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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Employment:**

Asst Professor (Tenure Track), Technical University of Delft	2017- present
Centre for the Edge Fellow, Deloitte	2019 - present
Asst Professor, University of Twente	2014 - 2017
Visiting Research Fellow, University of Washington	2015
Post-doctoral researcher, University of Twente	2012 – 2014

**Areas of Specialization:**

Robot Ethics, AI Ethics, Digital Ethics, Care Ethics, Value Sensitive Design

**Education:**

2012 – University of Twente (PhD, Applied Ethics). Thesis: *Designing Care Robots with Care: creating an ethical framework for the future design and implementation of care robots.*  
2008 – Erasmus Mundus (M.A., Bioethics, Cum Laude)  
2007 – Catholic University of Leuven (M.A., Applied Ethics)  
2006 – University of Western Ontario (B.Sc., Honours-Cell Biology)

**Professional Organizations:**

European Commission High Level Expert Group on AI, *Rapporteur for Values and Principles working group* - 2018 - Present  
NWO Research Agenda, *Writing Committee Member* – 2019 - Present  
Foundation for Responsible Robotics, *President & Co-Founder*, 2015 – Present  
([responsiblerobotics.org](http://responsiblerobotics.org))  
Institute for Accountability and Internet Democracy, *Board of Directors*, 2017 – Present  
([aidinstitute.org](http://aidinstitute.org))  
Netherlands Alliance for AI (ALLAI), *Board of Directors*, 2018 – Present  
Journal for Frontiers in Robotics and AI, *Editorial Committee member*, 2016-Present  
Robohub, *Expert member*, 2017-Present  
XPRIZE, *Advisory Board*, 2018 - 2019  
4TU Robotics Task Force, *Coordinator*, 2014- 2018  
AI and Intelligent Automation, *Advisory Board*, 2017- 2018

**Books:**

*Robots in Healthcare: design, development and implementation.* 2016. Routledge. New York, NY.

- “Drones in Humanitarian Contexts, Robot Ethics, and Preserving Dignity”, *Ethics & Information Technology*. (2019, in press). (with Comes, T.)
- “A Paradigm Shift for Robot Ethics: from HRI to Human-Robot-System-Interaction”, *Medicolegal & Bioethics*. (2019, in press). (with Li, S.)
- “The Semblance of Aliveness: How the Peculiar Embodiment of Sex Robots will Matter”, *Techné* (2019, in Press). (with J. Grunsven)
- “Critiquing the Reasons for Artificial Moral Agents”, *Science and Engineering Ethics*. (2018) DOI <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11948-018-0030-8>. (with Robbins, S.)
- “The Dawning of the Ethics of Environmental Robots”, *Science and Engineering Ethics*. (2017, Online First). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11948-017-9990-3>
- “Service Robots, Care Ethics, and Design”, *Ethics and Information Technology* 18(4) (2016) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10676-016-9409-x>
- “Civilising Drones by Design” in Ezio Di Nucci and Filippo Santoni de Sio (eds.), *Drones and Responsibility*. Ashgate Publishers, 2015. (with Nagenborg, M.)
- “Ethical Considerations of using information obtained from online file sharing sites: the case of the PirateBay,” *Journal of Information, Communication and Ethics in Society* 13 (2015): 256 – 267.
- “The Leadership Role of the Ethicist: balancing between the Authoritative and the Passive,” *Technoethics* 5(2) (2014): 11-21.
- “Ethicist as Designer: a pragmatic approach to ethics in the lab,” *Science and Engineering Ethics* 20 (4) (2014): 947-61. DOI: 10.1007/s11948-013-9498-4. (with Robbins, S.)
- “A Method for Integrating Ethics into the Design Process of Robots,” *Industrial Robot* 40(5) (2013): 433 - 440.
- “Designing Care Robots for Care: Care Centered Value-Sensitive Design,” *Science and Engineering Ethics* 19(2) (2013):407-33. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11948-011-9343-6>
- “Robots in Healthcare: philosophical insights on the impact of robots on the healthcare tradition,” in M. Schermer, M. Boenink & G. Meynen (eds.), *Komt een filosoof bij de dokter*. Boom, Amsterdam, 2013.
- “Telepsychiatry and the meaning of in-person contact: an ethical appraisal,” *International Journal of Medicine, Philosophy and Healthcare* 12(4) (2009): 469-76. (with Gastmans, C.)
- “Telesurgery: an Ethical Appraisal. *Journal of Medical Ethics*,” 34 (2008):e22. (with Gastmans, C.) DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/jme.2007.023952>

