



# Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies

*working to ensure that humanity survives and thrives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*

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## Mission

The Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies is a center for voices arguing for a responsible, constructive, ethical approach to the most powerful emerging technologies. We believe that technological progress can be a catalyst for positive human development so long as we ensure that technologies are safe and equitably distributed. We call this a *technoprogressive* orientation.

We aim to showcase technoprogressive ideas about how technological progress can increase freedom, happiness, and human flourishing in democratic societies. Focusing on emerging technologies that have the potential to positively transform social conditions and the quality of human lives—especially on "human enhancement technologies"—the IEET seeks to cultivate academic, professional and popular understanding of their implications, both positive and negative, and to encourage responsible public policies for their safe and equitable use.

The Institute was founded in 2004 by philosopher Nick Bostrom and bioethicist James J. Hughes. Current members of the Boards of Trustees and Directors hail from Spain, Canada, the UK, Romania, and the United States.

## Programs

The IEET has four programmatic foci for its work:

- **Securing the Future** - to advocate for global solutions to threats to the future of civilization.
- **Rights of the Person** - to deepen and broaden the concept of human rights.
- **Longer, Better Lives** - to make the case for the Longevity Dividend to be achieved through research and policy to achieve longer healthier lives.
- **Envisioning the Future** - to encourage a sophisticated portrayal of future human possibility, and to engage culture critics, artists, and writers.

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## Activities

The Institute has built a network of visionary thinkers and activists working on the policy implications of human enhancement and other emerging technologies.

- **Research Grants** - The IEET solicits funds to support the research of IEET Fellows and interns on ethical and policy issues of human enhancement and other emerging technologies.
- **Fellows and Interns** - Since 2004 IEET Fellows have written hundreds of op-eds, journal articles, book chapters, and books, and the IEET has promoted their work through the IEET website and publications. More than a dozen interns have worked with our fellows, doing research, editing manuscripts, and assisting with IEET projects.
- **Media outreach** - Through targeted press releases and the provision of qualified spokespersons, the Institute disseminates key policy ideas that address emerging technologies. The Institute sponsors the weekly syndicated *Changesurfer* radio show and podcast, and develops and promotes other educational materials for radio, television and the web.
- **Conferences, Speaker Tours, Speakers Bureau** - The IEET has organized conferences on human enhancement and human rights (May 2006, Stanford Law School; May 2007, United Nations, NYC), seminars on the Longevity Dividend (July 2008, Chicago) and global catastrophic risks (Nov 2008, Mountain View CA).
- **Publications** - The IEET solicits articles from recognized experts and thinkers for publication in the IEET's *Journal of Evolution and Technology*, at the IEET website, in booklets, and in newspapers and magazines that reach a broad and informed audience. Collectively IEET Fellows and staff have authored dozens of books on technoprogressive themes.

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