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Organizacija/Organisation:

Teološka fakulteta, Univerza v Ljubljani

Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana



PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 17th/Torek, 17. junij

9.00-9.10 Welcome speech/Pozdravni nagovor

President of the Organizing Committee/Predsednik organizacijskega odbora **Janez Vodičar**

Dean of the Faculty of Theology/Dekan Teološke fakultete **Tadej Stegu**

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Branko Klun)

9.10-9.45 Keynote Lecture/Vabljeno predavanje: **Kurt Appel**: *Transcendence, Self Consciousness, and Artificial Intelligence*

9.45-10.05 Discussion/Razprava

10.05-10.20 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Jonas Miklavčič)

Lectures/Predavanja

10.20-10.40 Diana Daly: *AI Chatbots Approached Anthropologically: Oracular Cultural Performance*

10.40-11.00 Mateja Centa Strahovnik, Vojko Strahovnik: *Thinking and Talking with AI: How AI Chatbots Restructure Epistemic Identity and Virtue*

11.00-11.20 Nadja Furlan: *Emotional Cyborgs and Gendered Experience in Hyperconnected Reality*

11.20-11.50 Discussion/Razprava

11.50-12.00 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Vojko Strahovnik)

Lectures/Predavanja

12.00-12.20 Branko Klun: *In the Beginning Was the Word: The Challenges of Digitising Language*

12.20-12.40 Iva Nežič Glavica: *Between the Screen and the Adolescent: Catechesis as a Place of Hope in Times of Online Violence*

12.40-13.00 Luka Trebežnik: *Conditions of possibility for faith in the age of digital textuality*

13.00-13.30 Discussion/Razprava

13.30-15.00 Lunch/Kosilo

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Luka Trebežnik)

Lectures/Predavanja

15.00-15.20 Jonas Miklavčič: *The New Escape: Reality, Virtuality, and Religious Experience*

15.20-15.40 Blaž Lenarčič: *Another Link in the Wall – How Digital Tech Transforms Social Ties*

15.40-16.00 Octavian-Mihai Machidon: *Shaped by the Machines, Saved by the Heart: an Antidote to Digital Disincarnation*

16.00-16.30 Discussion/Razprava

Wednesday, June 18th/Sreda, 18. Junij

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Janez Vodičar)

9.00-9.35 Keynote Lecture/Vabljeno predavanje: **Pierre Bourdon**: *Is AI a new Locus for Practical Theology?*

9.35-9.55 Discussion/Razprava

9.55-10.10 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)

Lectures/Predavanja

10.10-9.30 David Kraner: *Artificial Intelligence in Education: Between Promises of Progress and the Pitfalls of Alienation*

10.30-10.50 Janez Vodičar: *Human Intelligence, Whether Natural or Artificial, is on the Way to Destroy the Relationship with God Again!?*

10.50-11.10 Stjepan Štivić: *Technological Salvation: Neuralink's Campaign Through the Lens of Religious Symbolism*

11.10-11.40 Discussion/Razprava

11.40-12.00 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Matjaž Celarc)

Lectures/Predavanja

12.00-12.20 Andrej Šegula: *Opportunities, Challenges, and Issues of Algorithms in Pastoral Care*

12.20-12.40 Erika Prijatelj: *AI in Mental Health: Fostering Virtue-Based Interventions for Holistic Well-Being*

12.40-13.00 Nenad Palac: *Croatian Religious Teachers' Trust in AI*

13.00-13.30 Discussion/Razprava

13.30-15.00 Lunch/Kosilo

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Roman Globokar)

15.00-15.35 Keynote Lecture/Vabljeno predavanje: **Peter Kirchschlaeger**: *Human Dignity and the Planet at Risk – The Urgent Need for Global Governance of “AI”*

15.35-15.55 Discussion/Razprava

15.55-16.10 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Stjepan Štivić)

Lectures/Predavanja

16.10-16.30 Matjaž Celarc: *From Screens to Souls: The Possibilities and Limits of Digital Spirituality*

16.30-16.50 Roman Globokar: *Experiencing Transcendence and Mortality in the Digital Age*

16.50-17.10 Bojan Žalec: *Mind Uploading: Immortality, Consciousness, and Personal Identity*

17.10-17.40 Discussion/Razprava

17.40-17.50 Concluding remarks/Sklepne besede

President of the Program Committee/Predsednik programskega odbora **Bojan Žalec**