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Conversations with Machines

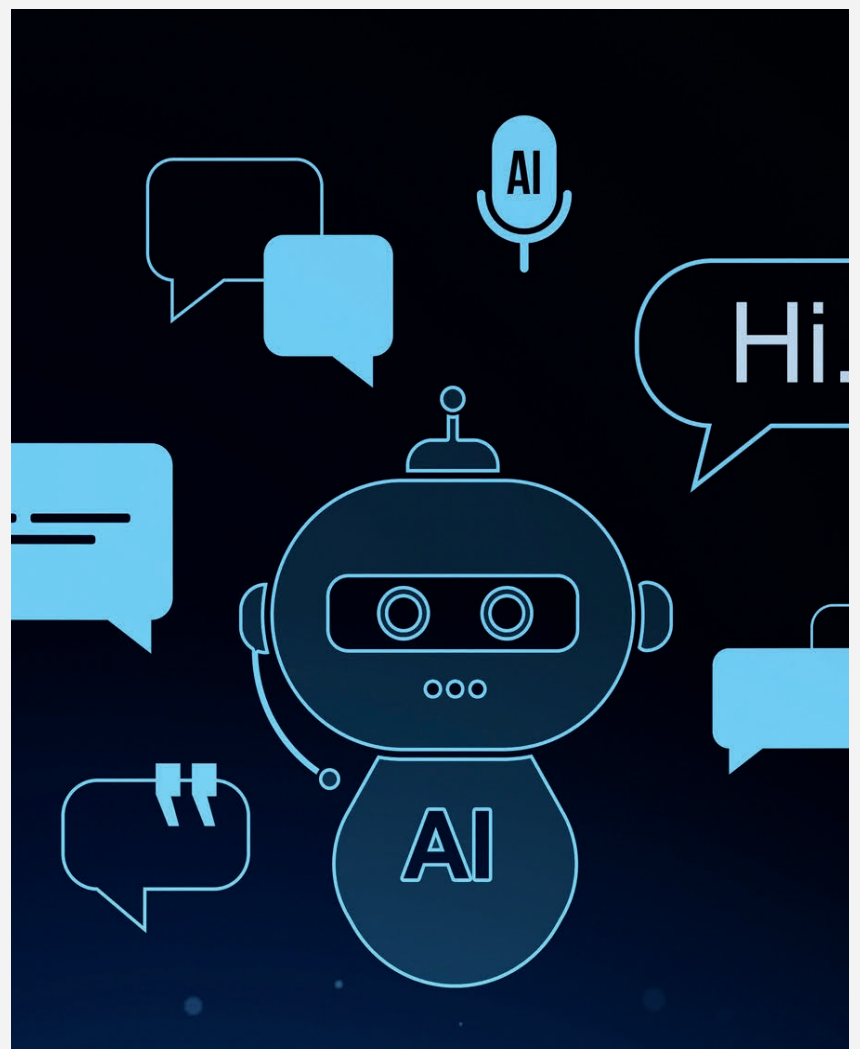


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Friday, Nov. 6 | 7–8:30 pm | ARTS 241 (Neatby Timlin)

Conversation is a natural human activity, although no longer an exclusively human activity: we can now talk to chatbots, and they can talk to each other. The latest chatbots can outperform humans in various ways, but there is something valuable about human conversation that chatbots are still missing. Ordinary human conversation involves building common knowledge together with a conversational partner; my talk explores the reasons why currently deployed chatbots don't do that when you talk to them. Subtle failures to build common knowledge emerge when chatbots are paired with human conversational partners, and more alarming failures emerge when chatbots talk to each other.



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