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AIM AND PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

From the humanism of Modernity and the Enlightenment there sprang great confidence in the ability of human reason and the potential of the human spirit to define not only the course of our life but also our codes of values. What followed in the twentieth century did not confirm the anthropological optimism of modernity. Despite significant scientific achievements and social gains, humanity emerged deeply wounded from two world wars, from holocausts, genocides, ethnic cleansings, divisions, totalitarian regimes and the cold war.

Modern societies recognize the need for science and ethics to make common progress. Ethics is, however, unable to keep pace with the rapid developments in bio-medical technology, the digital eco-system, cybernetics and robotics, all of which are factors which create new actualities for life and reality and which foster expectations which are ever less likely to be regarded as scenarios from science fiction. Artificial intelligence, the latest achievement of scientific applications, has already taken over a large number of everyday functions, meeting human needs through the digital ecosystem and automation. However, the prospect that it may be linked to human nature itself and to the human person poses huge questions for the fields of ethics, anthropology, science, philosophy and theology.

The deductions by modern intellectuals who link AI to the evolution of the human species have introduced new terms such as trans-human and post-human. These terms have already been the subject of extensive scientific, philosophical and theological reflection. Without doubt, they will soon come under the scrutiny of politics and the law.

Of particular concern is the outbreak of a kind of deconstructionist and hostile rightsism which has become marked in the world, known as wokeism. Already, important thinkers have noted the reversal and traducement of commonly accepted values, and even of common sense, at the altar of a new attitude to life and a theory. The latter, either through fear-engendering hysteria or through a skillfully veiled mask, changes the concepts of anthropology, the socially accepted and the politically correct and thus abolishes every universal criterion of exactitude. This attitude, which is a misinterpretation, misuse and abuse of the foundation of human rights, may bring with it disastrous results if it forms the anthropological basis for the espousal of artificial intelligence and what is characterized as post-humanism.

It should be stressed that Orthodox Christian Theology does not have human rights as its main theme, but rather the rights of God. Nevertheless, Orthodox Christian theologians do talk about human rights, and have put forward certain improvements or additions to the existing theories. These do not seem to have moved or to move people to any great extent. Today we have arrived at 'Woke Culture'.

Wokeism is perhaps particularly topical for theology. But here, being woke must be of an entirely different nature. If wokeism for post-modern people aims at their liberation from all natural, human and social restrictions, by abrogating them and consenting to absolute contrariness and wantonness, for Orthodox Christian theology it should aim at our total liberation, which is achieved through submission to the will of the Incarnate Word. Although this truth exists in Orthodox Christian theology, it is not sufficiently emphasized in its encounter with everyday reality. The total manumission proposed by wokeism removes their humanity from people, in essence leading to the destructuring of society and death at its own hand. This is easy and can be applied comfortably in everyday life, as witnessed by its wide-spread acceptance. Complete adherence to the will of the Incarnate Word is difficult, however, and is achieved through everyday sacrifice. But that does, indeed, lead to absolute freedom, to the freedom of God Who is unable to do evil, that is to deny Himself. This is our absolute freedom: the freedom of deification.

Having been made in the image of the absolutely personal God, we are stifled by the limitations of our created nature. Our nature has lost its unity. It has become alienated and fractured. The desire for absolute freedom has been undermined by the alienation of our nature. We feel chained to our self and seek total liberation from the outside world. We despair over our naive attempts at self-knowledge and hope to be redeemed through knowledge of and exploitation of the world that surrounds us. The sciences and technology are constantly discovering means of satisfying our material needs and desires, even while they are also deepening despair, as well as the concern for the tragedy we observe at the depth of our inner world and the state and prospects of our existence. We rejoice at our successes but are also wary of their consequences.

The classical Ancient Greek exhortation 'Know thyself' is rather intimidating because, when it is not applied with the façade of hypocrisy and narcissism, it intensifies disappointment and leads to despair. This is where the ascetic tradition of Christianity presents the way of the cross and resurrection, culminating in the charismatic despair of the ascetics. Every person knows that they are not the cause of their existence. Having accepted God as our creator, it is natural that we also seek from him the meaning and purpose of our existence. Christians are called upon to take up their cross and follow Christ 'wherever he goes'. 'We commend ourselves and others and all our life to Christ our God'. The common journey in this direction, with a humble outlook, offers people support in their difficulties and imbues their despair with grace.

