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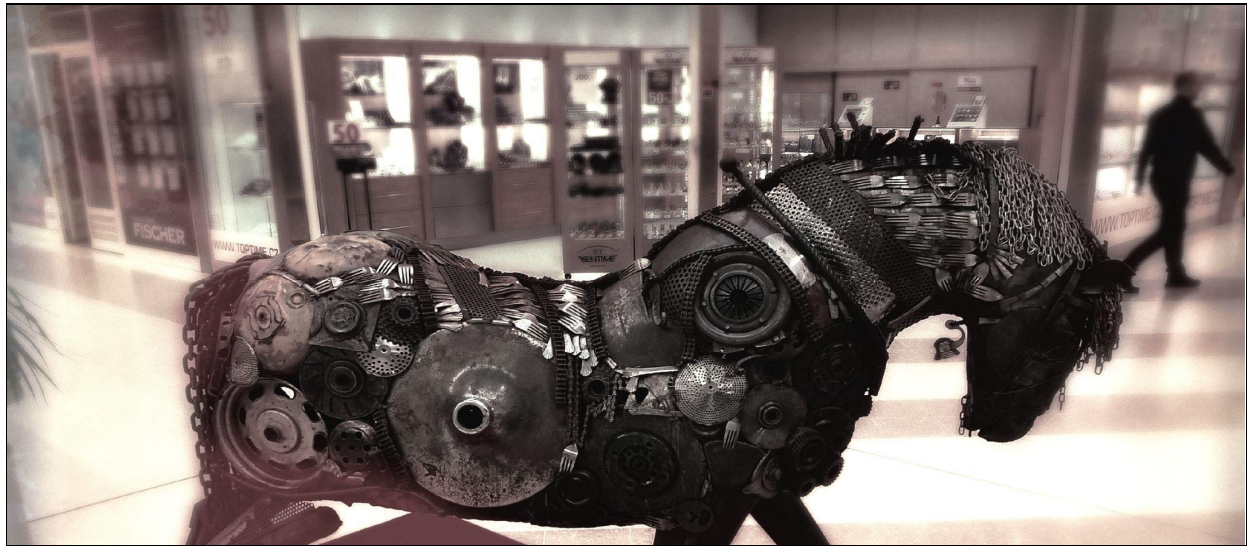
Sentience and Moral Status

Sprague and Taylor Lecture

by

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Wednesday, May 4th, 2022: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Abstract: Under what conditions does a creature matter morally? Do only conscious beings matter? If so, what sort of consciousness is required? The popular "sentientist" view holds that the capacity for positively and negatively valenced experiences, such as pleasure and suffering, is required for moral status. In this lecture, Professor Chalmers will investigate this matter using some thought experiments involving zombies, Vulcans, and the trolley problem.

Zoom Info: Register in advance for this meeting:

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