

**Panel Structure and Proceedings:**  
**Sacred Cyborgs**  
**Exploring the Intersection of Artificial Intelligence,**  
**Transhumanism and Religion**

**International Conference on Transhumanism and Religions at the University of Innsbruck**

**Date: 7.-9. February 2025**

**Location: Madonnensaal, Faculty of Theology (2nd floor, room 201)**

**Karl-Rahner-Platz 3**

**6020 Innsbruck**

**7. February 2025**

18:00-18:15	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> Welcome and introduction to the conference theme and objectives <i>Univ.-Prof. Dr. Abdullah Takim</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria <i>Dr. Hureyre Kam</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
18:15-19:00	<b>Keynote Lecture:</b> Religion, Politics, and Original, Classic, and Euro-Transhumanism <i>Prof. Dr. phil. Stefan L. Sorgner</i>   John Cabot University (Rome), Italy
19:00-19:30	Q&A Session
19:30-21:00	Dinner together

## 8. February 2025

<b>09:00-10:15</b>	<b>Panel I: Philosophical and Theological Foundations of Transhumanism</b>
09:00-09:05	<b>Chair: Dr. Hureyre Kam</b>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
09:05-09:30	Transhumanism as Religion: Emerging Faiths and Philosophies <i>Dr. Andrei Nuțaș</i>   West University of Timișoara, Romania
09:30-09:55	Transhumanism as Symptom of an Insane Society: Idolatry and the Future of Religious Formation <i>Prof. Dr. Johannes Hoff</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
09:55-10:15	Q&A Session
<b>10:15-11:30</b>	<b>Panel II: Transhumanism, Technology, and Islamic Thought</b>
10:15-10:20	<b>Chair: Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Zekirija Sejdini</b>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
10:20-10:45	Space Travel and Religion: Theological Implications of Humanity's Expansion <i>Prof. Dr. Maurizio Balistreri</i>   Tuscia University (Viterbo), Italy
10:45-11:10	Islamic Thought in a Transhumanist World: Ethics of Responsibility as a Necessary Orientation in Face of the Anthropocene <i>Dr. Hureyre Kam</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
11:10-11:30	Q&A Session
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
<b>12:00-13:15</b>	<b>Panel III: Ethics, Hope, and Faith in Technological Futures</b>
12:00-12:05	<b>Chair: Dr.<sup>in</sup> Ayşe Almıla Akca</b>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
12:05-12:30	Ethics and Morality in the Age of New Technologies: A Reflection from Islamic and Societal Perspectives <i>Dr.<sup>in</sup> phil. Aslıgül Aysel</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
12:30-12:55	Desperate Hope: On Revelation in the Midst of Deep Dehumanization <i>Ass. Prof. Mag. Dr. Michaela Quast-Neulinger</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
12:55-13:15	Q&A Session
13:15-14:15	Lunch Break
14:25-14:50	Between Geocentrism and the Evolutionary Multiverse: Introduction to Recent Positions in the Islamic Science-and-Religion Discourse <i>Dipl.-Phys. Hakan Turan</i>   Guest lecturer, University of Innsbruck, Austria
14:50-15:00	Q&A Session
<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>Afternoon break for exploration of Innsbruck's historic old town and networking</b>
<b>16:30-18:15</b>	<b>Panel IV: Ethical Dimensions of New Technologies - Interactive Session</b>
16:30-16:35	Introduction of the Moderator <i>Ass. Prof. Mag. Dr. Michaela Quast-Neulinger</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
16:35-17:00	Islamic Ethical Perspectives on Personality Changes through Deep Brain Stimulation <i>Dr. Hadil Lababidi</i>   University of Zurich, Switzerland
17:00-17:25	The Grace of Finitude. On the Theological Ethics of Limited Time in Christian Faith <i>Prof. Dr. Michael Coors</i>   University of Zurich (Switzerland)
17:25-17:35	Texts and Case Study Distribution
17:35-18:00	Small Group Discussions
18:00-18:15	Group Reports and Plenary: Q&A
18:15-20:00	Dinner together

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09:00-12:00	<b>Panel V: Religion and the Future: Theological and Ethical Perspectives on Space, Technology, and Posthumanism</b>
09:00-09:05	<b>Chair:</b> <i>Dr.<sup>in</sup> phil. Aslıgül Aysel</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria
09:05-09:30	Shahid, AI and Cultural Reprogramming: Exploring Saudi Influence through the Lens of Transhumanist Theory <i>Fawz Duwhy, M.A. &amp; Taylor Pearson, MSc</i>   University of Leeds & SOAS, UK
09:30-09:55	Who Believes in Homo Deus? Towards a Posthuman Belief Questionnaire that Explores Public Views on the Future of Humanity <i>Prof. Dr. Sarah Spiekermann-Hoff</i>   Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
09:55-10:15	Q&A Session
10:15-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-10:50	<b>Chair:</b> <i>Dipl.-Phys. Hakan Turan</i>   Guest lecturer, University of Innsbruck, Austria
10:50-11:15	Star Trek and Christian Fundamental Theology: A Futuristic Dialogue <i>Prof. Dr. Johannes Grössl</i>   University of Paderborn, Germany
11:15-11:40	Religious Elements in Star Trek: Educational Approaches to Democratization <i>Prof. Dr. Meltem Kulaçatan</i>   University of Zurich (Switzerland)
11:40-12:00	Q&A Session
12:00-13:30	<b>Closing Roundtable Discussion: Religions in a Transhumanist World - Towards an Integrated Understanding of Faith, Technology, and Humanity</b>
	Moderator: Dr. Hureyre Kam Speakers: <i>Prof. Dr. phil. Stefan L. Sorgner</i>   John Cabot University (Rome), Italy <i>Prof. Dr. Sarah Spiekermann-Hoff</i>   Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria <i>Prof. Dr. Johannes Hoff</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria <i>Dr.<sup>in</sup> phil. Aslıgül Aysel</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria <i>Prof. Dr. Maurizio Balistreri</i>   Tuscia University (Viterbo), Italy
13:30-13:40	Final Reflections and Farewell <i>Univ.-Prof. Dr. Abdullah Takim</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria <i>Dr. Hureyre Kam</i>   University of Innsbruck, Austria

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