THEMATIC AREAS

Artificial Intelligence

- History- evolution social acceptance
- O Scientific parameters: where we are and where we are going
- o Achievements: what we aim to do
- Socio-economic factors: Who control and who define the way forward and future developments.
- o Philosophical and theological reflections: how far is the human person protected and how far endangered.
- What ethics and what code of conduct, what policies and legal stipulations can be applied to issues as they are

Trans-humanism and Post-humanism

- o Definition evolution stages
- o Theories concerning trans-humanism and post-humanism
- o Trans-humanism and post-humanism in philosophical thought
- o Trans-humanism and post-humanism in theology
- o The anthropology of trans-humanism and post-humanism (causes, aim-meaning, society, trans-humanist relationships, trans-gender relations).
- o Deconstructive rightsism (Wokeism), trans-humanism and post-humanism
- o Rightsism and self-awareness

Orthodox anthropology and pastoral care

- Relations between theology and science
- o Orthodox anthropology: people in the image and likeness of God
- o The human person, the neighbor and society in Christianity
- Orthodox pastoral approach of the Church and wokeism: Gender Ideology in Society, Authoritarianism, Critical Race Theory, LGBTQIA+ Challenges, Transgenderism, Gender and Human Identity, Christian Parenting and the Public School, Professional life and Christian conscience, Redefinition of Marriage, Aggressive Marketing -Companies/ Advertising/Digital Media/TV/Cinema/-)
- Orthodox pastoral approach of the Church and Artificial Intelligence
- o Orthodox pastoral approach of the Church and post-humanism
- o Orthodox Christian Theology and human rights
- o The rights of God and human rights
- o The working languages of the Conference are Greek and English.



Post-Humanism and Artificial Intelligence (PHAICON24) International Scientific Conference

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Monday 18 November 2024		
TIME	OLYMPIA ROOM	
19:00-20:00	Organizers' Welcome Organizers' Addresses Declaration of the opening of the proceedings of the Conference by Metropolitan Daniel of Kaisariani, Byron, and Emitos	
20:00-20:30	Keynote Speech Apostolos Nikolaïdis (Emeritus Professor at the NKUA – President St Maxim the Greek Institute), "From the natural human within boundaries to the artificial post-human outside boundaries".	
	Coordinator: Nikolaos Gouraros (Organizing Committee Chair)	

Tuesday 19 November 2024			
TIME	OLYMPIA ROOM A	OLYMPIA ROOM B	
08:30-08:50	WELCOME INSTRUCTIONS		
	Session A1 Moderator: Fr. Athanasios Gikas (Dean of the Theological School AUTh)	Parallel Session A2 Moderator: Fr. John Parker (Dean of Saint Tikhon's Theological Seminary, America)	
9:00-09:15	Metropolitan Nikolaos of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki 'When a person is honored, they do not understand' (Ps. 48, 13)	Dan Chitoiu (Professor at the University of Iași) Human vs. Hyper-Human and the Spiritual Senses	
09:15-09:30	Metropolitan Kyrillos of Krini (Professor at the NKUA) Trans-Humanism, Post-Humanism and Theology	Dr. Andreas Hatzihambis (Scientific Director at the Cyprus Center of Environmental Research and Education of the HML) From the biological person to the 'post-human': Practical examples and expectations, bioethical dilemmas and philosophical ramifications	
09:30-9:45	Konstantinos Kornarakis (Professor at the NKUA) Orthodox Theology and metaverse: Contemporary pastoral challenges and perspectives	Dimitrios Vasilakis (Assistant Professor at the University of Ioannina) Post-humanism as theanthropism: on the dialectics of the two versions of "divine and human eros" ONLINE PRESENTATION	
09:45-10:00	Discussion	Discussion	

