

- 11:15-11:40 Star Trek goes Feminism and Equality - Overcoming gendered boundaries
Prof. Dr. Meltem Kulaçatan | University of Zurich (Switzerland)
- 11:40-12:00 Q&A Session
- 12:00-13:30 **Closing Roundtable Discussion: Religions in a Transhumanist World - Towards an Integrated Understanding of Faith, Technology, and Humanity**
Moderator: Dr. Hureyre Kam
- Speakers:
Prof. Dr. phil. Stefan L. Sorgner | John Cabot University (Rome), Italy
Prof. Dr. Sarah Spiekermann-Hoff | Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
Prof. Dr. Johannes Hoff | University of Innsbruck, Austria
Dr. in phil. Aslıgül Aysel | University of Innsbruck, Austria
Prof. Dr. Maurizio Balistreri | Tuscia University (Viterbo), Italy
- 13:30-13:40 Final Reflections and Farewell
Univ.-Prof. Dr. Abdullah Takim | University of Innsbruck, Austria
Dr. Hureyre Kam | University of Innsbruck, Austria

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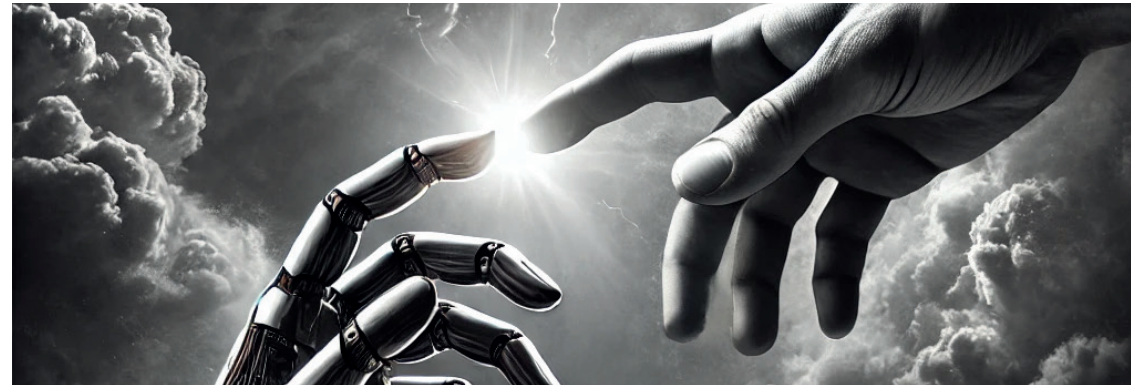


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Program

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

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- 09:00-10:15 **Panel I: Philosophical and Theological Foundations of Transhumanism**
Chair: *Dr. Hureyre Kam* | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 09:00-09:05 Transhumanism as Religion: Emerging Faiths and Philosophies
Dr. Andrei Nuțuș | West University of Timișoara, Romania
- 09:05-09:30 Transhumanism as Symptom of an Insane Society: Idolatry and the Future of Religious Formation
Prof. Dr. Johannes Hoff | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 09:30-09:55 Q&A Session
- 09:55-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:30 **Panel II: Transhumanism, Technology, and Islamic Thought**
Chair: *Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Zekirija Sejdini* | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 10:15-10:20 Space Travel and Religion: Theological Implications of Humanity's Expansion
Prof. Dr. Maurizio Balistreri | Tuscia University (Viterbo), Italy
- 10:20-10:45 Islamic Thought in a Transhumanist World: Ethics of Responsibility as a Necessary Orientation in Face of the Anthropocene
Dr. Hureyre Kam | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 10:45-11:10 Q&A Session
- 11:10-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:00 **Panel III: Ethics, Hope, and Faith in Technological Futures**
Chair: *Dr.ⁱⁿ Ayşe Almıla Akca* | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 12:00-12:05 Ethics and Morality in the Age of New Technologies: A Reflection from Islamic and Societal Perspectives
Dr.ⁱⁿ phil. Aslıgül Aysel | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 12:05-12:30 Desperate Hope: On Revelation in the Midst of Deep Dehumanization
Ass. Prof. Mag. Dr. Michaela Quast-Neulinger | 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
Dipl.-Phys. Hakan Turan | Guest lecturer, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 14:50-15:00 Q&A Session
- 15:00-16:30 **Afternoon break for exploration of Innsbruck's historic old town and networking**
- 16:30-18:15 **Panel IV: Ethical Dimensions of New Technologies - Interactive Session**
- 16:30-16:35 Introduction of the Moderator
Ass. Prof. Mag. Dr. Michaela Quast-Neulinger | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 16:35-17:00 Islamic Ethical Perspectives on Personality Changes through Deep Brain Stimulation
Dr. Hadil Lababidi | University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 17:00-17:25 The Grace of Finitude. On the Theological Ethics of Limited Time in Christian Faith
Prof. Dr. Michael Coors | 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 **Panel V: Religion and the Future: Theological and Ethical Perspectives on Space, Technology, and Posthumanism**
- 09:00-09:05 **Chair:** *Dr.ⁱⁿ phil. Aslıgül Aysel* | University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 09:05-09:30 Shahid, AI and Cultural Reprogramming: Exploring Saudi Influence through the Lens of Transhumanist Theory
Fawz Duwhy, M.A. & Taylor Pearson, MSc | 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
Prof. Dr. Sarah Spiekermann-Hoff | Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
- 09:55-10:15 Q&A Session
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-10:50 **Chair:** *Dipl.-Phys. Hakan Turan* | Guest lecturer, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 10:50-11:15 Star Trek and Christian Fundamental Theology: A Futuristic Dialogue
Prof. Dr. Johannes Grössl | University of Paderborn, Germany