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Pioneering Responsible Innovation: Balancing Technology Progress with Social Impact

Description and Goals

This circle examines the role of responsibility in technological innovation from a socio-technical perspective in a comprehensive way. This circle builds upon the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) as defined by Von Schomberg (2013), which promotes an inclusive, transparent, and responsive approach to research and innovation.

Technological advancements are a driving force of contemporary society, shaping various aspects of our lives, from healthcare and education to communication and transportation (Friedman & Kahn, 2003). While these developments bring unprecedented opportunities, they can also introduce significant challenges and ethical dilemmas (Stilgoe, Owen, & Macnaghten, 2013).

This circle explores how the RRI framework can be applied to balance the rapid progress of technology with its social implications. It looks at how stakeholders (researchers, innovators, endusers, policymakers, and the public) can collaboratively work to ensure that technological developments are aligned with societal needs and values (Owen, Macnaghten, & Stilgoe, 2012).

Key areas of focus include understanding the societal impact of technologies, addressing ethical considerations, fostering inclusivity in innovation processes, and promoting transparency and public engagement in decision-making about technology (Wickson & Carew, 2014). This research aims to provide insights and recommendations to guide the responsible development and deployment of technologies in today's dynamic, interconnected world.

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