

**WOMEN, ETHICS, ROBOTS, AI AND DATA (WERAIID) – HOW CAN WE
BUILD THE POLITICS OF LOVE AS WE CREATE NEW TECHNOLOGIES?**

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This talk will examine the making of representational technologies of the human (RTH) – a concept Richardson develops in her new book on sex robots (due 2023). RTH is a mimesis inspired concept and concerns those technological objects that aim to mimic and represent human beings: their bodies, experiences, and relationships. As humans embark on creating RTH in the form of robots and AI – what do the making of these technologies tell us about how we conceive of women, men and children and the relationships between them? To what extent do the values of love, empathy and attachment shape the technologies we produce? This talk will examine those RTH (and narratives of them) developed to be relational, sexual and therapeutic others, and consider if we should abandon or contract out these roles to machines (if we can at all), or in fact, do we need to develop a new set of ideas about technologies informed by the politics of love?