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Cyborg Rights and Metaethics

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Περίληψη:

If the Extended Mind Thesis is true, a host of provocative—and unsettling—questions present themselves. Questions concerning, for example, mental privacy, mental integrity and personal assault: How can we retain the secrecy of our (extended) minds; how can we avoid having our (extended) minds directly manipulated by third parties against our will; how can we ensure that our extended selves are protected to the same extent as our biological selves? One way of dealing with such worries is the introduction of Cyborg Rights—i.e., international laws regulating the rights of extended persons. Pursuing this route, however, implies that States around the world should, and therefore would be obligated to, introduce and observe such rights. But is this correct? Given scepticism about the existence of universal moral rights, it may be objected that Cyborg Rights, like Human Rights, may not be universally valid. Whether this unsettling objection is correct is an intractable question that I do not wish to tackle. Thus, instead of proposing the introduction of Cyborg Rights, I suggest that we look into the value that might be placed on such rights, as well as the value that might be placed on concepts, ideals and state of affairs (such as the notions of human dignity, psychological individuality, mental autonomy) to which these rights hinge on. In effect, I leave it to the judgement of individuals and States to decide, according to their values, whether and what cyborg-related laws should be introduced.