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Day 1, FRIDAY, June 20
ROOM 124 (“Lucian Blaga”), 1st Floor

09:15-10:00 (EEST) *Registration and receipt of conference material* (Welcome Desk, 1st Floor, near Room 124 (Lucian Blaga), Babeş-Bolyai University, 1 Mihail Kogălniceanu Street, RO-400084, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

10:00-10:15 (EEST) **Opening ceremony:** Lect. Dr. Aura Elena Schussler, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, & Prof. Dr. Ciprian Mihali, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University

10:15-11:15 (EEST)	Keynote presentation: Prof. Dr. Stefan Lorenz SORGNER: <i>Varieties of Transhumanism</i> Chair: Aura Elena Schussler
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11:15-11:30 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)
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11:30-13:00 (EEST)	Session 1: Euro-transhumanism, Ethics, Suffering, and Hedonism
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11:30-12:00 (EEST)	Aura Elena SCHUSSLER	<i>Euro-transhumanism, Classic Transhumanism, and Dukkha—Should we Choose Between Embracing Suffering or Let It Go?</i>	Moderator: Ştefan Maftei
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12:00-12:30 (EEST)	Manuel KNOLL	<i>The Idea of a Hedonistic Transhumanism</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Ştefan Maftei
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12:30-13:00 (EEST)	Philipp WOLF	<i>Euro-Transhumanism Ethics</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Ștefan Maftei
13:00-14:30 (EEST)	Lunch Break (offered by the conference) at <i>Insomnia Caffè & Bistro</i>		
14:30-16:00 (EEST)	Session 2: Transhumanism, Aging, Mind Uploading, and Biomedical Technologies		
14:30-15:00 (EEST)	Pablo GARCÍA-BARRANQUERO & Saúl PÉREZ-GONZÁLEZ	<i>SENS vs. the Hallmarks of Aging: Competing Visions, Shared Challenges</i>	Moderator: Ștefan Maftei
15:00-15:30 (EEST)	Damian SZCZECH	<i>Filling Ontological Gaps: why Mind Uploading is Self-contradictory on the Grounds of Classic Transhumanism; Comparing Ontologies of Transhumanism and Euro-Transhumanism</i>	Moderator: Ștefan Maftei
15:30-16:00 (EEST)	Andreea-Iulia SOMEȘAN	<i>Understanding and Exercising Autonomy in Clinical Practice Amid a Transhumanist Society. Toward a Balanced Ethical Approach to Next-Generation Biomedical Technologies</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Ștefan Maftei
16:00-16:15 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		

16:15-17:45 (EEST)	Session 3: Classic Transhumanism, Overcoming, Death, and Religion		
16:15-16:45 (EEST)	Charles PIECYK	<i>From the 'End of man' to the 'Posthuman': a Foucauldian Assessment of (Classical) Transhumanism and Posthumanism as Contemporary Projects of Overcoming of the Human (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
16:45-17:15 (EEST)	Giulio ARDENGHI	<i>Death, Orthodoxy and Human Enhancement: the Case of Nikolai Fyodorov</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
17:15-17:45 (EEST)	Vasileios STRATIS	<i>The Transcendence of Genders in Origen of Alexandria (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
17:45-18:00 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
18:00-19:30 (EEST)	Session 4: Classic Transhumanism, Longtermism, Multihumanism, and Cosmism		
18:00-18:30 (EEST)	Ralf STAPELFELDT	<i>The Strange Results of Total Utilitarianism Against a Technological-posthuman Background (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nuțaș
18:30-19:00 (EEST)	Denis CHIRIAC	<i>The Cosmist and Transhumanist</i>	Moderator:

		<i>Human: Between Mystical-Philosophical Visions and Techno-Utopian Horizons (ONLINE)</i>	Andrei Nuțaș
19:00-19:30 (EEST)	Ojochogwu ABDUL	<i>Dissolution of the Natural-Artificial Distinction in Humans and Implications for Future Multihuman Societies (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nuțaș
20:00 (EEST)	Dinner (offered by the conference) at <i>Café Bulgakov</i>		