Tuesday 19 November 2024			
TIME	OLYMPIA ROOM A	OLYMPIA ROOM B	
	Session A3 Moderator: Metropolitan Kyrillos of Krini (Professor at the NKUA)	Parallel Session A4 Moderator: Christos N. Tsironis (Professor at the AUTh)	
10:00-10:15	Metropolitan lerotheos of Nafpaktos and Ayios Vlasios Artificial Intelligence: the problem of terminology	Archdeacon Spyridon Papavasileiou (MPhil, Environmental Planning and Architecture, University of Cambridge) Hesychasm vs Trans-Humanism: Misreading Memory. An Orthodox Critique on MacLuhan's vision for the Digital World	
10:15-10:30	Dn Sampson Ryan R. Nash (Professor at the University of Ohio) Humbly Human: On the Promise and Peril of Artificial Intelligence, Rights, and Ethics	Fr. Catalin Dobri (Reader in Theology at the University of Bucharest) The digitalization of human identity and digital implants into the human organism — A theological approach according to the teaching of Saint Païsios the Athonite	
10:30-10:45	Aleksandar Petrovic (Professor at the University of Belgrade) Capitalism of the AI mirror ONLINE PRESENTATION	Justino Carneiro (Assistant Professor at the University of Porto) The Metaphysical Foundations of Transhumanism in Western Early Modernity Luís Miguel Martins ONLINE PRESENTATION	
10:45-11:00	Discussion	Discussion	
11:00:11:30	Break - Refreshments	Break - Refreshments	
	Session A5 Moderator: Symeon Paschalidis (Professor at the AUTh, Director of the Patriarchal Institute for Patristic Studies)	Parallel Session A6 Moderator: Vasilis Konstantoudis (Lead Researcher at the NCSR 'Demokritos') The contribution of AI to the dialogue between science and theology	
11:30-11:45	Metropolitan loustinos of Kalamaria and Nea Krini From the person of the love of God to the post-person of the era of Al - Salto mortale or much ado about nothing?	David Doat & Franck Damour (ETHICS EA-7446, Catholic University of Lille) What does transhumanism teach us about the contemporary repositioning of the religion – technology boundary?	
11:45-12:00	Christos Economou (Professor, Chairman of the Department of Theology at the University of Nicosia) People, their neighbor, and Christian society in Biblical Theology according to post-modernism	Fr. Patrick Dr. John Ramsey (Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies (IOCS), Cambridge) Becoming gods by technology; the continua- tion of the Fall ONLINE PRESENTATION	
12:00-12:15	Fr. Vasileios Kalliakmanis (Professor at the AUTh) Theanthropism according to Saint Justin Popović	Sebastian Moldovan (Professor at the University of Sibiu) On the argument from origins ONLINE PRESENTATION	
12:15-12:30	Discussion	Discussion	

