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WELCOME ADDRESSES
Ludvik Toplak, Rector, Alma Mater Europaea University

INVITED SPEAKER

Challenges of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts for the Future of Europe
Klaus Mainzer, University Professor, President of European Academy of Sciences and Arts:

Moderator: Igor E. Bergant

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01 PLENARY SESSION: Representatives of National Academies

INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN-CENTERED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

Moderator: Klaus Mainzer, President of European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA)

Igor Emri, Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Member EASA

Damir Boras, former Rector of the University of Zagreb, Member of Academy of Educational Sciences of Croatia, Member EASA

Ernst Pöppel, Ludwig Maximillian University Munich, Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Andrew Balas, Augusta University (USA), EASA – US delegate

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Principles and Policies to Respond to This Dangerous Time
Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute, Trustee of the World Academy of Art and Science, Senior Advisor and United Nations Representative of the Permanent Secretariat of the World Summits of Nobel Peace Laureates, Signatory to the Global Peace Offensive

(Moderator: Igor E. Bergant)

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02 PLENARY SESSION: Peace Offensive Rollout - What It Takes
(Moderator: Donato Kiniger-Passigli, Vice-President, World Academy of Art and Science)

INVITED SPEAKERS

Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute
Thania Paffenholz, Founder, Inclusive Peace
Paul Dziatkowiec, Director of Mediation and Peace Support, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Sabina Stadler Repnik, Head of Strategic Studies, Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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INVITED SPEAKER

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Physiotherapy in the Era of AI and Robotics: Preserving Humanity in Health Care
Alena Kobesova, Professor, Charles University Prague

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Pre-session:
A New United Nations University Institute in Hungary: Peace, Security and Transformative Technologies
Ferenc Miszlivetz, Professor, Director, Institute of Advanced Studies Köszeg

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03 PLENARY SESSION: International Interference in Domestic Politics and Elections

INVITED SPEAKERS

(Moderator: Nigel Baker, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., British Embassy Ljubljana, Former UK ambassador to Bolivia, the Holy See and Slovakia)

Gordan Akrap, Vice Rector, Franjo Tudman Defense and Security University, Zagreb; Associate Fellow, Bonn University CASSIS Programme; President, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute; and Member of the Croatian Parliament's Council for Civilian Oversight of Security and Intelligence Agencies

Paul Flather, Retired Fellow of Corpus Christi College and Mansfield College, University of Oxford; Founding CEO of Central European University

Marcin Walecki, Academic Visitor, University of Oxford; Senior Resident Country Director, National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Ukraine

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, Retired Research Fellow of Merton College and Pembroke College, University of Oxford and Brunel University of London, Founder Governor of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and Board Member of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems

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04 SCIENCE POWERING GREEN INNOVATION
(Moderator: Aleksander Zidanšek, WAAS Vice President)

Yury Gogotsi, Distinguished University Professor and the Charles T. and Ruth M. Bach Endowed Chair in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Director of the A.J. Drexel Nanomaterials Institute, Drexel University
Aleksander Zidanšek, WAAS Vice President
Eva Kovacevic, Professor, GREMI, Orléans
Alexandre Nominé, Professor, Mines Nancy
Uroš Cvelbar, Professor, Jozef Stefan Institute, WAAS Fellow

DISCUSSION

EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH

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05 EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH
(Moderators: Sebastjan Kristovič, Professor; Polonca Pangrčič, Assistant Professor; Jasmina Kristovič, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Logotherapy and Preventive Role of Volunteering Regarding the Crisis of Meaning
Matjaž Horvat, School of Advanced Social Studies (FUDŠ), Sebastjan Kristovič, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Intelligentsia and the Transfer of Knowledge to the Public Space
Renata Šribar, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

From Feedback-Informed Treatment to Feedback-Informed Supervision: Introducing AI Supervisor
Nuša Kovačević Tojnko, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Outpatient Clinic for Mental Health Pamina; Tatjana Rožič, Professor, Sigmund Freud University Vienna – Ljubljana Branch

Community Learning as a Model for Strengthening Mental Health and Preventing Violence at All Stages of Life
Sara Jerebic, Researcher, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana; Jasminka Zloković, Researcher, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka, University of Rijeka

Expressive Arts for Integrating Academic Knowledge
Marko Šetinc, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Job Burnout Among Farmers and Non-Farmers in Slovenia: Sociodemographic Correlates and Group Differences
Adela Černigoj, Research Fellow; Lilijana Šprah, Researcher, ZRC SAZU

Study Protocol for the AI-Supervised Trial: A Pilot Rct for AI Supported Supervision in Psychotherapy Training
Saša Poljak Lukek, Professor; Andreja Erman, PhD Candidate; University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology

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06 EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH

