

International Scientific Conference  
**TRANS-BODY AND VIOLENCE: TRANSHUMANISM AS A CHALLENGE FOR  
ETHICS AND RELIGION**  
Celje, November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2019



## PROGRAM

### **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>/Četrtek, 7. november**

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

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

#### 1

(Chairperson/Moderator: Vojko Strahovnik )

*Lectures/Predavanja*

**16.00-16.20** Zdravko Perić (Croatia): *Can transhumanism elevate humanity? The questions we face today*

**16.20-16.40** Robert Petkovšek (Slovenia): *Fraternal humanism - a signpost in the digital age*

**16.40-17.00** Michal Valčo (Slovakia): *Transhumanism as a Challenge for the Christian Theological Understanding of 'Imago Dei'*

**17.00-17.30** Discussion/Razprava

**17.30-17.45** Break/Odmor

#### 2

(Chairperson/Moderator: Marcel V. Macelaru)

*Lectures/Predavanja*

**17.45-18.05** Ivan Platovnjak, Tone Svetelj (Slovenia, USA): *Living a Life in Christ's Way: an Answer to Limited View of Transhumanists' Understanding of Human Live*

**18.05-18.25** Mari Jože Osredkar (Slovenia): *Christianity as a Challenge for Transhumanism*

**18.25-18.45** Marcin Godawa (Poland): *Enhancing Power of Christian Relation: From Individual (Micro) Changes to Crossing Contemporary Barriers*

**18.45-19.15** Discussion/Razprava

**19.15-19.30** Meeting of participants/Druženje udeležencev

**19.30** Dinner/Večerja

## **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>/Petek, 8. november**

**7.30** Mass in the Chapel/Maša v kapeli

**8.00-9.00** Breakfast/Zajtrk

### **1**

**(Chairperson/Moderator: Roman Globokar)**

*Lectures/Predavanja*

**9.00-9.35** Keynote Lecture **Walter Schaupp (Austria): *Enhancing human happiness. Psychological and neurobiological perspectives***

**9.35-9.55** Discussion/Razprava

**9.55-10.10** Break/Odmor

**10.10-10.30** Thomas Diesner (Germany): *Imagination, the Symbolic, and the Body. A psychoanalytic perspective on human enhancement*

**10.30-10.50** Bojan Žalec (Slovenia): *Liberal Eugenics as a Destroyer of Morality*

**10.50-11.10** Discussion/Razprava

**11.10-11.25** Break/Odmor

### **2**

**(Chairperson/Moderator: Stanko Gerjoli)**

*Lectures/Predavanja*

**11.25-11.45** Roman Globokar (Slovenia): *The Ethics of Vulnerability in the Age of Biotechnological Enhancement of Human*

