22.10.2026

SYMPOSIUM

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF TECHNOLOGY

Today, artificial intelligence (AI) has become an indispensable part of people's daily lives; examples include search engines, ChatGPT, navigation and traffic management systems, voice assistants, facial recognition, personalized advertising, and much more. In this context, AI attempts—by means of algorithms—to mimic human thought, to optimize it, and perhaps, one day, to replace it.

This symposium aims to shed light on the philosophy of AI and technology. It is designed to be both intercultural and interdisciplinary in scope. At its center lie the following questions: What is AI, and how does it function? What are its ethical implications? Is the term “Artificial Intelligence” a contradiction in terms? Will AI one day attain consciousness? To what extent will it shape our future lives? To what degree is AI an expression of “Western thought and Western culture”, and how do other cultures or religions—such as Buddhism—view technology? In this context, the symposium will also explore the place of AI within Japanese culture.

Schedule

Friday, 05.03.2027

14:00-15:00 Registration and Welcome-Coffee

15:00-15:15 MATSUMARU Hisao: Greetings

15:15-15:30 Myriam-Sonja HANTKE: Greetings

15:30-16:00 TAKAGI Kenji: N.N.

16:00-17:00 Keynote: Dr. Stefania TRAVAGNIN (SOAS University of London, UK): N.N. (Presence)

AI and Consciousness I

17:00-18:00 Talk 2: Prof. Dr. Javad Darvish AGHAJANI (Shahid Beheshti University, Iran): Does AI Self-Correction Indicate Self-Awareness? An Avicennian Analysis (Online)

Conference Dinner

Saturday, 06.03.2027

AI and Consciousness II

10:00-11:00 Talk 3: Nicolò CRISTANTE, PhD (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy): From Production to Concept. Hegel on Objectivity and Artificial Intelligence (Online/Presence)

11:00-12:00 Talk 4: Dr. Thorsten STREUBEL (FU Berlin, Germany): Wird KI erwachen? Subjekttheoretische Überlegungen zu den Möglichkeitsbedingungen von Bewusstsein (Presence)

Break

12:15-13:15 Talk 5: Aryika GHOSAL (Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India): The Artificial 'I'. Nishida's Place and the Evidential Silence of AI Interface (Online)

Lunch

Intercultural Philosophy of AI and Technology

15:00-16:00 Talk 6: Prof. Dr. Oliver R. SCHOLZ (University of Münster, Germany): Künstliche Intelligenz: Mogelpackung, Selbsttäuschung oder neue Kränkung der Menschheit? (Presence)

16:00-17:00 TALK 7: ITO Yoko (University of Hamburg, Germany): Kann künstliche Intelligenz den Dharma verkünden? Tanabe Hajime's Metanoetik und der BuddhaBot (Presence)

Break

17:15-18:15 Talk 8: Michelle ACEVEDO, PhD (University of Tübingen, Germany): Communicating, Relating, Communing in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (Presence)

Conference Dinner

Sunday, 07.03.2027

AI and Ethics

10:00-11:00 Talk 9: Prof. Dr. XU XU (Inner Mongolia University, China): Living Together with AI. Kyōsei and the Ethics of Asymmetrical (Online)

11:00-12:00 Talk 10: Ludwig Chan STEIGER (TU Berlin, Germany): Zur Nicht-Neutralität von Technik (Presence)

12:00-12:15 Break

12:15-12:30 Myriam-Sonja HANTKE: Final Remarks

12:30-13:00 MATSUMARU Hisao: Final Remarks

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