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	Session A7 Moderator: Kostas Theologou (Professor at the NTUA)	Parallel Session A8 Moderator: Fr. Dan Sandu (Associate Professor at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University)		
12:30-12:45	David W. Wood (Executive Director Longevity Escape Velocity - LEV) Human flourishing requires transhumanist flourishing	Alexandros Batalias (PhD candidate, Cambridge University) Theological Anthropology and Transhumanist Metanthropology: Challenges, Convergences, and Divergencies		
12:45-13:00	Marc Roux (Chairman of the French Union of Transhumanists) Towards a Christian transhumanism	Marius Markuckas (Assistant Professor at the University of Vilnius) Ethical Transformations in the Context of the Transhumanist Project: From Applied to Adapted Ethics		
13:00-13:15	Nikolaos Koios (Associate Professor at the AUTh) The ethical principle of autonomy confronted by the challenges of post-humanism	Rev. Vadim Dudkin (Senior Lecturer at the International Institute of Management and Business, Minsk, Belarus) Orthodox Anthropology and Trans-Humanism ONLINE PRESENTATION		
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	Session A9 Moderator: Bishop Apostolos of Tanagra (Post doc on autism, PhD, Med, Office Director of the Representation Office of the Church of Greece in Brussels)	Parallel Session A10 President: Dr. Georgios Karagiannis (Electrical & Computer Engineer Scientific Director, ORMYLIA Foundation)		
14:45-15:00	Dan Hinshaw (Emeritus Professor at the University of Michigan) Human Beings as Icons of the Suffering Christ	Fr. Grigorios Stamkopoulos (Associate Professor at the AUTh) The meaning of "nous" according to Gregory Palamas and the formalism of artificial intelligence		
15:00-15:15	Nikos Nikolaïdis (Emeritus Professor, NKUA) "The making of Man" according to the teachings of Gregory of Nyssa.	Fr. Christoforos Chronis (Faculty Member at the Theological School, NKUA) The emergence of the improved human- of the posthuman. Myth, progress or decline? The counter- proposal of Orthodox Pastoral Theology		
15:15-15:30	Viorel Vizureanu (Professor at the University of Bucharest) Transhumanist elements in modern philosophical thought from Descartes to Nietzsche	Dr. Ioannis Kastanas (Faculty Member of the School of Law at the University of Nicosia; Eleni Palioura (Doctoral Candidate in Ecclesiastical Law at the Athens School of Law) Artificial Intelligence and the Code of Ethics in Church Administration: topical issues and contemporary challenges		
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	Session A15 Moderator: Christos Arabatzis (Professor at the AUTh)	Parallel Session A16 Moderator: Fr. Christoforos Chronis (Faculty of the School of Theology NKUA)	
19:00-19:15	Fr. Lambros Kamberidis (Doctor of Byzantine Studies) Woke indoctrination in the educational institutions of the west in post-humanistic context ONLINE PRESENTATION	Dr. Georgios Karagiannis (Electrical & Computer Engineer Scientific Director, ORMYLIA Foundation) Artificial intelligence at the service of biomedical technology and diagnostic science and preservation of cultural heritage objects, The example of the OPMYAIA Foundation	
19:15-19:30	Richard Badran (PhD candidate at the University of Balamand) Transgenderism and its pastoral implications. A Critical Study from an Orthodox Bioethical Perspective	Or. Kostas Zorbas (General Director of the Orthodox Academy of Crete) From the fourth industrial revolution to the revolution of artificial intelligence (AI). Re-imagining education with new tools	
19:30-19:45	Maria Loupidou (MSc. Politics and Communication) Incels as the off-spring of 'woke culture'	Dr. Kleanthis E. Nizamis (PostDoc, Adjunct Lecturer A.U.Th, Public relations and communication ORMYLIA Foundation)) Bioethical approach to the use of technology in palliative care	
19:45-20:00	Discussion	Discussion	

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Τετάρτη 20 Νοεμβρίου 2024				
TIME	OLYMPIA ROOM A OLYMPIA ROOM B			
08:30-08:50	WELCOME	INSTRUCTIONS		
	Session B1 Moderator: Hank Hanegraaff (Chairman of the Christian Research Institute)	Parallel Session B2 Moderator: Petros Panayiotopoulos (Assistant Professor at the AUTh)		
9:00-09:15	George Contogeorgis (Prof. Former Rector at Panteion University) The ideological presuppositions of the metahumanism	Ioannis Ieropoulos (Professor at the University of Southampton) Artificial intelligence – a balanced view		
09:15-09:30	Kostas Theologou (Professor at the NTUA) The postmodern origins of conceptual confusion and the values of lifeworld (Lebenswelt): incubating totalitarian institutions in a "woke culture" society	Dr. Monica Turinici, (Doctor of Health Administration, Biostatistician) The vulnerability of healthcare actors regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence algorithms Monica Turinici - ONLINE PRESENTATION		
09:30-9:45	Ioanna Komninou (Associate Professor at the NKUA) Woke culture in religious Education in schools	Michael G. Michael, (Honorary Associate Professor, University of Wollongong, Australia); Katina Michael (Professor at the Arizona State University, USA) Religion, Science and Technology: An Orthodox Perspective ONLINE PRESENTATION		
09:45-10:00	Discussion	Discussion		

