



REEXAMINING AI THINKING MODERNITY

Critical philosophical, anthropological and interdisciplinary perspectives on technology



Venue

22-23 October 2026

Auditorium "Georgios Grammatikakis"
Ionian Academy
Corfu

Thursday • 22 October

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome Speeches

Andreas Floros, Rector of the Ionian University

Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Constantinos Sbonias, Head of the Department of History and Digital Humanities

Anna Apostolidou, Head of AICENE Research Project, Department of History and Digital Humanities

9:30 – 10:45 Session 1. AI, Democracy and the Public Sphere

Chair Anna Apostolidou

Alexandros Schismenos • *The Philosophy of Democratic Technoskepticism: Mythinformation and Ideology in the Digital Era*

Foteini Vaki • *The digitalization of public sphere: A Kantian approach*

Eleni Rethymiotaki • *Artificial Intelligence, Power, and Democracy*

10:45 – 11:15 ☺ Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 Session 2. Ontology & the Politics of Probability Systems

Chair Manolis Patiniotis

Theodoros Yiannopoulos • *AI Morality Without AI Ontology: A Kantian Gambit*

Giannis Perperidis • *The Onto–Theology of a Futureless Present and AI's Place in It*

Eugenio Girelli Bruni • *Frequentist A.I.: A Foucauldian Dispositif of Cultural Domination*

12:30 – 14:00 ☺ Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:15 Session 3. *Creativity, Anthropology and Epistemology of AI*

Chair Foteini Vaki

Filippos Stamatiou • *Intercepting the Social Imaginary: Generative AI and the Limits of Castoriadis's Project of Autonomy*

Eric Fabri & Yannis Ktenas • *How Creative Artificial Intelligence Really Is? Rethinking Creativity Narratives through the Lens of Castoriadis*

Sokthan Yeng • *Algorithms of Mindfulness: Rewiring the Plastic Brain through Buddhist Meditation*

Manolis Patiniotis • *Artificial Intelligence from the perspective of Philosophical Anthropology*

15:15 – 15:30 ☹ Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 • KEYNOTE SPEECH I

Agostino Cera

Vivo, ergo cogito: on A(I)poria (AI as an impossible metaphor)

Chair Giannis Perperidis

16:30 – 16:50 ☹ Coffee Break

16:50 – 18:00 Session 4. *Imagination, Immersion and Aesthetics in the Age of AI*

Chair Nassia Choleva

Donglin Wu • *Imagination and Interaction: How AI Reshapes Knowledge from Decontextualized Truth to Embodied Dialogue*

Stavros Pitsikalis & Ilona Lasica • *Beyond Immersion: Extended Reality and the Reconfiguration of Embodiment, Knowledge and Human Agency in the Age of AI*

Daphne Dragona • *From the Algorithmic Aesthetics of Collapse to its Signification: Critical Approaches in the Era of Artificial Intelligence*



20:30 ☹ Conference Dinner

Friday • 23 October

9:30 – 11:00 Session 1. *AI and Subjectivity*

Chair Maria Niari

Leonidas Angeletos • *From the Flâneur to the Algorithmic Subject: Wandering through the Technospace of Artificial Intelligence with Walter Benjamin*

Georgios Bouchagiar & Maria Bottis • *The Friction We Need: Outsourcing Writing to AI and Its Implications for Human Thinking*

Katarzyna Gurczyńska-Sady • *Thought Without a Thinker? Artificial Intelligence and the Modern Subject*

Joan Stein Schimke • *Narrative Machines: AI, Authorship, and the Future of Storytelling*

11:00 – 11:30 ☹ Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 • KEYNOTE SPEECH II

Nathan Ross

Thinking in the Age of its Technical Reproducibility

Chair Foteini Vaki

12:30 – 14:00 ☺ Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:15 Session 2. Algorithms and Governmentality

Chair Alexandros Schismenos

Amantle Mothelesi • *Deconstructing Algorithmic Governmentality in Africa*

Maria Kyritsi, Dionysios Koulougliotis & Katerina Kabassi • *Between Promise and Precaution: AI, Sustainable Development, and the Reflexive Bureaucratic Subject*

Stelios Koufogiannakis • *AI, Transparency of the Future, and the Right to Opacity: Rethinking Modernity through Édouard Glissant*

15:15 – 15:30 ☺ Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45 Session 3. LLMs, Reasoning and Critique

Chair Ilona Lasica

Antonis Polentas & Nikolaos Korfiatis • *Less Is More? Evaluating Prompt Simplification in Large Language Models*

Markus Pantsar • *Towards an Epistemology of Artificial Mathematical Reasoning*

Theodoros Kouros & Georgia Anna Theoklitou • *What Counts as Reasonable? Auditing LLMs as Apparatuses of Normalization*

Marina Lioliou, Matina Kiourexidou & Sofia Stamou • *Silenced by AI? Soft Censorship in Greek–Language Large Language Models*

16:45 – 17:00 ☺ Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 Session 4. Historical, Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives on AI

Chair Anna Apostolidou

Kenneth Howarth • *Artificial Intelligence as Modernity's Judgment Crisis: Agentic Systems, Content, and the Re-Formation of Human Understanding*

Iason Spiliotis, Elli Danae Vartziotis, Aristotle Tympas • *On the History of the AI as an 'Existential Risk/Threat': The Global/Local Debate*

Dina Babushkina & Athanasios Votsis • *AI and the Semiotics of the Absurd*

Heather Dean • *The Skin of the Third: Metabolizing Systemic Aggression in the Human–AI Relational Field*



18:00 ☺ Closing Remarks

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