Homework 8 – Graduate Students Only
Philosophical Debates

Due: In class on Thursday, Oct. 24th

[*If you must be absent that day, talk to the instructor in advance about alternative assignment.*]

The philosophy and ethics of AI have spurred many debates in the literature and in the popular press. We are going to explore some of these issues in this assignment. Each graduate student has been assigned to a team, as shown below. Each team needs to research the topic they have been assigned (either in the literature or popular press; see also Ch. 26). The teams will then present oral arguments supporting the position they have been assigned, taking turns with the "opposing" team. (Note that you do not have to "believe" the topic you are debating; you just have to argue the position.) More details on the debate process will follow.

Topic 1: People might lose their jobs to automation.

Arguing "true":	*Arguing "false":*
Pathan, Ryhan Dunn, Josh Yang, Yin	Taalimi, Ali Capdevila, Cristian Liu, Liu

Topic 2: AI technologies will destroy privacy and freedoms as we know them.

Arguing "true":	*Arguing "false":*
Drouhard, Meg McBride, Allen	Morris, Taylor Slater, Doug Nash, Drew

Topic 3: The success of AI might mean the end of the human race.

Arguing "true":	*Arguing "false":*
Guo, Jason Ponce, Mojica, Eduardo	Saites, Alexander de Wit, Warren Li, Yong