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TIME	TIME OLYMPIA ROOM A OLYMPIA ROOM B		
	Session B3 Moderator: Jean-Claude Larchet (Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Theology)	Parallel Session B4 Moderator: Dan Chitoiu (Professor at the University of Iași)	
10:00-10:15	Fr. Bassam Nassif (Associate Professor at the University of Balamand) Human Will and Freedom from Passions: The Change of a Homosexual Orientation	Dr. Petros D. Damianos (Faculty Member at the NTUA) Strategic Communication of the term «Posthuman»	
10:15-10:30	Fr. Ignatius Green (Lecturer at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, Jordanville) The Flesh, Strange Flesh, and Estranged Flesh Patristic and Canonical Paradigms for a Dogmatic Response to the Sexual Revolution	Fr. Răzvan Andrei Ionescu (Coordinator in the field of Theology and Science at the Centre Orthodoxe d'Etudes et de Recherches 'Dumitru Stăniloae') Has our Christian Orthodox Anthropology t change under the pressure of AI and Virtual Reality recent developments? A theological perspective about Human and Reality enhancement.	
10:30-10:45	Fr. Andreas G. Houpos (Vicar of Saint Nektarios' Church, Charlotte, North Carolina) Let it Be: Reflections on Striving to Sim- ply be Orthodox in an American Parish	Christos N. Tsironis (Professor at the AUTh) After the human, beyond the human or towards the human?	
10:45-11:00	Discussion	Discussion	
11:00:11:30	Break - Refreshments	Break - Refreshments	
	Session B5 Moderator: Ioannis A. Daglis (Professor at the NKUA, President of the Hellenic Space Center)	Parallel Session B6 Moderator: Fr. Catalin Dobri (Faculty of Theology at the University of Bucharest)	
11:30-11:45	Archbishop Makarios of Australia Artificial Intelligence – A theological approach	Maria Giannakaki (EU Rapporteur at the Council of Europe) The right to religious participation as a fundamental human right and the dangers which arise from the use of Artificial Intelligence	
11:45-12:00	Constantine Psimopoulos (Professor at the Harvard Medical School) Post humanism Ethos: from a meta-an- thropologic to e meta-ethics «logos» of Al	Kostas Tsiantis (Professor at the University of West Attica) Philosophical education and Democracy as necessary terms for the control of artificial intelligence and its systems	
12:00-12:15	Ziad Kobti (Professor at the University of Windsor) On the ethics surrounding the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence on matters of faith	Fr. Sorin-Grigore Vulcănescu (Assistant Professor at the University of Craiova) Artificial intelligence: (not)limited in imitation?	
12:15-12:30	Discussion	Discussion	
	Session B7 Moderator: Ziad Kobti (Professor at the University of Windsor)	Parallel Session B8 Moderator: loannis leropoulos (Chair in Environmental Engineering, Civil at the University of Southampton)	

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12:30-12:45	Georg M. V. Olowson (AI Governance Leader, D/A/CH at IBM) The current state of responsible AI: the crossroads of AI in 2024 ONLINE PRESENTATION	Stefan Trausan-Matu (Professor at the University of Bucharest) The contrast between wisdom and the texts generated by artificial intelligence ONLINE PRESENTATION		
12:45-13:00	Ioannis A. Daglis (Professor at the NKUA, President of the Hellenic Space Center) Artificial Intelligence in Space Research: Benefits and Ethical Considerations	Mihai Maftei (M.A Researcher on ethics and responsible development of AI systems)) onversational AI systems as inauthentic other – an explorative analysis of the ethical challenges		
13:00-13:15	Kanaris Tsinganos (Emeritus Professor at the NKUA) Artificial Intelligence in Astrophysics and Cosmology Research: Benefits and Limitations	Alexandra Ștefania Nadane (Doctor in Sociology at the "Alexandru Ioa Cuza" University of Iași) What do they tell us about abortion chatbots in 2024 and why?		
13:15-13:30	Discussion	Discussion		
13:30	END OF SESSION			
	Session B9 Moderator: Dan Hinshaw (Emeritus Professor at the University of Michigan) Parallel Session B10 Moderator: Mihai Maftei (M.A Researcher on ethics and respective of Michigan)			
14:45-15:00	Stylianos Antonarakis (Emeritus Professor at the University of Geneva Medical School) The importance of artificial intelligence in the study and use of the human genome	Emmanouil Vlatakis (Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison) From Aristotle to Al: Envisioning a Post- Human Future Through Automated Agency ONLINE PRESENTATION		
15:00-15:15	loannis Antoniou (Professor at the AUTh) Can Artificial Intelligence replace the "Nous"?	Fr. dcn Matthew Vest (Associate Professor at the University of Ohio) Al and the Legitimization of Violence? Identity, Gnosticism, and Language in the Technological Society ONLINE PRESENTATION		
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15:15-15:30	Fr. Hieromonk Kenneth Alonso (Biotechnology Advisor MD, Retired Professor of Medicine and Pathology) Transhumanism, Post Humanism, and the Struggle Against Mortality as Reflected in Medical Science. ONLINE PRESENTATION	Václav Ježek (Faculty Member at the Charles University, Prague; University of Prešov) The emotionless WebCrawler: The contribution assesses the issue of human emotions linked to search engines or web crawling techniques.		

