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Nous distanced from God becomes either beastly or demonic
(Saint Gregory Palamas)

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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 eco-system 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**

- o History- evolution – social acceptance
- o Scientific parameters: where we are and where we are going
- o Achievements: what we aim to do
- o 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.
- o 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**

- o 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
- o 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/-)
- o 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.

Fyodor Dostoevsky, the exponent of humanism and theanthropism, observes an abomination of transhumanism, the "Golden Voyager" humanoid at the closing of the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024.

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Monday 18 November 2024	
TIME	**OLYMPIA ROOM**
18:30-19:30	Organizers' Addresses Welcoming Addresses Declaration of the opening of the proceedings of the Conference by Metropolitan Daniel of Kaisariani
19:30-20:00	**Keynote Speech** **Apostolos Nikolaïdis (Professor Emeritus NCUA),** "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**	**ATHENS VIEW ROOM**
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 NCUA)** Trans-Humanism, Post-Humanism and Theology	**Dr. Andreas Hatzihambis (Scientific Director at the Cyprus Center of Environmental Research)** 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 NCUA)** 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	ATHENS VIEW ROOM
	Session A3 **Moderator: Metropolitan Kyrillos of Krini (Professor at NCUA)**	**Parallel Session A4** **Moderator: Christos N. Tsironis: (Assistant Professor AUTh.)**
10:00-10:15	**Metropolitan Ierotheos 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	**Archbishop Makarios of Australia** Artificial Intelligence – A theological approach	**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 AUTh)**	**Parallel Session A6** **Moderator: Vasilis Konstantoudis (Lead Researcher, NCSR 'Demokritos')** The contribution of AI to the dialogue between science and theology
11:30-11:45	**Metropolitan Ioustinos of Kalamaria and Nea Krini** From the person of the love of God to the post-person of the era of AI - Salto mortale or much ado about nothing?	**David Doat (Associate Professor at the Lille Catholic University)** What does transhumanism teach us about the contemporary repositioning of the religion – technology boundary?
11:45-12:00	**Christos Economou (Emeritus Professor AUTh, 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 (Faculty of the University of Durham)** Becoming gods by technology; the continuation of the Fall ONLINE PRESENTATION
12:00-12:15	**Fr. Vasileios Kalliakmanis (Emeritus Professor 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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TIME	OLYMPIA ROOM	ATHENS VIEW ROOM
	Session A7 **Moderator: Emmanouil Karageorgoudis (Professor, Dean of the Theological School NCUA)**	**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** **(Researcher NCUA)** Theological Humanism and Transhumanist Posthumanism: Challenges, Convergences and Divergences
12:45-13:00	**Marius Markuckas (Assistant Professor at the University of Vilnius)** Ethical Transformations in the Context of the Transhumanist Project: From Applied to Adapted Ethics	**Marc Roux (Chairman of the French Union of Transhumanists)** Towards a Christian transhumanism
13:00-13:15	**Nikolaos Koios** **(Associate Professor at AUTh)** The ethical principle of autonomy confronted by the challenges of post-humanism	**Rev. Vadim Dudkin** **(Lecturer at BIP University, Belarus)** Orthodox Anthropology and Trans-Humanism ONLINE PRESENTATION
13:15-13:30	Discussion	Discussion
13:30	Conclusion of the Session	
	Session A9 **Moderator: Bishop Apostolos of Tanagra (Office Director of the Representation Office of the Church of Greece in Brussels)**	**Parallel Session A10** **President: Dr. Sigurd Lefsrud (Professor at the University of Zimbabwe)**
14:45-15:00	**Dan Hinshaw (Emeritus Professor, University of Michigan)** Human Beings as Icons of the Suffering Christ	**Fr. Grigorios Stamkopoulos (Associate Professor at AUTh)** The meaning of "nous" according to Gregory Palamas and the formalism of artificial intelligence
15:00-15:15	**Nikos Nikolaïdis** **(Emeritus Professor, NCUA)** «Η περί κατασκευής ανθρώπου» διδασκαλία του Αγίου Γρηγορίου Νύσσης	**Fr. Christoforos (Faculty Member at the Theological School, NCUA)** 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 Belgrade)** Transhumanist elements in modern philosophical thought from Descartes to Nietzsche	**Dr. Ioannis Kastanas (Faculty Member of the School of Law, University of Nicosia; Eleni Palioura (Doctoral Candidate in Ecclesiastical Law, Athens School of Law)** Artificial Intelligence and the Code of Ethics in Church Administration: topical issues and contemporary challenges
15:30-15:45	Discussion	Discussion

