

Review of: "[Essay] Not Quite Like Us? — Can Cyborgs and Intelligent Machines Be Natural Persons as a Matter of Law?"

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The article deals with a subject of great interest and of special relevance at the present time. This is a social problem that addresses issues that are currently found in the social arena and are especially relevant with the emergence of a technology that simulates the human condition. In this sense, although the author tries to move away from science fiction, certain projections that arises from audiovisual productions could have been incorporated, focusing on the humanism that exists in posthumanism, allowing to examine the future from the present and analyzing current fears about the relation with AI and the simulation of humans. Likewise, the overcoming of the human mental and physical capacities and a potential domination of the artificial creatures, that is, the moment known as the singularity, could have been incorporated by its symbolic and factual influence in the current fears of our relationship with the machines. Thus, authors who approach this relationship from a pessimistic perspective -Moravec, Kurzweil- can be included, enriching some of the reflections, which could also facilitate the incorporation of postmodern authors who approach, from a different context and perspective, the problem of the simulacrum, like Baudrillard.

On the other hand, the article could be improved by including a thread that makes the different sections more cohesive and the clarification of the primary goals of the investigation, which is somewhat diluted in the development of the essay. It is certainly an article of an eminently essayistic nature, but it would be interesting to provide connection and fluidity to the development of the reflections and broaden the conclusions to include what underlies the most important ideas of the research.