

# DATA ETHICS LECTURE 5

## PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS

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This week



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**Organizing and  
Activism**

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- virtue ethics

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we're going to add a few other frameworks

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Algorithmic Colonization of Africa

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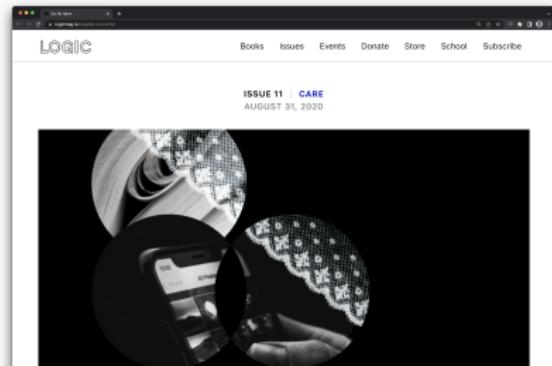
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**Abstract**

We live in a world where technological corporations hold unprecedented power and influence. Technological solutions to social, political, and economic challenges are rampant. In the Global South, technology that is developed with Western perspectives, values, and interests is imported with little regulation or critical scrutiny. This work examines how Western tech monopolies, with their desire to dominate, control and influence social, political, and cultural discourse, share common characteristics with traditional colonialism. However, while traditional colonialism is driven by political and

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## Do No Harm

Nikoura Salehi

Social media companies are framing the problem of widespread online harassment in a way that maximizes profits without limiting harms. It's time for a new model.

In early 2017, an investigative journalist uncovered a private Facebook group called Marines United, where hundreds of veterans and active-duty marines were circulating nude or invasive photos of military servicewomen without their knowledge. "Dozens of now-deleted Google Drive folders linked from the Facebook page included dossiers of women containing their names, military branches, nude photographs, screenshots of their social media accounts and images of sexual acts," the journalist Thomas Bragman

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