
From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2016 12:02 PM
To: Christakis, Nicholas
Subject: Re: HW thanks

alternative currencies? concepts=C2 of trust. exchange store of value, risk, tax. ?

On Sat, Sep 24, 2016 at 7:59 AM, Christakis, Nicholas [REDACTED] wrote:

dear jeff:

we are doing a number of new things.

one of my favorite projects, currently under review so i cannot =hare all details, involves an initiative in what we call 'dumb AI.=E2 we are going in a different direction than others who are i=creasing the sophistication of AI technologies. we are decreasing it. we are developing simple sorts of AI, an= we are creating bots that we drop into groups of humans (creating =98heterogeneous systems' of bots interspersed among real humans) s= as to facilitate the performance of those groups. through a bit of thoughtful programming and careful inter-position of the bots, we=can enhance group performance in a number of valuable and useful ways, we =hink. we think there are many applications and could be transformati=nal, as you put it, though, judging from the sorts of things you probably hear about, perhaps not.

and we have two other sustained, ongoing efforts:

breadboard.yale.edu <<http://breadboard.yale.edu>> (software with which we create artificial societies of real people, which allows us to do experiments, e.g., this recent paper in Nature:
<http://humannaturelab.net/paper/inequality-and-visibility-of-wealth-in-experimental-social-networks/> <<http://humannaturelab.net/paper/inequality-and-visibility-of-wealth-in-experimental-social-networks/>>)

and

<http://humannaturelab.net/honduras-social-networks/> <<http://humannaturelab.net/honduras-social-networks/>> (a=large field experiment in Honduras in which we are trying to create artificial tipping points to foster large-scale behavior change)

finally, we have some other cool work involving alternative currencies=and the role of network cycles in economic systems (basically, without cycles, the systems perform terribly).

best,

nicholas

On Sep 24, 2016, at 7:40 AM 9/24/16, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>= wrote:

thanks, what are you currently working on? have you seen any discovery that is transformational.=C2 in your field.? it seems little new in many =thers. BTW, sol goldman was one of my first clients

On Sat, Sep 24, 2016 at 7:26 AM, Christakis, Nicholas [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] > wrote:

thanks, jeffrey.

a summation of the year that appeared in the Atlantic a couple of months ago is here:
<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/05/the-peril-of-writing-a-provocative-email-at-yale/484418/>
<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=3Dhttp-3A__www.theatlantic.com_politics_archive_2016_05_the-2Dperil-2Dof-2Dwriting-2Da-2Dprovocative-2Demail-2Dat-2Dyale_484418_&d=CwMFaQ&c=3D-dg2m7zWuuDZ0MUcV7Sdqw&r=sugCQA1GQcc_ijPTn7lczmloO1Fu1wJYNkrhje9j=g&m=EKUtcbzDEP-hP4II4zWcJBuyMCH68yDX9K7vmEckaKo&s=9hPPimUdG6VA=ceipaewycZBCsrENPyd9RA_u40-qhw&e=> it was a demanding year, and we did our best.

an essay i wrote for the New York Times, which attempts to address one part of the difficult issues this past year, and that might possibly be of interest to you, is here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/23/education/teaching-inclusion-in-a-divided-world.html?r=0>
<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/r1?u=http-3A__www.nytimes.com_2016_06_23_education_teaching-2Dinclusion-2Din-2Da-2Ddivided-2Dworld.html-3F-5Fr-3D0&d=CwMFaQ&c=-dg2m7zWu=DZ0MUcV7Sdqw&r=sugCQA1GQcc_ijPTn7lczmloO1Fu1wJYNkrhje9jjg&m=E=UtcbzDEP-hP4II4zWcJBuyMCH68yDX9K7vmEckaKo&s=ZkYlbJeDV9muaeQHy4E_R0Wv1=dPF-ZZLAQYPT1aTYOA&e=>

and, in case you have not seen it, and are interested, here is my wife =80 s original email:
<https://www.thefire.org/email-from-erika-christakis-dressing-yourselves-email-to-silliman-college-yale-students-on-halloween-costumes/> <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/r1?u=https-3A__www.thefire.org_email-2Dfrom-2Derika-2Dchristakis-2Ddress=ing-2Dyourselves-2Demail-2Dto-2Dsilliman-2Dcollege-2Dyale-2Dstudents-2Don=2Dhalloween-2Dcostumes_&d=CwMFaQ&c=-dg2m7zWuuDZ0MUcV7Sdqw&=&=sugCQA1GQcc_ijPTn7lczmloO1Fu1wJYNkrhje9jjg&m=EKUtcbzDEP-hP4II4zW=JBuyMCH68yDX9K7vmEckaKo&s=M4DenbZ3V3BiaJEwu1Sy3K8QRA51alHmGdKHZDN2h_=&e=>

— nicholas

On Sep 21, 2016, at 8:46 AM 9/21/16, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>= wrote:

watched that you tube with horror you were great.

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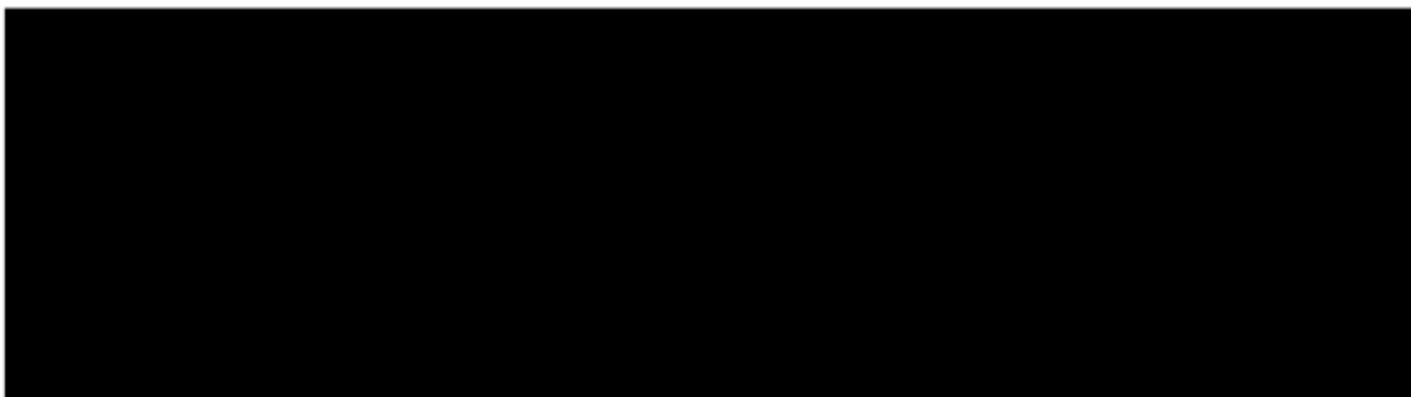
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