(Moderators: Sebastjan Kristovič, Professor; Polonca Pangrčič, Assistant Professor; Jasmina Kristovič, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Logopedagogy: Educating the Heart, Mind, and Hands
Sebastjan Kristovič, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Social-Therapeutic LSCI Model in Working With Children and Adolescents in Educational Institutions in Slovenia
Iryna Čečelič, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Fathers of Infants and Toddlers: The Role of Emotion Regulation and Self-Differentiation in Parenting Stress and Parenting Sense of Competence
Dora Glavaš, PhD Candidate, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology

Hazing on the First Day of School in Public Spaces
Nataša Novak, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Meaning in Life as a Protective Factor for Mental Health Among Adults Aged 50 and Over
Jasmina Kristovič, Researcher, Alma Mater Europaea University

Quality of Life After Permanently Acquired Disability and the Role of Relational Family Therapy
Sanja Sovec, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana

Who Stigmatises and Who Understands? Analysis of Public Stigma Expression Among Participants in the Workshops The Power of Conversation – The Weakness of Stigma (OMRA 2021–2025)
Nataša Dernovšček Hafner; Lilijana Šprah, Researchers, ZRC SAZU

Evaluation of Alcohol Addiction Treatment Using the Social Andragogical Method
Uroš Perko, PhD, Lecturer, New University; Jure Umnik, Student, FUDŠ - Fakulteta za uporabne družbene študije v Novi Gorici

Which Values Do We Live By? Logotherapy in the Preschool and Early School Years
Vladimira Velički, Professor, University of Zagreb

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07 EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH

(Moderators: Sebastjan Kristovič, Professor; Polonca Pangrčič, Assistant Professor; Jasmina Kristovič, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Addiction to Internet and Gaming Among Young People (Primary School)
Andreja Havoj Mandić, Teacher, DOŠ I. Lendava

The Importance of Relational Family Psychotherapy in Post-Modern Society
Munira Pejić, Expert, Psychiatric Clinic Ljubljana; Kleopatra Kodrič, Expert, KRES D.O.O.

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08 EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH

(Moderators: Sebastjan Kristovič, Professor; Polonca Pangrčič, Assistant Professor; Jasmina Kristovič, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea ECM)

Differences in the Perception and Self-Perception of Experts About the Professional Role in the Early Identification of Developmental Disabilities
Zlatko Bukvić, Professor, Faculty of Teacher Education, University of Zagreb; Renata Možanić, Lecturer, Home Healthcare Association ZNJUK

Measures of the Effectiveness of Higher Education Systems
Dawid Stawski, Professor, Lodz University of Technology

English Language Teaching During COVID-19 in Kosovo: A Mixed-Methods Study on Teachers' Digital Competencies, Technological Practices, and Perceptions of Pedagogical Effectiveness
Ernest Ismeti, PhD Candidate, South East European University

The Ethics of Care and Students' Emotional Resilience in School Transition: An Educational Approach to Student Well-Being
Albana Tahiri, Associate Professor, Albanian University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Education and English; Drilona Nuzi, Expert, Primary Education Teacher, Public School of Tirana

Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Educational Neuroscience: Redefining Cognitive Load and Learning Efficacy
Narrayani Premal, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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09 NEW RENAISSANCE

(Moderator: Howie Firth, Director, Orkney International Science Festival)

Discussants (in alphabetic order):

Andraž Ivšek, Slovenian Scientific Foundation
Andrei Marga, Former Rector, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca
Darja Piciga, Researcher, Integral Green Slovenia Ljubljana
Donato Kiniger – Passigli, Vice-president, World Academy of Art and Science
Jane Adams, Art Curator, Historian and CEO of Artemisia Gold Company
Luka Trebežnik, Vice-dean, Alma Mater Europaea University
Matej Makarovič, Researcher, Faculty of Information Studies Novo mesto
Rachel Armstrong, Professor, The Catholic University of Leuven
Raffaella Santi, Researcher, University of Urbino
Samuel Abraham, President, Bratislava International School of Liberal Education
Sonja Weiss, Researcher, Faculty of Arts University of Ljubljana

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10 PHYSIOTHERAPY

(Moderator: Tine Kovačič, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Comparative Effectiveness of the Schroth Method, Core Stabilization Exercises, and Pilates on Spinal Mobility, Cosmetic Trunk Deformity, and Psychological Factors in Adolescents and Young Adults With Idiopathic Scoliosis: A Narrative Review
Shkurta Rrecaj Malaj, PhD Candidate, University of Pristina, Medical Faculty, Physiotherapy Department, Republic of Kosovo; Tine Kovačič, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Ardiana Murtezani, Professor, University of Pristina, Medical Faculty, Physiotherapy Department, Republic of Kosovo; Mejdi Aliu, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Five-Week Structured Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Plan for Early Rehabilitation After Traumatic Ulnar Nerve Injury: A Case Report
Mimoze Zogaj, PhD Candidate; Tine Kovačič, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Cardiac Rehabilitation After Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Surgery in a Patient With Barlow's Disease: Case Study
Marin Buljan; Sena Bogdanović, PhD Candidates, Alma Mater Europaea University

