



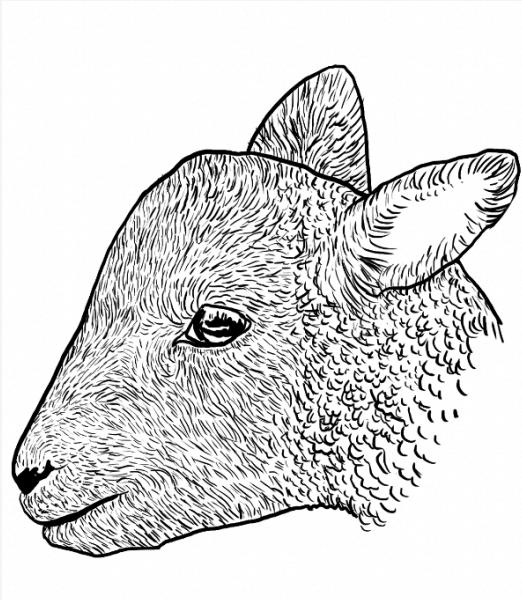
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The Livescu Initiative on Neuro, Narrative and AI (NNAI)

Thinking at the intersection of the humanities, neuroscience and engineering.



Welcome to the Livescu Neuro, Narrative and AI Newsletter



The February edition of the NNAI Livescu Newsletter is here. We bring you the latest updates on our initiative, along with a roundup of relevant news and events in the Neuro, Narrative, and AI ecosystem.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Happy reading!



Our Latest Workshop

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Last December, we hosted the Natural Sociability and Political Association workshop as part of our inquiry into AI before AI. Learn more about the goals of the workshop with our faculty director, Chris Kelty. 

Check out our bio for more information on AI before AI and the Natural Sociability workshop 

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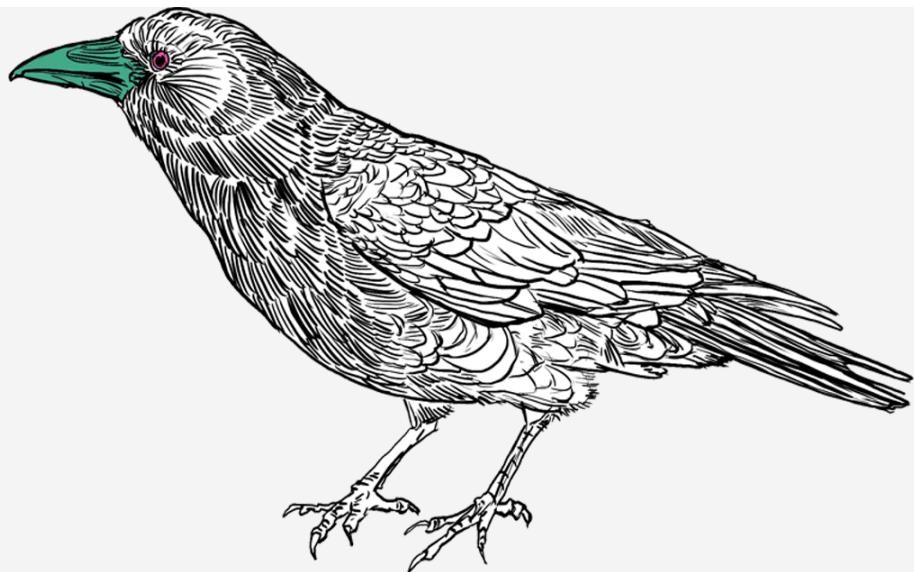
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[NNAI Livescu Website 2.0](#)

We are thrilled to announce that our website has undergone a complete makeover, and we can't wait for you to see it. With the assistance of the UCLA IT department and the artistic talents of [Amisha Gadani](#), we have revamped our style to bring you a more engaging and user-friendly experience.



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NNAI Livescu Videos: Joshua Dienstag

In addition to our Newsletter and [Instagram](#), we will now be sharing our work through our brand-new [YouTube](#) channel.

To kick things off, we have prepared a special video summarizing the insightful talk by Joshua Dienstag on "[Why Turing Was Wrong: Machine, Language and Citizenship](#)," which took place last December at UCLA during the Natural Sociability workshop.



 **Upcoming Events Recommended by NNAI**



CogX Festival LA

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CogX's mission is to convene the tech industry, global leaders, changemakers, creatives, and policymakers to address the critical question, 'How do we get the next 10 years right?'

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UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry Masterclass - Mashinka Firunts

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Join us for a masterclass with Mashinka Firunts Hakopian, hosted by the UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry!

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Inverse Problems and How to Tame Them: Theory-backed Approaches for Robust and Equitable BioMedical AI

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Dr. Abhe Rajagopal explores how combining deep learning with compressed sensing can overcome its limitations in clinical applications.

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Sustenance for the Mind



When the Word Is Not Just Flesh: Reporting on A.I. in Religion

A technology reporter came across a Facebook group called “A.I. for Church Leaders and Pastors,” and his interest was piqued.



Chatbot Software Begins to Face Fundamental Limitations

Recent results show that large language models struggle with compositional tasks, suggesting a hard limit to their abilities.



Could Pain Help Test AI for Sentience?

A new study shows that large language models make trade-offs to avoid pain, with possible implications for future AI welfare.

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