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TIME	**OLYMPIA ROOM**	**ATHENS VIEW ROOM**
	Session A11 **Fr. Bassam Nassif (Associate Professor, University of Balamand)**	**Parallel Session A12** **Moderator: Dn. Sampson Ryan R. Nash (Professor at the University of Ohio)**
15:45-16:00	**Fr. Athanasios Gikas** **(Dean of the School of Theology AUTh.)** Pastoral responsibility and contemporary ideology regarding the redefinition of marriage	**Petros Panayiotopoulos** **(Assistant Professor AUTh)** Improvement, Reinforcement and Posthumanism: The boundaries, challenges and temptations
16:00-16:15	**Dr. Georgios Koios** **(Endocrinologist)** Human sex and identity according to medical science	**Dimopoulos Christos** **(MSc Astrophysics)** Artificial Intelligence is putting pressure on us to find out value and purpose in life
16:15-16:30	**Dr. Kostas Sfakianoudis** **(Obstetrician/Gynecologist)** Ideal motherhood in the era of post-modernism	**Fr. Zisis Lappas, (Vicar of Saint George's Church, Media, Pennsylvania)** Pastoral Care in the Age of AI and Meta-Humanism: A survey case study in the congregation of St. George Greek Orthodox Parish in Media, PA ONLINE PRESENTATION
16:30-16:45	Discussion	Discussion
16:45-17:15	**Break - Refreshments**	**Break - Refreshments**
	Session A13 **Moderator: Fr. Dr. Konstantinos Kenanidis (General Secretary of the Office of the Orthodox Church at the European Union)**	**Parallel Session A14** **Moderator: Dr. Alexandra Nadane (Collaborator at the Academy of Romania)**
17:30-17:45	**Jean-Claude Larchet (Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Theology)** The problems raised by wokeism: what Christian solutions?;	**Fr. Dan Sandu (Reader, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași)** Orthodox "Deification" versus Transhumanist "Amortality" as Iconic Representations of the Human's Call to the Highest
17:45-18:00	**Konstantinos Kotsiopoulos** **(Professor at AUTh)** The Paris Declaration, political correctness and the woke culture	**Diana Faydysh (Doctoral Candidate, Pacifica Graduate Institute, California)** Transhumanism and the "Therapeutic Self" ONLINE PRESENTATION
18:00-18:15	**Fr. John Parker (Dean of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary)** Evlogeite!: What blessing could we give? An Orthodox Reflection One Year Hence on the impact on Orthodoxy of the Vatican's Fiducia Supplicans	**Jonathan Jackson** **(Actor, Writer and Musician)** Posthumanism & The Storied Universe: Art & Literature's Role in the Salvation of the World ONLINE PRESENTATION
18:15-18:30	**Dr. Adina Portaru (Senior Counsel for ADF International)** Cancel Culture and Legal Implications for the Church	Discussion
18:30-19:00	Discussion	

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	Session A15 **Moderator: Christos Arabatzis** **(Professor at AUTh)**	**Parallel Session A16** **Moderator: Fr. Christoforos Chronis** **(Faculty of the School of Theology NCUA)**
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** **(Director of Art Diagnostic Center and Scientific Officer of the 'Ormylia' Foundation)** Artificial Intelligence and the conservation of icons
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	**Dr. 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' ONLINE PRESENTATION	**Kleanthis E. Nizamis** **(Appointed Teacher AUth))** Bioethical approach to the use of technology in palliative care
19:45-20:00	Discussion	Discussion

END OF THE DAY

Τετάρτη 20 Νοεμβρίου 2024		
TIME	**OLYMPIA ROOM**	**ATHENS VIEW ROOM**
08:30-08:50	WELCOME INSTRUCTIONS	
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9:00-09:15	**Giorgos Kontogiorgis (Former Panteion University Rector)** The ideological presuppositions of the metahumanism	**Ioannis Ieropoulos (Professor at the University of Southampton)** Artificial intelligence – a balanced view
09:15-09:30	**Konstantinos Theologou** **(Assistant Professor at NTUA)** Postmodern confusion and the values of the biocosm: the incubation of totalitarianism in woke culture	**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 NCUA)** Woke culture in religious Education in schools	**Michael G. Michael, (Emeritus Collaborator at the University of Wollongong);** **Katina Michael (Emeritus Professor at the University of Wollongong)** Religion, Science and Technology: An Orthodox Perspective ONLINE PRESENTATION
09:45-10:00	Discussion	Discussion

