

Wednesday 24th January, 2018

Summary: CICASP Seminar 71

Introduction

The schedule for this semester was introduced at this seminar. The Nature best science images of 2017 were presented to round off the last year and start 2018. Four 'hot' topics in science for 2017/2018 were outlined: robot priests/monks; DNA app stores; intelligence research and de-extinction. The audience voted to select two topics for debate next week. They chose the latter two. Students then divided into 'for' and 'against' teams to prepare their arguments for next week's seminar.

Wednesday 31st January, 2018

Outline: CICASP Seminar 72

Scientific 'Hot Topic' Debates: Intelligence Research & De-extinction

At this seminar, the four teams will present 'for' and 'against' arguments for each topic. The suggested format for the debate, for each pair of opposing debaters, is as follows:

- 1/ opening statements
- 2/ following through with your formal arguments (more detail)
- 3/ rebuttals: a chance to respond to each point made by the opposition

Semester Schedule:

02	Scientific 'Hot topic' Debate	Jan	31st Wed
03	First Joint PRI & WRC Seminar 'My thesis in 90 Seconds' 4-6pm	Feb	8th Thurs
04	Student Practice Presentations for PWS International Symposium	Feb	21st Wed
Block 05	R-Workshop: Dr. Christof Neumann & Dr. Julie Duboscq		Late February (TBA)
Block 06	GIS Workshops (intensive) Dr. Janet Nackoney (University of Maryland)		Late March (TBA)