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Program

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Day 1 — Friday, June 12, 2026
ROOM 124 (“Lucian Blaga”), 1st Floor

09:30-10:00 (EEST) <i>Registration and receipt of conference materials</i> (Welcome Desk, 1st Floor, near Room 124 (Lucian Blaga), Babes-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, Babes-Bolyai University			
10:15-11:15 (EEST)	Keynote presentation: Prof. Dr. Stefan Lorenz SORGNER <i>Faster, Higher, Further, Smarter...</i> Chair: Aura-Elena Schussler		
11:15-11:30 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
11:30-13:00 (EEST)	Session 1: Classic Transhumanism, Euro-Transhumanism, Longevity, and Death		
11:30-12:00 (EEST)	Aura-Elena SCHUSSLER	<i>Reinterpreting Death: A Euro-Transhumanist Critique of Classic Transhumanism</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nutas
12:00-12:30 (EEST)	Ralf STAPELFELDT	<i>The Gate to Digital Heaven will be Closed Forever</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nutas
12:30-13:00 (EEST)	Frédéric BALMONT	<i>Transhumanist Longevity and Nietzschean Health: How Far Can We go on a Carbon-based Path?</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nutas

13:00-14:00 (EEST)	Lunch (offered by the conference) – Room 130, 1st Floor		
14:00-15:30 (EEST)	Session 2: Multihumanism, Subjectivity, AI, and Posthuman Ethics		
14:00-14:30 (EEST)	Dominik GALLENBERGER	<i>Emerging Technologies of Legal Subjectivity River Personhood Dispositifs across Courts, Parliaments, and Treaty Arenas</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Damian Szczech
14:30-15:00 (EEST)	Ojochogwu ABDUL	<i>Vistas of the Posthuman Paradigm Shift: Groundwork for a Philosophy of Multihumanism</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Damian Szczech
15:00-15:30 (EEST)	Marta Anna RACZEK-KARCZ	<i>Why Cannot We Rest in Peace?—Narratives of Unwanted Long Living from the Posthumanism Perspective. Case study of Ötzi the Ice Mummy and Lenka the Giraffe</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczech
15:30-15:45 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
15:45-17:15 (EEST)	Session 3: Posthuman Entanglements—Necropolitics, Material Agency, and Epistemic Humility		

15:45-16:15 (EEST)	Giulio ARDENGHI	<i>Necro-Enhancement: Reflections on Human Enhancement and the Politics of Death</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Marta Anna Raczek-Karcz
16:15-16:45 (EEST)	Angelos CHIOTIS	<i>The Life and Death of Pentelic Marble. A Posthuman Material Biography</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Marta Anna Raczek-Karcz
16:45-17:15 (EEST)	Anastasios TSAKALIADIS-SOTIRAKOGLOU	<i>Re-queering the Death Drive: An Ethical Re-evaluation of Death Activism within the Posthuman Paradigm Shift</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Marta Anna Raczek-Karcz
17:15-17:30 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
17:30-19:00 (EEST)	Session 4: Transhumanism, Politics, and Posthuman Economy		
17:30-18:00 (EEST)	Paul FIRENZE	<i>(Trans)Human Capital in a Posthuman Economy</i>	Moderator: Monika Banaś
18:00-18:30 (EEST)	Andrei NUTAS	<i>Europe's Duty to Federate</i>	Moderator: Monika Banaś
18:30-19:00 (EEST)	Damian SZCZECH	<i>New Frames for an Old Picture: Redefining Ethics in the Era of Ontological Anomalies</i>	Moderator: Monika Banaś
20:00 (EEST)	Conference Dinner (offered by the conference) at Café Bulgakov		

Day 2 — Saturday, June 13, 2026
ROOM 124 (“Lucian Blaga”), 1st Floor

10:00-11:30 (EEST)	Session 1: Posthuman Ethics, Legal Personhood, and Vulnerability		
10:00-10:30 (EEST)	Monika BANAS	<i>AI-Mediated Public Voice in Post-Democracy: Vulnerability, Discrimination, and Posthuman Ethics</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczech
10:30-11:00 (EEST)	Sylvia WOJTCZAK & Paweł KSIEŻAK	<i>Possible Legal Concepts of the Person—Between Transhumanism and Critical Posthumanism</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczech
11:00-11:30 (EEST)	Maksymilian WOCH	<i>Transhumanism and Equal Opportunity Society</i>	Moderator: Damian Szczech
11:30-11:45 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
11:45-13:15 (EEST)	Session 2: Ethics and Aesthetics in the Posthuman Paradigm Shift: Art, Creativity, AI-Generated Music, and Biotechnological Archaeologies		
11:45-12:15 (EEST)	Evi SAMPANIKOU &	<i>Critical Posthumanism and Euro-Transhumanism</i>	Moderator: Aura-Elena Schussler

	Anna MARKOPOULOU	<i>Ethics and Principles in Contemporary Art (ONLINE)</i>	
12:15-12:45 (EEST)	Gvantsa GHVINJILIA	<i>AI-Generated or AI- Assisted Music as a Marker of the Human Enhancement Era: New Technology in the Service of Human Creativity (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Aura-Elena Schussler
12:45-13:15 (EEST)	Alessandro CECCOTTI	<i>An Archaeology of the Biotechnological Age: Neon Genesis Evangelion and Ethics, Between Trans- and Post- humanism</i>	Moderator: Aura-Elena Schussler
13:30-15:00 (EEST)	Lunch (offered by the conference) at <i>Café Bulgakov</i>		
15:00-17:00 (EEST)	Session 3. Euro-Transhumanism, Theology, the Singularity, the Question of Disability, Humanoid Robots and Subjectivity		
15:00-15:30 (EEST)	Hureyre KAM	<i>Muslim + Superintelligence = SuperMuslim? Approaches to a Muslim Posthuman Vocabulary (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nutas
15:30-16:00 (EEST)	Márk HORVÁTH & Ádám LOVÁSZ	<i>Deconstructing the Technocratic Eschatology of the Silicon Valley Singularity (ONLINE)</i>	Moderator: Andrei Nutas

16:00-16:30 (EEST)	Philipp WOLF	<i>AI and Subjectivity</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Andrei Nutas
16:30-17:00 (EEST)	Marius MARKUCKAS	<i>Disabled or Non- Enabled Persons? A Transhumanist Model of Disability</i> (ONLINE)	Moderator: Andrei Nutas
17:00-17:15 (EEST)	Coffee Break (Room 130, 1st Floor)		
17:15 -18:15 (EEST)	Keynote presentation: Prof. Dr. Maurizio BALISTRERI <i>Vulnerability and Care in Transhumanism: Toward a Normative Turn</i> Chair: Aura-Elena Schussler		
18:15-18:30 (EEST)	Closing of the Conference and Final Remarks		

❖ Conference Lunches & Dinner

Day 1, FRIDAY, June 12

- Conference Lunch in Room 130, 1st Floor

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Day 2, SATURDAY, June 13

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