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New Publications

- Cass R Sunstein's new paper, 'The Ethics of Nudging' discusses what kinds of nudging might be helpful or harmful to society. The paper argues that nudging (or "choice architecture") is unavoidable, but that there are legitimate and illegitimate uses.

- Emma Tieffenbach also discusses nudging in 'On the Cost of Shame Comment on 'Nudging by Shaming, Shaming by Nudging', in which she objects to Nir Eyal's idea that nudging can associate shame with a particular choice.

- Brigitte Vallabhajosula's _Murder in the Courtroom: The Cognitive Neuroscience of Violence_ (OUP USA 2015) is a new book looking at the links between cognitive functioning and violence. It examines case law and considers the role of neuroscience as evidence in court.

- _Brain Theory: Essays in Critical Neurophilosophy_ (Charles T Wolffe (ed), Palgrave Macmillan 2014) looks at neuroscience, neurolaw, and neuroethics, amongst other things, attempting to consider a wide range of philosophical implications arising from neuroscientific technology.

NeuroLaw News Items

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The Centre for Law and the Biosciences at Stanford has published this blog post, wherein the author discusses the role of public perception and wonders why people don't engage with neuroscience generally.

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The New York Times has published an op-ed article discussing the author's concern that they may be a danger in involving neuroscience in public policy decisions in terms of decisions not being made in the right way as a result.

Upcoming Events

- Whilst there are no events scheduled for the new year yet, members might like to be aware of this site, which is run by an interdisciplinary group, "NERRI", focused on looking at new technologies and the ethical implications of their use and marketing. The website also hosts a variety of videos and links to publications which may be of interest.