### Invited Addresses (Selected):

- “The Cycle of Women in Robotics: from Vicious to Virtuous”, Main Speaker, *Italy Campus Party*. July 2019. <https://italia.campus-party.org/speakers/>
- “What Comes first; the robot or the care?”, Invited Speaker, *Ethical challenges of mechanization of care*, German Ethics Council. June 2019. <https://www.ethikrat.org/jahrestagungen/pflege-roboter-ethik-ethische-herausforderungen-der-technisierung-der-pflege/>
- Speaker at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences *Robotics, AI, and Humanity: Science, Ethics, and Policy Workshop*, Vatican City, May 2019
- “Implementation of the European strategy on Artificial Intelligence”, Invited Panelist, AiParis Conference, Paris, FR, May 2019

“The role of Ethics in Europe’s AI Ethics Guidelines”, Invited Panelist, *Digital Day*, European Commission, April 2019.

“Is AI a Human Rights Issue?”, Invited Panelist, European Parliament, March 2019.

“The Ethics and Accountability of AI”, Invited Panelist x2, Mobile World Congress 2019, Barcelona, SP, February 2019

“Ethics of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence”, Keynote Speaker, PWC Ethics in the Boardroom Event, Amsterdam, NL, December 2018

“Ethics, Healthcare, and Robotics”, Keynote Speaker, AMS Phoenix Conference, Toronto, CA, November 2018

“Fireside Chat with Paul Michelman on Robot Ethics”, Invited speaker, Web Summit, Lisbon, Portugal, November 2018.

“Technology in Healthcare”, Invited Panelist x2, Connected Health Conference, Boston, USA, October 2018

“Ethics of Robots and Artificial Intelligence”, Keynote Speaker, Deloitte Women in STEAM event, Leiden, NL, October 2018

“Regulating the Robots: the Ghost in the Smart Machine”, Invited Speaker, The Economist’s Innovation Summit: building the intelligent company”, London, Sept 2018

“Responsible AI for a future worth wanting”, Keynote address, IT Web, Artificial Intelligence Workshop, South Africa, Aug 2018

“The Ethics of Robots in Humanitarian Aid”, Conference speaker, University of Sendai, Japan, July, 2018

“Ethics to Inspire Innovation in AI”, Invited Speaker, AI for Good, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2018.

“What could be tomorrow's issues on Accountability and Internet Democracy”, Panelist, The Hague Summit on Accountability and Internet Democracy, Peace Palace, the Hague, May 2018.

“AI may be a black box but the Ethical Issues resulting from AI are not.” Invited speaker, Deloitte, Arnhem, the NL, April 2018.

“More data, More Problems”, Keynote speaker, ABN-AMRO WTT Insights Live, Rotterdam, Feb 2018.

“Be adaptable, take risks”. Commencement address, ATLAS program University of Twente, class of 2017. Feb 2018.

“Innovation and the Future of Work – Are Robots our Partners or our Competitors?”, Panel Discussion, FT-EIB Global Investment Forum, Dec 2017.

“Discussing Ethics and Robotics”, Invited speaker, Web Summit, Lisbon, Portugal, Nov 2017.

“The Ethics of Ethical Robots”, Invited Speaker, Rotman Institute for Science and Values, London, Canada, March 2017.

“Ethics not included: the impact of robots and AI on the labour market”, Invited Speaker, EESC Hearing on Robotics and AI, European Parliament, Feb 2017.

“Ethical Issues in Robotics”, Opening address European Robotics Week. Nov 2016.

“Ethics and Robots,” Panelist, Leiden International Film Festival (Brave New World), Nov 2016.

“Ethics of Symbiotic Interaction” Panel Expert, 5th International workshop on Symbiotic Interaction, Sept 2016.

“Ethics and Care Robots,” Invited Speaker, Qua Art Qua Science, Nov 2015.