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	Session B3 **Moderator: Jean-Claude Larchet (Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Religion)**	**Parallel Session B4** **Moderator: Dan Chitoiu (Professor at the University of Iași)**
10:00-10:15	**Fr. Bassam Nassif (Assistant 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 NTUA)** Posthuman- Artificial Intelligence and the Person
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, Centre Orthodoxe d'Etudes et de Recherches 'Dumitru Stăniloae')** Has our Christian Orthodox Anthropology to 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 Simply be Orthodox in an American Parish	**Christos N. Tsironis** **(Coordinator in the field of Theology and Science, Centre Orthodoxe)** After the human, beyond the human or towards the human?
10:45-11:00	Discussion	Discussion
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	Session B5 **Moderator: Ioannis A Danglis (Professor at NCUA, Chairman of the Hellenic Space Centre)**	**Parallel Session B6** **Moderator: Fr. Catalin Dobri (Faculty of Theology, University of Bucharest)**
11:30-11:45	**Constantine Psimopoulos** **(Professor at the Harvard Medical School)** Post humanism Ethos: from a meta-anthropologic to e meta-ethics «logos» of AI	**Maria Giannakaki** **(EU Rapporteur, 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	**Ziad Kobti (Professor at the University of Windsor)** On the ethics surrounding the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence on matters of faith	**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	**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. 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: Ioannis Ieropoulos (Chair in Environmental Engineering, Civil, University of Southampton)**

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TIME	**OLYMPIA ROOM**	**ATHENS VIEW ROOM**
12:30-12:45	**Georg M. V. Olowson (Lead of the AI Governance Unit 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. Danglis (Professor at NCUA, Chairman of the Hellenic Space Centre)** Usage of AI in space research: anticipated benefits and potential dangers Scientific parameters: where we are and where we are going and/or Achievements: what we aim to do	**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 NCUA)** Intelligence in astrophysics and cosmology: identification of a brightness record-breaking quasar and the fine-tuned values of the cosmic numbers in our Universe	**Alexandra Nadane (Collaborator at the Academy of Romania)** 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, University of Michigan)	**Parallel Session B10 Moderator: Mihai Maftei (M.A. - Researcher on ethics and responsible development of AI systems)**
14:45-15:00	**Stylianos Antonarakis (Emeritus Professor, University of Geneva Medical School)** The importance of artificial intelligence in the study and use of the human genome;	**Emmanouil-Vasileios (Manolis) Vlatakis-Gkaragkounis (Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Berkeley)** From Aristotle to AI: Envisioning a Post-Human Future Through Automated Agency ONLINE PRESENTATION
15:00-15:15	**Ioannis Antoniou (Professor at AUTh)** Can Artificial Intelligence replace the "Nous"?	**Fr. dcn Matthew Vest (Associate Professor at the University of Ohio)** AI and the Legitimization of Violence? Identity, Gnosticism, and Language in the Technological Society ONLINE PRESENTATION
15:15-15:30	**Fr. Hieromonk Kenneth Alonso (Biotechnology Advisor)** Transhumanism, Post Humanism, and the Struggle Against Mortality as Reflected in Medical Science. ONLINE PRESENTATION	**Václav Ježek (Faculty Member at 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. ONLINE PRESENTATION
15:30-15:45	Discussion	Discussion

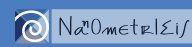| TIME	OLYMPIA ROOM	ATHENS VIEW ROOM
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	Session B11 **Moderator: Fr. Andreas G. Houpos** **(Vicar of Saint Nektarios' Church** **Charlotte, North Carolina)**	**Parallel Session B12** **Moderator: Maria Giannakaki,** **EU Rapporteur,** **Council of Europe)**
15:45-16:00	**Dr. Jay Richards (Researcher at The** **Heritage Foundation, Washington)** Gender Ideology as a Bridge to a Post-Human Future	**Vasilis Konstandoudis** **(Lead Researcher 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 University of Zimbabwe)** The straw man conundrum: AI and human flourishing
16:15-16:30	**Adrian Lemeni (Professor at** **the University of Bucharest)** Transhumanism as a religion of technology	**Despina Ioannou-Vasileiou (Faculty** **Member at the University of Nicosia)** The "Nous" of Christ and Artificial Intelligence
16:30-16:45	**Jacob (Chengwei) Feng** **(Faculty Member 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** **(Assistant Professor University of** **California)** 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 NCUA)** **Guests:** **Stylianos Antonarakis** (Emeritus Professor, University of Geneva Medical School) **Ziad Kobti** (Professor at the University of Windsor) **Efthymios Nikolaidis** (Emeritus Research Director N.H.R.F) **Ioannis Antoniou** (Professor at AUTh) **Mihai Maftei** (Researcher on ethics and responsible development of AI systems)	

