‘You Do Your Own Dirty Work’: Addressing the Risks of Ethical Outsourcing to Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract: The project aims at gathering collaborators from psychology, engineering, and philosophy with the objective of leveraging insights within existing conversations to develop a deeper analysis of the ethical implications of moral outsourcing. In particular, the project aims at extending the current debate by exploring how relying on algorithms can blur attributions of blame and how delegating moral labor to algorithms erases a fundamental aspect of what it means to be ethical by outsourcing moral decisions that instead require active reflection.