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“Stimulating the Self: Neurotechnology and Agency”

ABSTRACT

Advances in neurotechnology promise to help address medical conditions that are resistant to more traditional treatments. These neurotechnologies do, in many cases, address problematic symptoms successfully. However, they also sometimes create confusion about issues central to our understanding of ourselves as agents with particular identities. In this paper, I use the context of neurotechnologies to develop a relational approach to agency, building on feminist work on relational autonomy and disability studies scholarship on interdependency.

BIOGRAPHY

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