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	Session B11 Moderator: Fr. Andreas G. Houpos (Vicar of Saint Nektarios' Church Charlotte, North Carolina)	Parallel Session B12 Moderator: Maria Giannakaki, EU Rapporteur at the Council of Europe)	
15:45-16:00	Dr. Jay Richards (Director and Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, Washington) Gender Ideology as a Bridge to a Post-Human Future	Vasilis Konstandoudis (Lead Researcher at the NCSR Demokritos) The contribution of AI to the dialogue between science and theology	
16:00-16:15	Hank Hanegraaff (Chairman of the Christian Research Institute) Paradisiacal Transformation of the Cosmos	Dr. Sigurd Lefsrud (Professor at the Holy Trinity College, Zimbabwe) A Faceless Icon: AI and Human Flourishing ONLINE PRESENTATION	
16:15-16:30	Adrian Lemeni (Professor at the University of Bucharest) Transhumanism as a religion of technology	Dr. Despina loannou-Vasileiou (Faculty Member at the University of Nicosia) The "Nous" of Christ and Artificial Intelligence	
16:30-16:45	Jacob (Chengwei) Feng (Postdoctoral Scholar at the Fuller Theological Seminary) Qi, Post-humanism, and Deification: Toward a Constructive Chinese Theology of Deification. How have Chinese Christianities responded to the tanta- mount challenges of post-humanism? ONLINE PRESENTATION	Lazar Supic (Researcher at the University of California, Berkeley; Mark Graves (Research director AI & Faith) Deification in an Age of Artificial Intelligence ONLINE PRESENTATION	
16:45-17:15	Discussion	Discussion	
17:30-18:00	Break - Refreshments	Break - Refreshments	
18:00-19:00	PLENARY SESSION ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ROUND TABLE Coordinator: Evangelos Protopapadakis (Professor at the NKUA) Guests: Stylianos Antonarakis (Emeritus Professor at the University of Geneva Medical School) Ziad Kobti (Professor at the University of Windsor) Efthymios Nikolaidis (Emeritus Research Director at the N.H.R.F) loannis Antoniou (Professor at the AUTh) Mihai Maftei (Researcher on ethics and responsible development of AI systems)		

