Why Face Surveillance Should Be Banned

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
COOR, Room 4403

Facial recognition technology is the most dangerous surveillance apparatus ever invented. Despite posing substantial threats to civil liberties, privacy, and democratic accountability, it is woefully under regulated. Drawing from central concepts in Re-Engineering Humanity (which I co-authored with Brett Frischmann), my longstanding collaborative research with Woodrow Hartzog on obscurity, and the link between collective autonomy and consentability that Nancy Kim articulates in her new book, Consentability: Consent and Its Limits, I will defend the argument that face surveillance should be banned. Although the talk will focus on the debate surrounding facial recognition technology, I will make broader points about governance—specifically, why traditional regulatory ideas and mechanisms need to be revisited in order to resist the drumbeat of technological determinism as artificial intelligence advances.


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