



Public Lecture

# AI and the Good Life

Professor Meghan Sullivan

**Monday 9 March 2026 | 6:00 pm**

Faith communities played a central role in major 20th century debates in applied ethics, especially surrounding nuclear armament, civil rights, and bioethics. But for a variety of reasons, these same groups were sidelined for the ethical debates at the dawn of the digital era. As we now make the transition from a search-advertisement digital economy to one based on powerful large models and agentic AI, it is more important than ever that we expand our ethical imagination. Based on over 100 interviews with Catholic, evangelical and mainline Protestant leaders (conducted through a recent planning grant with the Lilly Endowment), this talk will discuss five concepts from the Christian ethical tradition and their relevance for debates about developing and deploying powerful AI. It will also consider the relevance of philosophical and theological thinking about AI given current economic and political conditions around the industry.

Join us for the launch of the Tech and Human Futures initiative, a new research program at Notre Dame Australia exploring human approaches to AI, emerging technologies, and the futures we create.

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**TIME**

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**VENUE**

St Benedict's Hall  
Cnr Abercrombie St & Broadway,  
Chippendale  
The University of Notre Dame Australia

## SPEAKER



**Meghan Sullivan**

is the Wilsey Family College Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame USA. She serves as director of the university-

wide Ethics Initiative and is the founding director of the Institute for Ethics and the Common Good. The Institute includes the Rev. John I. Jenkins C.S.C Center for Virtue Ethics, the Notre Dame-IBM Technology Ethics Lab, a major John Templeton Foundation grant to develop the next generation of courses on human flourishing, and highly competitive fellowships. Professor Sullivan's books include *Time Biases* (Oxford University Press) and *The Good Life Method* (Penguin), co-authored with Paul Blaschko. She has received a Joyce Award for Teaching, the Provost's All-Faculty Team Award, and South Bend's 40 Under 40 Award. She holds degrees from the University of Virginia, Oxford and Rutgers, and studied at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.