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06:30-09:30	DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST		THER OF GOD	
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10:40-10:50		INSTRUCTIONS		
	Session C1 Moderator: Nikos Koios (Associate Professor at the AUTh)	Parallel Session C2 Moderator: Fr. Răzvan And (Coordinator in the field of Tl at the Orthodoxe Centre d'Et de Recherches 'Dumitru Stă	heology at Science udes et	
11:00-11:15	Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Messinia (Professor at the NKUA) Rightsism and Human Rights in the context of Patristic anthropology Dr. Paris Tsachouridis, (Department of Eastern Church Stud ty College Stockholm, Sweden); Maria Douka (Department of Eastern Church Stud ty College Stockholm, Sweden); Maria Douka (Department of Eastern Church Stud ty College Stockholm, Sweden); Theological reflections of human artificial consciousness creator in image and likeness); of Eastern Church ockholm, Sweden) numan as	
11:15-11:30	David Bradshaw (Professor at the University of Kentucky) Making Human Rights Orthodox Dr. Magdalena Burlacu (Post-grad Researcher at the University of Fribo Al and spiritual life, Al and theology. I and impostures? ONLINE PRESENTA		of Fribourg) cology. Deceptions	
11:30-11:45	Vasileios A. Tsigkos (Professor at the AUTh) The 'great in small' human of Orthodox theology and the 'posthuman' of the digital world Laurentiu Gheorghe (Associate Professor at the University of Bucharest) The Paradox of Transhumanism: The Search for Rest and Contemplatio in an Ever-Evolving World ONLINE PRESENTATION		f Bucharest) nism:	
11:45-12:00	Discussion	Discussion		
	Session C3 Moderator: Apostolos Nikolaïdis (Emeritus Professor at the NKUA)			
12:00-12:15	Archimandrite Elissaios, (Abbot of the H Petras, Holy Mountain) Holiness and the unhallowing of life and		NO	
12:15-12:30	Archimandrite Peter, (Abbot of the Holy of St. John the Baptist, Essex) The Undistorted Image: Man as the tabe	·	PARALLEL SESSION	
12:30-12:45	Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol The discourse of those perfect in Christ – Response to the discourse of Artificial Intelligence			
12:45-13:00	Discussion			
13:00	END	OF SESSION		
	Session C4 Moderator: David Bradshaw (Professor at the University of Kentucky) Parallel Session C5 Moderator: Dr. Petros Damianos (Faculty Merosor at the University of Kentucky) ber at the National Technical University of Athensi			
14:30-14:45	Sister Parakliti (ThD, Psychotherapist) 'Then she left her water-jar' (Jn. 4, 29): The Means and the Person in the encounter between artificial intelligence and Pastoral Theology	Fr. Theodoros Tsabatzidis (Faculty Member at the Ionian eCatechism, Digital Literacy Intelligence in modern paris trends, challenges security a	and Artificial sh life and action:	

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14:45-15:00	Seraphim Bruce Foltz (Emeritus Professor at the Eckerd College) After Transhumanism: Outlines of Deep Essentialism Georgios Patseas, (PhD candidates AUTh) The creation of cultural content wife embodiment of applications of art intelligence and augmented reality		al content with the cations of artificial
15:00-15:15	Fr. Nikolaos Loudovikos (Professor at the University of Ioannina) What is a human being? Theology, the neurobiology of the unconscious and artificial intelligence Dr. Katerina Tsita (Laboratory Teaching Staff at the AUTh); Dr. Spiros Kiartzis (Director of Alternative Sources of Energy and the New Technologies, HELLENIQ ENERGY) Utilizing Artificial Intelligence applications in the energy sector to build resilient against climate crisis		raff at the AUTh); rector of Alternative he New Technologies, Intelligence applica-
15:15-15:30	Discussion	Discussion	
	Session C6 Moderator Fr. Vasileios Kalliakmanis (Professor at the AUTh)		
15:30-15:45	Archimandrite Zacharias, (Holy Monaster of St. John the Baptist, Essex) The transition from the psychological to t		NO
15:45-16:00	Archimandrite Efraim (Abbot of the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi, Holy Mountain) The importance of human reflection		PARALLEL SESSION
16:00-16:15	Georgios Mantzaridis (Emeritus Professor at the AUTh) In search of the real human person		
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16:30-17:00	Break - R	Refreshments	
17:00-18:00	PLENARY SESSION (OLYMPIA ROOM A) POSTHUMANISM ROUND TABLE Coordinator: Adrian Lemeni (Professor at the University of Bucharest) Guests: Dr Jay Richards (Director and Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, Washington), Archimandrite Efraim (Abbot of the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopaidi, Holy Mountain), Archimandrite Peter (Abbot of the Holy Monastery of St. John the Baptist, Essex), Fr. Nikolaos Loudovikos, (Professor at the University of Ioannina), David Bradshaw (Professor at the University of Kentuck)		
18:00-19:00	PLENARY SESSION (OLYMPIA ROOM A) PRESENTATION OF NEW PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR: Fr. Dr. Konstantinos Kenanidis (General Secretary of the Office of the Orthodox Church at the European Union) «Confronting gender theory» of Jean-Claude Larchet (Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Theology) (presented by Christos Arabatzis - Professor at AUTh) "The mystery of marriage amid deconstruction" by Fr. Bassam Nassif (Assistant Professor at the University of Balamand) (presented by Fr. Athanasios Gikas - Dean of the School of Theology AUTh)		
19:00-19:30	PLENARY SESSION - CONCLUSIONS		
	CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE Archimandrite Efraim, Abbot of the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopaidi, Holy Mountain		

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