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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

# Am I a Real Boy?

## WILL ROBOTS AND COMPUTERS ONE DAY ASK SUCH QUESTIONS?

The ongoing quest for artificial intelligence is celebrating its 50th year. But what might the next 50 years hold in store for us? Could robots one day be smarter than people? Could robots and computers learn the way babies do? Could they develop a sense of humour or learn to deceive their makers?

This free public lecture will explore the shape of things to come for computers and robots in a future when we may come to rely on truly intelligent technology.

### RSVP

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### When

Thursday 16 November 2006  
6pm drinks for 6.30pm start

### Where

Guthrie Theatre  
Level 3  
Peter Johnson Building  
702-730 Harris St, Ultimo

### Free Parking

Peter Johnson Building  
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### PROFESSOR MARY-ANNE WILLIAMS

Professor Mary-Anne Williams is a world leader in artificial intelligence research. She has developed several new computational models for decision making in complex and dynamic environments, with applications from financial risk management to autonomous robot soccer players. She is a member of the Australian Research Council's College of Experts, the Editorial Board of the Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research and the joint MIT Press and American Artificial Intelligence Association Press. Professor Williams is Team Leader of the UTS robot soccer team UTS Unleashed!, which has enjoyed significant international success.