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Digital Humanism Summit on AI and Democratic Sustainability

From 3-4 July, distinguished experts in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) will gather in Vienna's Josephinum to discuss the social, political, and legal implications of the rapid advancement of AI in our societies. The conference will be followed by a public presentation and discussion of policy recommendations on 5 July at the Vienna University of Technology.

Chat-GPT's startling abilities prompted 30 million humans worldwide to sign up in just two months' time. An arms race is now on for Big Tech to push the limits of what AI can do. 18 high-profile speakers from academia, public policy, and civil society will gather in Vienna to discuss the contours of that global challenge and the possibilities for collective action to meet it, focussing on four key themes: generative AI, the sociopolitical impact of AI, AI regulation and global governance, and addressing issues of scale and jurisdiction in AI governance.

The event is jointly organized by the [Institute for Human Sciences \(IWM\)](#), the [Digital Humanism Initiative](#), and the [OSUN Hannah Arendt Network](#) at Bard College.

Speakers in alphabetical order:

Pablo Aragon - Research Scientist, Wikimedia Foundation

Roger Berkowitz - Founder and Academic Director, Hannah Arendt Center

Misha Glenny - Rector, Institute for Human Sciences Vienna

Dame Wendy Hall - Regius Professor of Computer Science, University of Southampton

Daniel Innerarity - Professor of Political and Social Philosophy, University of the Basque Country

Colin Megill - Co-founder of pol.is; President, Computational Democracy Project

George Metakides - Visiting Professor, TU Vienna, Fall 2023; IWM Senior Fellow

Viktoria H.S.E. Robertson - Professor of Competition Law and Digitalization, WU Vienna

Marc Rotenberg - President and Founder, Center for AI and Digital Policy

Lucilla Sioli - Director for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Industry, European Commission

Joseph Sifakis - Emeritus Research Director, Verimag; Turing Award recipient

Dylan Sparks - Policy Advisor, Reset

Allison Stanger - Visiting Professor of Technology and Human Values, Bard College

Zephyr Teachout - Professor of Law, Fordham Law School

Paul Timmers - Research Associate, Oxford Internet Institute

Moshe Vardi - Professor of Computational Engineering, Rice University

Hannes Werthner - Professor Emeritus of Computer Science, TU Vienna

Andrew W. Wyckoff - Director, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation

More information and a detailed conference agenda can be found [here](#).

For media inquiries and to register please contact iwm-pr@iwm.at.

Save the date

Digital Humanism Summit: A.I. and Democratic Sustainability

Date: 3-4 July 2023, 09:00-17:00

Location: Josephinum, Währinger Strasse 25, 1090 Vienna

Public presentation and discussion of recommendations

Date: 5 July 2023, 11:30-13:00

Location: Radinger Hörsaal, TU Vienna, Lehargasse 6, 1060 Vienna

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