

Philosophy & Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

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Worksheet 10 – AI and the Future of Work

1. **How AI Affects our Working Environment**

Which jobs can be automated most easily? Are there jobs that could never be done by robots?

How have productivity rates and average real wages of goods-producing workers developed as a consequence of automation?

What happens as jobs are increasingly taken over by robots, and how should we assess the implications of this development?

1. **Ideas for the Future of Work**

Is a universal basic income the solution to the fate of our working environment?

Comment on the following quote:

“Thus for the first time since his creation man will be faced with his real, his permanent problem – how to use his freedom from pressing economic cares, how to occupy the leisure, which science and compound interest will have won for him, to live wisely and agreeably and well.”

John Maynard Keynes, “Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren” (1930)

1. **Next Week:** **Data Regulation**

Readings:

Eric Posner and Glen Weyl (2018). *Radical Markets: Uprooting Capitalism and Democracy for a Just Society*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press. CHAPTER 5: “Data as Labor”

Spiekermann et al. (forthcoming). Big Data Justice: A Case for Regulating the Global Information Commons