

# GEHIRN & KOGNITION – BRAIN & COGNITION

## NEUROETHICS

### INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR WS 2009/10

venue: Seminar room, basement of the Bernstein Center Freiburg (Hansastraße 9a)

time: Jan 12 & 19, 09:15-18:00 Uhr

#### What is Neuroethics and what can/should it achieve?

(Boris Essmann)

- Roskies, A. (2002), »Neuroethics for the New Millenium«. *Neuron* 35: 21-23.
- Farah, M. J. (2002), »Emerging ethical issues in neuroscience«. *Nature Neuroscience* 5(11): 1123-9.
- Synofzik, M. (2005), »Die neuen Möglichkeiten der Neurowissenschaften und ihre ethischen Implikationen«. *Ethik in der Medizin* 17(3): 206-219.
- Zusätzlich: Fuchs, T. (2006), »Ethical issues in neuroscience«. *Curr Opin Psychiatry* 19(6): 600-7.
- Illes, J. und S. J. Bird (2006), »Neuroethics: a modern context for ethics in neuroscience«. *Trends Neurosci* 29(9): 511-7.]

#### Ethical Aspects of Neuroenhancement

*Ethics*

(Katharina Heining)

- President's Council on Bioethics (2003), *Beyond Therapy - Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness. A Report of the President's Council on Bioethics*. Washington.
- DeGrazia, D. (2000), »Prozac, enhancement, and self-creation«. *Hastings Center Report* 30(2): 34-40.
- DeGrazia, D. (2005), »Enhancement technologies and human identity«. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 30(3): 261-83.
- Elliott, C. (2000), »Pursued by Happiness and Beaten Senseless. Prozac and the American Dream«. *Hastings Center Report* 30(2): 7-12.
- Greely, H., B. Sahakian, et al. (2008), »Towards responsible use of cognitive-enhancing drugs by the healthy«. *Nature* 456(7223): 702-5.

*Neuroscience*

(Joel Jarowiyi)

- Lehrer, J. (2009) "Small, furry ...and smart. *Nature* 461,862-864
- This talk should include an explanation of knock-out mice and the mechanistic background of genetic cognition enhancement.

#### Identity and Personality as Criteria for the Ethical Evaluation of Interventions in the Human Brain

Merkel, R., G. Boer, et al. (2007), *Intervening in the Brain*. Berlin: Springer, S. 189-287. (Wolfgang Haberl)

#### Non-invasive BMIs

*Neuroscience:*

(Anna Dittrich)

- Wolpaw J and McFarland D (2004)  
Control of a two-dimensional movement signal by a noninvasive brain-computer interface in humans.  
*Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 101(51):17849-54.
- Birbaumer N, Ghanayim N, Hinterberger T, Iversen I, Kotchoubey B, Kubler A, Perelmouter J, Taub E, Flor H (1999) A spelling device for the paralysed. *Nature*. 398(6725):297-8.

- Kubler A, Kotchoubey B, Hinterberger T, Ghanayim N, Perelmouter J, Schauer M, Fritsch C, Taub E, Birbaumer N (1999) The thought translation device: a neurophysiological approach to communication in total motor paralysis. *Exp Brain Res.* 124(2):223-32.
- Pfurtscheller G, Muller GR, Pfurtscheller J, Gerner HJ, Rupp R (2003) 'Thought'--control of functional electrical stimulation to restore hand grasp in a patient with tetraplegia. *Neurosci Lett.* 351(1):33-6
- This talk should include an explanation of EEG recording.

*Ethics:*

(Anna Dittrich)

- Birbaumer, N. (2005): Nur das Denken bleibt: Neuroethik des Eingeschlossen-Seins. In: E.-M. Engels & E. Hildt (Hrsg.) *Neurowissenschaften und Menschenbild*. Paderborn: Mentis, S. 77-94.
- Kübler, A. et al. (2006): Locked in – freigegeben für den Tod. Wenn nur das Denken und Fühlen bleiben – Neuroethik des Eingeschlossenseins. *Zeitschrift für medizinische Ethik* 52(1), S. 57-70.

## Invasive BMIs

*Neuroscience*

(Sarit Pati Goswami)

- Hochberg LR, Serruya MD, Friehs GM, Mukand JA, Saleh M, Caplan AH, Branner A, Chen D, Penn RD, Donoghue JP (2006) Neuronal ensemble control of prosthetic devices by a human with tetraplegia. *Nature.* 442(7099):164-71. (including comments in the same Nature issue)
- Kennedy PR, Bakay RA, Moore MM, Adams K, Goldwaithe J (2000) Direct control of a computer from the human central nervous system. *IEEE Trans Rehabil Eng.* 8(2):198-202.
- Kennedy PR and Bakay RA (1998) Restoration of neural output from a paralyzed patient by a direct brain connection. *Neuroreport* 9(8):1707-11.
- This talk should include an explanation of techniques for single-cell recordings in behaving subjects. Further technical details can also be found e.g. in: Chapin JK (2004), Using multi-neuron population recordings for neural prosthetics. *Nat Neurosci.* 7(5):452-5.

