

Review of: "The Age of the Algorithmic Society — A Girardian Analysis of Mimesis, Rivalry, and Identity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence"

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Dear author,

Thank you for having the opportunity to review this paper. I like the idea behind this conceptual script and I think the debate around the risk and opportunities of AI is much needed.

However, I believe the paper requires some major revisions before achieving acceptance, in details:

- The literature review is limited. Given the conceptual nature of the paper, there is the expectancy of a much stronger reliance on the extant and relevant literature. In particular, the paper misses to refer to the debate around the risk of a black-box AI, and how AI can respect the responsibility and accountability principles. See for instance the following references: (Curtis, Gillespie, & Lockey, 2022; Floridi, n.d.; Floridi, Cowls, King, & Taddeo, 2021; Martin, 2019; Morley, Floridi, Kinsey, & Elhalal, 2020; Redden, 2018; Tsamados et al., 2022)
- The operationalisation of Girard's mimetic theory is a bit superficial, and it does not seem to use the whole set of concepts. I would recommend a much-detailed application of the theory, may be also using some real event that happened in recent times, rather than hypothetical and very simplistic cases of human-AI interaction.
- You don't provide any alternative, just warnings that are already present in the literature. Girard's theory can be used as an ermeneutic device to make sense to the human-AI relations and risks, can it also provide room for counter-measure? You need to work on that.
- The final discussion and conclusion, given the limited engagement with the literature, is poorly developed and the contribution limited.

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