



International scientific conference

ETHICS AND RELIGION IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL AGE

Celje, October 26th–28th 2023

Program

Organisation:
Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana



PROGRAM

Thursday, October 26th/Četrtek, 26. oktober

Arrival and accommodation of the participants at Dom sv. Jožefa (Home St. Joseph, Spiritual Educational Center), Plečnikova 29, SI-3000 Celje, Slovenia / Prihod in namestitve udeležencev v Domu sv. Jožefa.

15.45-16.00 Welcome speech/Pozdravni nagovor (Dean of the Faculty of Theology/Dekan Teološke fakultete **Professor Janez Vodičar**)

President of the Program Committee/Predsednik programskega odbora **Professor Robert Petkovšek**)

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Vojko Strahovnik)

Lectures/Predavanja

16.00-16.20 Bojan Žalec (Slovenia): *Artificial Intelligence - Just a Metaphor or Something More?*

16.20-16.40 Nenad Malović (Croatia): *Some Remarks on Artificial So-called Intelligence in the Light of Human Intelligence*

16.40-17.00 Anton Jamnik (Slovenia): *Is There Still a Place for Man and God in Technical Rationality?*

17.00-17.30 Discussion/Razprava

17.30-17.45 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)

Lectures/Predavanja

17.45-18.05 Mari Jože Osredkar (Slovenia): *The Study of Religion in Slovenia*

18.05-18.25 Urška Jeglič (Slovenia): *The Expansion of Salafism to the Balkans through Digitisation*

18.25-18.45 Simon Malmenvall (Slovenia): *Russian Revolution and Slovenian National Question: Towards a Catholic View*

18.45-19.15 Discussion/Razprava

Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija

(Chairperson/Moderator: Stjepan Štivić)

Lectures/Predavanja

17.45-18.05 Rok Gregorčič (Slovenia): *The Role of Technology in Habermas' Discourse Ethics*

18.05-18.25 Marcin Godawa (Poland): *"Persistence in the Cell" – Contemplation towards Human Development*

18.25-18.45 Tadej Strehovec (Slovenia): *Ethical Aspects of Automated Border Controls*

18.45-19.15 Discussion/Razprava

19.15-19.30 Meeting of participants/Druženje udeležencev

19.30 Dinner/Večerja



Friday, October 27th/Petek, 27. oktober

7.30 Mass in the Chapel/Maša v kapeli

8.00-9.00 Breakfast/Zajtrk

1

(Chairperson/Moderator: Robert Petkovšek)

Lectures/Predavanja

9.00-9.35 Keynote Lecture **Tanguy Marie Pouliquen (France):** *Christian and Anthropological Antidote to Digital Fascination*

9.35-9.55 Discussion/Razprava

9.55-10.10 Break/Odmor

10.10-10.30 Ivica Kelam, Ivan Včev (Croatia): *Ethical and Theological Challenges of Synthetic Biology*

10.30-10.50 Robert Petkovšek (Slovenia): *The Role of Theology According to the Apostolic Constitution Veritatis Gaudium*

10.50-11.10 Discussion/Razprava

11.10-11.25 Break/Odmor

2

(Chairperson/Moderator: Nik Trontelj)

Lectures/Predavanja

11.25-11.45 Ivan Platovnjak, Tone Svetelj (Slovenia): *Technology as the Elixir of Immortality – The Philosophical and Spiritual Enigma of Human Captivity Revived*

11.45-12.05 Gregorz Szamocki (Poland): *Will AI Replace the “living being” (Gen 2:7)? The Man's Sense of Responsibility in Genesis 2–3*

12.05-12.25 Sebastijan Valentan (Slovenia): *Ecclesiastical Legislation and Digital Publications*

12.25-12.55 Discussion/Razprava

Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija

(Chairperson/Moderator: Nenad Malović)

Lectures/Predavanja

11.25-11.45 Luka Janeš (Croatia): *The Soul between Religion, Technology and Mental Health – a Contemporary Perspective*

11.45-12.05 Dejan Donev (North Macedonia): *For Homo Superior and One Ethics of Human Enhancement*

12.05-12.25 Mateja Pevec Rozman (Slovenia): *The Technological Age, Experience of Pandemics and the Question of Good Life*

12.25-12.55 Discussion/Razprava

13.00-14.00 Lunch/Kosilo

3

(Chairperson/Moderator: Roman Globokar)

Lectures/Predavanja

14.30-14.50 Mateja Centa Strahovnik (Slovenia): *Identity and Conversational Artificial Intelligence Systems*