**11.45-12.05** Marcel V. Macelaru (Romania): *Wiping Away Every Tear? Transhumanism and the Question of Theodicy*

**12.05-12.25** Szamocki Gregorz (Poland): *The Motif of God's Mountain and Transhumanism in the Biblical Perspective*

**12.25-12.55** Discussion/Razprava

**13.00-14.00** Lunch/Kosilo

### **3**

**(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)**

*Lectures/Predavanja*

**14.30-14.50** Krešimir Šimić (Croatia): *Nancy's bodily ontology*

**14.50-15.10** Branko Klun (Slovenia): *Transhumanism and Human Transcendence*

**15.10-15.30** Stanko Gerjoli (Slovenia): *Body language, body memory, and transhumanism*

**15.30-16.00** Discussion/Razprava

**16.00-16.15** Break/Odmor

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

**14.30-14.50** Mateja Pevec Rozman (Slovenia): *Transhumanism and the Question of Human Dignity*

**14.50-15.10** Arto Mutanen (Finland): *Action competence, Technology, and Responsibility*

**15.10-15.30** Discussion/Razprava

**15.30-16.15** Break/Odmor

**4**  
(Chairperson/Moderator: Simon Malmenvall)  
*Lectures/Predavanja*

**16.15-16.35** Béla Mester (Hungary): *Brain, Mind and Technology in the Critique of the Modernity*

**16.35-16.55** Gábor Kovács (Hungary): *Human Condition and its Limits - the Wordless World of Technology*

**16.55-17.15** Rafal Smoczynski (Poland): *Making transnational body: The case of Kaesong Industrial Complex*

**17.15-17.45** Discussion/Razprava

**17.45-18.00** Break/Odmor

Parallel section (doctoral students)/Vzporedna sekcija (doktorski študentje)  
(Chairperson/Moderator: Ivan Platovnjak)

**16.15-16.35** Stjepan Štivić (Slovenia): *What brings cyborgization of human being: basic assumptions of a new attitude towards man*

**16.35-16.55** Urška Fele (Belgium): *Genetic Engineering: Created Children and Eternal Youth. Illusion or reality?*

**16.55-17.15** Radoslaw Komuda (Poland): *The longing for immortality, transhumanism- and technology-related ambitions in mythologies*

**17.15-17.45** Discussion/Razprava

**17.45-18.00** Break/Odmor

**5**  
(Chairperson/Moderator: Robert Petkovšek)  
*Lectures/Predavanja*

**18.00-18.20** Tadej Stegu (Slovenia): *Transhumanism and Christian Anthropology*

**18.20-18.40** Andrej Šegula (Slovenia): *Transhumanization in sports and pastoral care*

**18.40-19.00** Discussion/Razprava

Parallel section (doctoral students)/Vzporedna sekcija (doktorski študentje)  
(Chairperson/Moderator: Stjepan Štivić)

**18.00-18.20** Ciprian Gheorghe-Luca (Romania): *Life-extension, Christian Hope, and Human Flourishing: A Brief Exploration of 'Consonance' and 'Conflict' between Transhumanism and Christian Theology*

**18.20-18.40** Beneamin Mocan, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Romania): *The Bible and Transhumanism: Lessons from the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9)*

**18.40-19.00** Discussion/Razprava

**19.15** Dinner/Večerja

## **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>/Sobota, 9. november**

**7.30** Mass in the Chapel/Maša v kapeli

**8.00-9.00** Breakfast/Zajtrk

### **1**

*Lectures/Predavanja*

(Chairperson/Moderator: Tomaž Erzar)

**9.00-9.20** Anto Čartolovni, Odilon-Gbènoukpo Singbo (Croatia): *Normative implications of the idea of 'fluid corporeality' in a digital age*

**9.20-9.40** Nenad Malović (Croatia): *Transhumanism and politics*

**9.40-10.00** Vojko Strahovnik (Slovenia): *Virtues and Transhumanist Human Augmentation*

**10.00-10.30** Discussion/Razprava

**10.30-10.45** Break/Odmor

### **2**

*Lectures/Predavanja*

(Chairperson/Moderator: Vojko Strahovnik)

**10.45-11.05** Janez Vodičar (Slovenia): *Transhumanism and Catholic Education*

**11.05-11.25** Tomaž Erzar (Slovenia): *»One who walks with wise men grows wise«, or how a Christian transcends his limitations*

**11.25-11.45** Borut Pohar (Slovenia): *Transhumanism in the service of human responsibility towards creation*

**11.45-12.05** Simon Malmenvall (Slovenia): *Transcending Geographical and Cultural Borders: Image of the "Other" in the Earliest Rus' Travel Diary on the Background of Catholic-East Orthodox Relations*

**12.05-12.45** Discussion/Razprava

**12.45-12.55** Concluding words of the president of the organizing committee, Research Professor Bojan Žalec/Sklepna beseda predsednika organizacijskega odbora, znanstvenega svetnika dr. Bojana Žalca

**13.00-14.00** Lunch/Kosilo

Departure of the participants/Odhod udeležencev