PHIL 3500 – Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence

As technology advances, artificial intelligence is becoming increasingly incorporated into everyday items and is fundamentally changing the way we interact with the world and understand our place in it. Given this monumental shift, it is important to understand the nature of artificial intelligence. We will be considering questions like: what is artificial intelligence? How is it related to human intelligence? How does artificial intelligence work? Does artificial intelligence *know* about the world in the same sense that we are said to *know* about reality? If they really do possess a kind of intelligence, should we consider them to be moral agents? Is artificial intelligence *good* for the world? More technically, we will be splitting this course into four sections: (1) the semantics of AI, (2) epistemological issues related to AI, (3) metaphysical issues related to AI and (4) ethical issues that arise with AI.