



Re-examining AI Rethinking 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*

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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 Tympanas • *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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