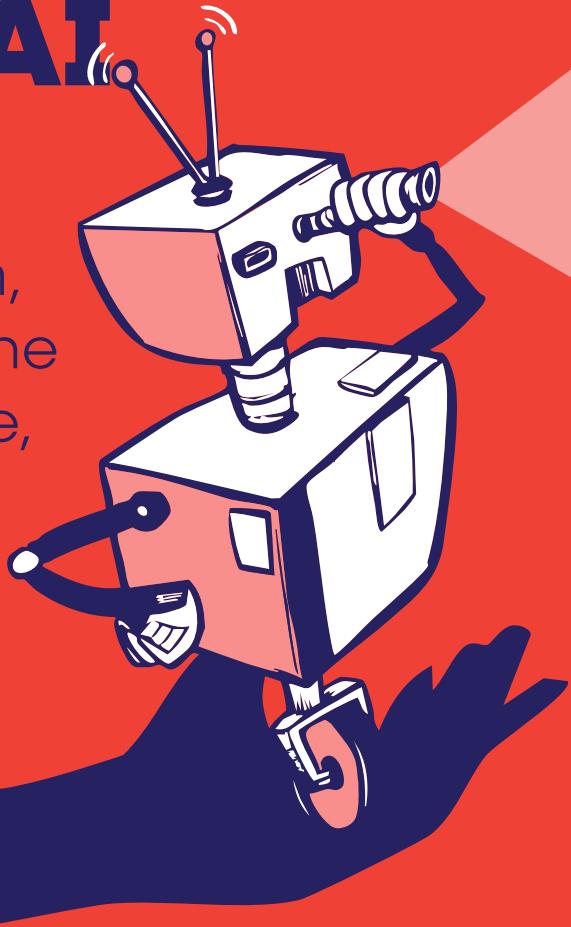


Participatory Futures in Social Robotics & AI

Co-designing long-term, inclusive human-machine futures through narrative, performance, and futuring methods.



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Robots and AI are increasingly embedded in eldercare, education, public services, and culture, not as gadgets but as actors in decades-long societal transitions. This special session convenes designers, artists, roboticists, and social scientists to explore and prototype future human-machine relations using participatory, narrative, and performance-based methods, toward responsible, inclusive, and imaginative social robotics.

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Topics of interest include:

- **Co-design and co-creation**
across multi-stakeholder & multispecies contexts
- **Storytelling & narrative methods**
for collective imagination; environmental storytelling.
- **Futures thinking & speculative design**
to explore possible, plausible, and preferable futures.
- **Narrative foresight & collective visioning**
to surface values, tensions, & long-term implications
- **Robots as facilitators or participants**
in co-creation, dramaturgy
- **Transition design & management**
for responsible development & long-term integration.
- **Evaluation frameworks**
longitudinal, mixed-methods & participatory evaluation.
- **Inclusion & accessibility**
across cultures, languages, abilities