14.50-15.10 Paweł Orzeł (Poland): *The Ethical and Moral Possibilities of Influencing Human Decisions through Solutions Proposed by Transhumanists*

15.10-15.30 Ante Belić (Croatia): *Beyond Mortality: Exploring Artificial Intelligence's Quest for Immortality and Its Religious Implications*



15.30-16.00 Discussion/Razprava

16.00-16.15 Break/Odmor

Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija
(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)
Lectures/Predavanja

14.30-14.50 Jonas Miklavčič (Slovenia): *Programming Virtuous Machines*

14.50-15.10 Arto Mutanen (Finland): *Turing, Artificial Intelligence, and Artificial Culture*

15.10-15.30 Stjepan Štivić (Slovenia): *Ethical Implication of Neuralink's Technology*

15.30-16.00 Discussion/Razprava

15.30-16.15 Break/Odmor

4
(Chairperson/Moderator: Michal Valčo)
Lectures/Predavanja

16.15-16.35 Béla Mester (Hungary): *The Role of Technology in the Utopias of Early Modernity and in the Dystopias of our Age*

16.35-16.55 Gábor Kovács (Hungary): *Technological Civilization as a Pathological Historical Phase in Modern Cultural Criticism*

16.55-17.15 Valentino Findrik (Croatia): *Eternal Sixth Day. New Technologies as Inversions of Creatio Continua*

17.15-17.45 Discussion/Razprava

17.45-18.00 Break/Odmor

Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija
(Chairperson/Moderator: Stjepan Štivić)

16.15-16.35 Borut Pohar (Slovenia): *The Meaning of Technology and Religion in the Context of de Chardin's Theistic Evolution*

16.35-16.55 Risto Solunchev (North Macedonia): *Philosophical Roots of Trans-humanism and the Ontology of Maximus the Confessor*

16.55-17.15 Andrej Šegula (Slovenia): *Opportunities and Pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence in Pastoral*

17.15-17.45 Discussion/Razprava

17.45-18.00 Break/Odmor

5
(Chairperson/Moderator: Jonas Miklavčič)
Lectures/Predavanja

18.00-18.20 Raid Al-Daghistani (Germany): *Rethinking Islamic Ethics and Spirituality in the Light of the Technological Age: Some Preliminary Thoughts*

18.20-18.40 Tomaž Erzar (Slovenia): *The Lure of Pornography and Bias and Traps of Pornography Studies*

18.40-19.00 Discussion/Razprava



Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija
(Chairperson/Moderator: Andrej Šegula)

18.00-18.20 Nik Trontelj (Slovenia): *Faith – the Answer to Loneliness of Contemporary Man in the Light of Fundamental Theology*

18.20-18.40 Tadej Stegu (Slovenia): *Beauty and Kerygma in the Technological Age*

18.40-19.00 Discussion/Razprava

19.15 Dinner/Večerja

Saturday, October 28th/Sobota, 28. oktober

7.30 Mass in the Chapel/Maša v kapeli

8.00-9.00 Breakfast/Zajtrk

1

Lectures/Predavanja

(Chairperson/Moderator: Jonas Miklavčič)

9.00-9.20 Vojko Strahovnik (Slovenia): *Ethical and Theological Challenges of Large Language Models*

9.20-9.40 Octavian-Mihai Machidon (Slovenia): *Artificial Intelligence and the Technocratic Cultural Perspective: Reflections on How AI is Shaping Human Development*

9.40-10.00 Branko Klun (Slovenia): *Transformations of the World by Digital Technology, and the Challenges for the Religious Experience*

10.00-10.30 Discussion/Razprava

10.30-10.45 Break/Odmor

2

Lectures/Predavanja

(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)

10.45-11.05 Roman Globokar (Slovenia): *Homo Faber in Front of the Riddle of the End of Human Life*

11.05-11.25 Michal Valčo (Slovakia): *Ethical Frontiers in AI Development: Safeguarding Humanity from Technological Pitfalls*

11.25-11.45 Klaus Mainzer (Germany): *A New Renaissance for Europe: Challenges of Science and Philosophy in the Spirit of European Humanism*

11.45-11.55 Discussion/Razprava

11.55-12.05 Concluding words of the president of the organizing committee, Professor Bojan Žalec/Sklepna beseda predsednika organizacijskega odbora, prof. dr. Bojana Žalca.

12.30-13.30 Lunch/Kosilo

Departure of the participants/Odhod udeležencev