*Ethics:*

(Man Yi Yim)

- Maguire, G. Q. und E. M. McGee (1999), »Implantable Brain Chips? Time for Debate«. *Hastings Center Report* 29: 7-13.
- Foster, K. R. (2005), *Engineering in the Brain*. In: *Neuroethics: Defining the Issues in Theory, Practice and Policy*, hrsg. von J. Illes. Oxford: Oxford University Press, S. 185-199.
- Hildt, E. (2005), *Computer, Körper und Gehirn: Ethische Aspekte eines Wechselspiels*. In: *Neurowissenschaften und Menschenbild*, hrsg. von E.-M. Engels und E. Hildt. Paderborn: mentis, S. 121-137.
- Müller, O., Clausen, J., Maio, G. (2009): *Der technische Zugriff auf das Gehirn. Methoden – Herausforderungen – Reflexionen*. In: *Das technisierte Gehirn. Neurotechnologien als Herausforderung für Ethik und Anthropologie*, hg. von O. Müller, J. Clausen, G. Maio. Paderborn: mentis, S. 11-19.

## Imaging the Brain

*Neuroscience:*

(Alexander Niederbühl)

- Haynes, J.-D., Sakai, K., Rees, G., Gilbert, S., Frith, C., & Passingham, R. E. (2007). Reading hidden intentions in the human brain. *Current Biology*, 17(4), 323-328.
- Haynes, J.-D., & Rees, G. (2006). Decoding mental states from brain activity in humans. *Nature Reviews Neuroscience*, 7(7), 523-534.
- Langleben DD, Loughhead JW, Bilker WB, Ruparel K, Childress AR, Busch SI, Gur RC. (2005) Telling truth from lie in individual subjects with fast event-related fMRI. *Hum Brain Mapp.* 26(4):262-72.
- Davatzikos C, Ruparel K, Fan Y, Shen DG, Acharyya M, Loughhead JW, Gur RC, Langleben DD (2005) Classifying spatial patterns of brain activity with machine learning methods: application to lie detection. *Neuroimage.* 28(3):663-8.
- Farwell LA and Donchin E (1991) The truth will out: interrogative polygraphy ("lie detection") with event-related brain potentials. *Psychophysiology* 28(5):531-47.

- Farwell LA, and Smith SS (2001) Using brain MERMER testing to detect knowledge despite efforts to conceal. *J Forensic Sci.* 46(1):135-43.
- This talk should include an explanation of the fMRI technique

### *Ethics*

(Carolin Nieder)

- Fuchs, T. (2006), »Kosmos im Kopf? Neurowissenschaften und Menschenbild«. *Zeitschrift für Medizinische Ethik* 52: 3-14.
- Illes, J., E. Racine, et al. (2005), A picture is worth a 1000 words, but which 1000? In: *Neuroethics: Defining the Issues in Theory, Practice and Policy*, hrsg. von J. Illes. Oxford: Oxford University Press, S. 149-168.
- Farah, M. und P. R. Wolpe (2004), »Monitoring an Manipulating Brain Function. *New Neuroscience Technologies and Their Ethical Implications*«. *Hastings Center Report* 34(3): 35-45.
- Wolpe, P. R., K. R. Foster, et al. (2005), »Emerging neurotechnologies for lie-detection: promises and perils«. *American Journal for Bioethics* 5(2): 39-49.
- Turner, D. und B. Sahakian (2006), »Ethical questions in functional neuroimaging and cognitive enhancement«. *Poiesis & Praxis: International Journal of Technology Assessment and Ethics of Science* 4(2): 81-94.

### **Outlook / Visions**

#### a) *Neuronal Networks in vitro/Hybrid Systems*

(Oscar Cota)

- DeMarse TB, Wagenaar DA, Blau A, Potter SM (2001) The neurally controlled animat: biological brains acting with simulated bodies. *Autonomous Robots* 11:305-310
- Potter SM (2001) Distributed processing in cultured neuronal networks. *Prog Brain Res* 130:49-62
- Zeck, G. & Fromherz, P. (2001): Noninvasive neuroelectric interfacing with synaptically connected snail neurons immobilized on a semiconductor chip. *PNAS* 98 (18): 10457-62
- Fromherz, P. (2001): Interfacing von Nervenzellen und Halbleiterchips. *Physikalische Blätter* 57 (2): 43-8
- Siehe auch: [http://www.bme.ufl.edu/research/projects/detail\\_researchproject.php?RP\\_id=5](http://www.bme.ufl.edu/research/projects/detail_researchproject.php?RP_id=5)

#### b) *Neurobionics and Identity*

(Undine Burmeister)

- Birnbacher, D. (2006): Hirngewebstransplantationen und neurobionische Eingriffe - anthropologische und ethische Fragen. In: D. Birnbacher (Hg.) *Bioethik zwischen Natur und Interesse*. Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, S. 273-293.

#### c) *BMI's for external behavioural control (Roborats)*

(Daniel Althof)

- Talwar SK, Xu S, Hawley ES, Weiss SA, Moxon KA, Chapin JK (2002) Rat navigation guided by remote control. *Nature*. 417(6884):37-8.
- Brain2Brain Communication Project Neural Engineering Lab, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University - See [http://www.jhu.edu/nthakor/people\\_pages/hongbo/main.html](http://www.jhu.edu/nthakor/people_pages/hongbo/main.html)

#### d) *Cyborgs / Concept of Human Being / Enhancement*

(Ulrich Froriep)

- Zoglauer, T. (2003): Der Mensch als Cyborg? Philosophische Probleme der Neuroprothetik. *Universitas* Vol. 58, S. 1267-1278.
- Wolpe, P. R. (2002): Neurotechnology, cyborgs, and the sense of self. In: S. Marcus (Hg.) *Neuroethics: mapping the field*; conference proceedings, May 13 - 14, 2002, San Francisco, California. New York, NY: Dana Press, S. 159-167.