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Starting on 01.10.2020 and preliminarily limited to a fixed contract until 30.09.2022, the Center for Science and Thought (CST, Bonn) and the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence (CFI, Cambridge) is seeking a

**Postdoc Research Associate (80%)**

The ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a burgeoning discipline in both academic and policy circles. Using the tools of moral philosophy, philosophy of science, and social sciences, the Philosophy and Ethics of AI Programme takes on the major contemporary ethical challenges presented by AI. The position will be based for the first 2 years in Bonn, with regular travel to Cambridge, and then, if renewed, for the second 2 years in Cambridge, with regular travel to Bonn.

**Your responsibilities:**
- Independent research and participation in group research projects in philosophy and the ethics of artificial intelligence,
- Production of high-quality publications in the relevant fields,
- Support of research and administration at CFI and CST,
- Organisation of conferences and workshops,
- Regular travel between Bonn, Cambridge and other research institutions.

**Your qualifications:**
- A PhD in Philosophy or another related field in humanities and social sciences or a PhD with a substantial element of these fields.
- At least one of the following areas of expertise: philosophy of science/computer science/AI, political/social/feminist philosophy, ethics,
- At least one of the following areas of competence: artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, philosophy of science/computer science/AI, philosophy of technology, ethics, political/social/feminist philosophy,
- Native speaker or near-native command of the English language,
- Motivated, flexible, team-oriented and interested in continued professional development.

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