Day 2, SATURDAY, June 21
ROOM 124 (“Lucian Blaga”), 1st Floor

09:30-11:30 (EEST)	Session 1: Transhumanism, Relational Ethics, Environmental Concerns, and AI		
09:30-10:00 (EEST)	Kojiro HONDA	<i>Can “Human Dignity” Be Updated?</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
10:00-10:30 (EEST)	Rossitsa YALAMOVA	<i>Transhumanist Long-Termism and Effective Altruism: Perspectives on Existential Risk, Mass Extinction, and the Posthuman Future</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
10:30-11:00 (EEST)	Andrei NUȚAȘ	<i>From Organism to Environment—the Changing Role of Humans in Evolution</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
11:00-11:30 (EEST)	Niñoval Flores PACAOL	<i>De-Extinction and the Moral Cognitive Enhancement Paradox (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczzech
11:30-11:45 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		

11:45-13:15 (EEST)	Session 2: Euro-Transhumanism, Art, and Critical Posthumanism		
11:45-12:15 (EEST)	Evi SAMPANIKOU	<i>The Arts in the Context of Euro-Transhumanism</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Anton Crişan
12:15-12:45 (EEST)	Anna MARKOPOULOU	<i>Jan Patočka and his Interpretation of Transcendence: Towards an Early Approach of Euro-transhumanism</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Anton Crişan
12:45-13:15 (EEST)	Christos ILIOPOULOS	<i>The Nietzschean Overman vs the Transhuman: a Critical Approach to Transhumanism</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Anton Crişan
13:15-13:45	Kam HUREYRE	<i>Navigating the Anthropocene: Navigating the Anthropocene: Islamic Responsibility Ethics, Euro-transhumanism, and the Quest for a Balanced Future</i>	Moderator: Anton Crişan
13:45-15:15 (EEST)	Lunch Break (offered by the conference) at <i>Insomnia Caffe & Bistro</i>		

15:15-16:45 (EEST)	Session 3. Foucault, Classic Transhumanism, and Posthuman Anthropology		
15:15-15:45 (EEST)	Turan SHENLIK	<i>Foucault and Transhumanism: A Critical Examination of Power, Technology, and Social Inequality</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Andrei Nuțaș
15:45-16:15 (EEST)	Márk HORVÁTH & Ádám LOVÁSZ	<i>The Varieties of Transhumanist Experience: Technognostic Religion in the Early 21st Century</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Andrei Nuțaș
16:15-16:45 (EEST)	Juan Ignacio Jaña VILLARROEL	<i>In Search of a Posthuman Anthropology</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Andrei Nuțaș
16:45-17:00 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
17:00-18:30 (EEST)	Session 4. Nietzsche, Self-overcoming, Eugenics, and the Posthuman		
17:00-17:30 (EEST)	Michele DIANA	<i>Human, too Human, Transhuman: the Tech Paradox of Cybernetic Surgery</i>	Moderator: Anton Crișan
17:30-18:00 (EEST)	Marius MARKUCKAS	<i>The Representation of the Phenomenon of Disability in the Transhumanist Paradigm of Thought:</i>	Moderator: Anton Crișan

		<i>The Controversy Between Classic and Euro-Transhumanism</i> (ONLINE)	
18:00-18:30 (EEST)	Agustin SANCHEZ-COTTA	<i>Julian Huxley at the Crossroads of Eugenics and Transhumanism</i>	Moderator: Anton Crişan
18:30-18:45 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
18:45-19:45 (EEST)	Keynote presentation: Prof. Dr. Natasha VITA-MORE: <i>Evolving Minds: Coherence Amid Complexity</i> (ONLINE) Chair: Aura Elena Schussler		
19:45-20:00 (EEST)	Closing of the Conference and Final Remarks		

Lunch & Dinner

Day 1, FRIDAY, June 20

- Lunch at *Insomnia Caffè & Bistro*
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Day 1, FRIDAY, June 20

- Dinner at *Café Bulgakov*
Address: 17 Inocenţiu Micu Klein Street, Cluj-Napoca 400087

Day 2, SATURDAY, June 21

- Lunch at *Insomnia Caffè & Bistro*
Address: 2 Universităţii Street, Cluj-Napoca 400091