END OF THE DAY

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TIME	**SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH, RIZAREIO – OPPOSITE THE ATHENS WAR MUSEUM** (Chanting by the Greek Byzantine Choir)	
07:00-10:00	**DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**	
TIME	**OLYMPIA ROOM**	**ATHENS VIEW ROOM**
10:40-10:50	WELCOME INSTRUCTIONS	
	Session C1 **Moderator: Nikos Koios (Assistant Professor at AUTh)**	**Parallel Session C2** **Moderator: Fr. Răzvan Andrei Ionescu** (Coordinator in the field of Theology at Science at the Orthodoxe Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches 'Dumitru Stăniloae')
11:00-11:15	**Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Messinia (Professor NCUA)** Rightsism and Human Rights in the context of Patristic anthropology	**Paris Tsahouridis, (Analyst at the National Bank of Greece); Maria Douka (Analyst at the National Bank of Greece)** Theological reflections of human as artificial consciousness creator in his image and likeness
11:15-11:30	**David Bradshaw (Professor at the University of Kentucky)** Making Human Rights Orthodox	**Dr. Magdalena Burlacu (Post-graduate Researcher at the University of Fribourg)** AI and spiritual life, AI and theology. Deceptions and impostures? ONLINE PRESENTATION
11:30-11:45	**Vasileios A. Tsingos (Professor 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 Contemplation in an Ever-Evolving World ONLINE PRESENTATION
11:45-12:00	Discussion	Discussion
	Session C3 **Moderator: Apostolos Nikolaïdis (Emeritus Professor NCUA)**	
12:00-12:15	**Archim. Elissaios, (Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Simonos Petras, Holy Mountain)** Holiness and the unhallowing of life and the world	**NO PARALLEL SESSION**
12:15-12:30	**Archim. Peter, (Abbot of the Holy Monastery of St. John the Baptist, Essex)** The human person as the house of God and residence of the divine energies	
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 Fr. Vasileios Kalliakmanis (Professor AUTh)**	**NO PARALLEL SESSION**
14:30-14:45	**Archimandrite Zacharias, (Holy Monastery of St. John the Baptist, Essex)** The transition from the psychological to the ontological plane	

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TIME	**OLYMPIA ROOM**	**ATHENS VIEW ROOM**
14:45-15:00	**Archim. Efraim (Abbot of the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi, Holy Mountain)** The importance of human reflection	**NO PARALLEL SESSION**
15:00-15:15	**Georgios Mantzaridis (Emeritus Professor, AUTh)** In search of the real human person	
15:15-15:30	Discussion	
	Session C5 **Moderator: David Bradshaw (Professor of the University of Kentucky)**	**Parallel Session C6** **Moderator: Dr. Petros Damianos (Faculty Member at the National Technical University of Athens)**
15:30-15:45	**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 Tsabatzis (Faculty Member at the Ionian University)** eCatechism, Digital Literacy and Artificial Intelligence in modern parish life and action: trends, challenges security and accessibility
15:45-16:00	**Seraphim Bruce Foltz (Emeritus Professor, Eckerd College)** Transcending the Cybernetic Ontology of Total Control through the Retrieval of a Symbolic Ontology	**Georgios Patseas, (PhD candidate, AUTh)** The creation of cultural content with the embodiment of applications of artificial intelligence and augmented reality
16:00-16:15	**Fr. Nikolaos Loudovikos (Professor at the University of Ioannina)** What is a human being? Theology, the neurobiology of the unconscious and artificial intelligence	**Katerina Tsita (Laboratory Teaching Staff AUTh); Spiros Kiartzis (Director of Alternative Sources of Energy and New Technologies, HELLENiQ ENERGY)** Utilizing Artificial Intelligence applications in the energy sector to build resilience against climate crisis
16:15-16:30	Discussion	Discussion
16:30-17:00	**Break - Refreshments**	**Break - Refreshments**
17:00-18:00	**PLENARY SESSION** **POSTHUMANISM ROUND TABLE** **Coordinator: Adrian Lemeni** (Professor at the University of Bucharest) **Guests: Dr Jay Richards** (Researcher, 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** **PRESENTATION OF NEW PUBLICATIONS** **COORDINATOR: Fr. 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 Religion)** (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**	