“Unintended uses of information from online social networking sites; a framework to stimulate reflection on values,” Stuttgart Media University, Nov 2014.

“Ethics and Big Data,” Invited presenter, COMMIT community days, Oct, 2014.

“Ethics, Privacy and Design,” Keynote lecture, IFIP Summer school on privacy and identity management. Sept, 2014.  
“Designing Care Robots for Care,” NVBe (Dutch Society for Bioethics), Mar, 2012.  
“A Framework for Integrating Ethics in the Design Process of Care Robots,” Yale University, Dec 2011.

### **Awards and Distinctions:**

<i>Deloitte</i> , Centre for the Edge Fellowship	2019
<i>InspiringFifty</i> , Inspiring Female in Tech	2019
<i>Computer Weekly</i> , Most Influential Women in Tech (longlisted)	2019
<i>L’Oreal-Unesco</i> , Women in Science Laureate, 25,000 Euros	2018
<i>British Academy</i> , Small Research Grant, 9000 GBP	2018
<i>Robohub</i> , Women to Know in Robotics	2017
<i>Techionista</i> , Women in Tech award (nominated)	2017
NWO, Veni Personal Research Grant, 250.000 Euros	2015
<i>UTwente</i> , Female Incentive Fund Scholarship, 15,000 Euros	2015
<i>Viva 400</i> , Nominated as a “Clever Head”	2015
<i>Georges Giralt</i> , Award for Best PhD thesis in Robotics (nominated)	2012
<i>Centre for Telematics and Information Technology</i> , PhD Carousel Award	2011

### **Interviews (Video)**

AI for Good Global Summit, May 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afTHneCow2Q>

Dutch IT Channel, May 2019  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=110&v=E1R3E671RR8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=110&v=E1R3E671RR8)

European Commission Digital Day 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwYxwyiAtHo&t=8s>

Healthcare Information and Management Society (HIMSS). October 2018.  
<http://himsstv.brightcovegallery.com/detail/videos/latest-videos/video/5989112071001/robotics-giving-rise-to-ethical-healthcare-issues?autoStart=true>

AI for Good Global Summit. May 2018.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=PM9AOxVIvws](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=PM9AOxVIvws)

### **Press**

Interview with the *Holland Herald* (the KLM on board magazine), forthcoming in Aug 2019 Issue.

Interview with *Volkswagenstiftung*. Forthcoming in July 2019.  
<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en>

Interview with *Digital Future Society*. July 16, 2019. <https://digitalfuturesociety.com/aimce-van-wynsberghe-governments-must-create-a-context-which-forces-technology-companies-to-take-ethics-seriously/>

“AI is the new Nuclear Energy”, Interview with Aimee van Wynsberghe. In the *Future of Business Magazine*, March 2019. <https://executive-people.nl/620233/lquo-ai-is-de-nieuwe-kernenergie-rsquo.html>

“Can we Teach Machines a Code of Ethics?”, Interview with Aimee van Wynsberghe. In *Forbes Insights*, March 2019. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/insights-intelai/2019/03/27/can-we-teach-machines-a-code-of-ethics/>

“Robotuitdager”, Profile of Aimee van Wynsberghe. In *De Ingenieur*. Jan 2019.

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Boogert, E. (2017, June 19). Europese Commissie benoemt denktank AI. Retrieved from <https://www.emerce.nl/nieuws/europese-commissie-benoemt-denktank-ai>

Drone technology may radically alter human society: Report. (2017, June 8). Retrieved from <https://www.theweek.in/news/sci-tech/2018/06/08/Drone-technology-may-radically-alter-human-society-Report.html>

Adler, S. (2018, June 1). The bottom line of ethics and governance in AI. Retrieved from <https://www.aiia.net/artificial-intelligence/news/the-bottom-line-of-ethics-and-governance-in-ai>

International AI expert Aimee van Wynsberghe to headline ITWeb Artificial Intelligence 2018. (2018, April 23). Retrieved from <http://pressoffice.mg.co.za/ITWeb/PressRelease.php?StoryID=282859#author>

Doyle, K. (2018, April 19). World expert for ITWeb Artificial Intelligence 2018. Retrieved from <https://www.itweb.co.za/content/KWEBb7yalR17mRjO>

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