Rehabilitation After ACL Reconstruction and the Influence of Various Factors Such as Gender, Age, and BMI: A Literature Review
Valentina Dushi, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Physiotherapy and Biomechanics in Enhancing the Performance of Horses and Riders
Jana Hunjet, Expert; Vesna Hodić, PhD Candidate; Mateja Znika, Professor; Jasminka Potočnjak, PhD Candidate, University North, Department of Physiotherapy

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11 PHYSIOTHERAPY

(Moderator: Tine Kovačič, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Comparative Analysis of Two Physiotherapy Intervention Programs in Individuals With Chronic Lower Back Pain
Sylejman Miftari, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Detection of Muscle Damage by Biochemical Methods
Rocco Brlek, Student; Manuela Kušec, Professor, University of Applied Sciences Ivanić-Grad; Goran Bobić, Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Kinesiology

The Effectiveness of Preoperative Chest Physiotherapy in Patients Undergoing Elective Cardiac Surgery at the Cardiac Surgery Clinic in Pristina
Arben Krasniqi, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University, University Clinical Center of Kosovo

The Effectiveness of Physiotherapeutic Rehabilitation in Patients With Ankylosing Spondylitis at the Rheumatology Clinic in Pristina
Bajram Shyti, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University, University Clinical Center of Kosovo

Kader Abdominal Therapy: The Abdominal Nexus – A Multisystem Integration of Stress Physiology, Fascial Dynamics, Lymphatic Flow, Visceral Mobility and Autonomic Regulation
Minodora-Cecilia Kader, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University

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12 PHYSIOTHERAPY
(Moderator: Mladen Herc, senior lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Comparison of Measurements of Sagittal Spine Curves Measured With a Plumbline and Formetic 4D Rasterography Device in Children and Adolescents
Mihela Matičič, Expert; Mladen Herc, Lecturer; Mateja Berčan, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Physiotherapy and Social Gerontology in the Promotion of Healthy Aging
Mateja Znika, Lecturer; Ivana Živoder, Lecturer; Vesna Hodić, Lecturer; Nikolina Zaplatić Degač, Lecturer, University North, Department of Physiotherapy

Physiotherapeutic Management of Acute Lateral Ankle Sprain: Rest or Early Mobilization? – A Literature Review
Ema Jereb, Expert; Tadeja Hernja Rumpf, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Therapeutic Touch in Manual Therapy
Martin Pirtovšek; Sandra Marija Orožim, Lecturers; Mateja Berčan, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Physiotherapeutic Management of Flat Feet in the Adult Population – A Literature Review
Rebeka Beranič, Expert; Tatjana Horvat, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Analysis of the Effects of Animal-Assisted Physiotherapy in Children With Cerebral Palsy and Autism Spectrum Disorder
Mateo Matušan, Expert; Patricija Goubar, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

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13 PHYSIOTHERAPY

(Moderator: Tatjana Horvat, senior lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Effectiveness of Virtual Reality Walking Exercise in Stroke Patients – Literature Review
Zarja Radulović, Student; Uroš Marušič, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Matej Koprivnik, Expert, UKC Maribor

The Role of the Physiotherapist in Prevention and Health Promotion
Špela Šikovec, Student; Nataša Toplak, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Physiotherapy for Sacroiliac Joint Pain: A Literature Review
Jaka Poglavnik, Student; Mladen Herc, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Effectiveness of Education During the Waiting Period for Physiotherapy in Patients With Chronic Low Back Pain
Urban Vantur, Student; Petra Medved Jereb, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Physiotherapeutic Approach in Patient After Heart Transplantation – A Literature Review and Case Study
Zala Leskovar, Student; Tatjana Horvat, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Functional Effects of Vojta Therapy and Neurophysiotherapy in Global Developmental Delay: A Case Study
Ana Paternost, Student; Patricija Goubar, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Importance of Proper Body Posture for the Normal Function of Internal Organs
Živa Arko, Lecturer; Jerneja Nabergoj, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Impact of Posture on the Prevalence of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease and the Importance of Physiotherapy Treatment: A Literature Review
Živa Arko, Lecturer; Manca Troha, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University

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14 DANCE AS CULTURE IN CONTEMPORARY MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY
(Moderator: Svebor Sečak, Dean of Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy)

Slovak Folk Dance in the Process of Transformation
Matúš Ivan, Lecturer, Faculty of Music and Dance, Academy of Performing Arts, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

The Metamorphosis of Contemporary Flamenco: Crafting Individual Expressions Through Digitalisation Between Tradition and Innovation
Ana Pandur, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy

Dancing with Words: Linguistic Variation, Genre-Specific Usage and Non-Slovene Terminology in Slovenian Dance Discourse
Ana Vodišek, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy

Reconfiguring Dance Between Analytic Philosophy and Phenomenology
Simona Noja-Nebyla, Lecturer, Music Academy Gh. Dima

Contemporary Dance Between Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence
Matjaž Mrak, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy

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15 BALLET PEDAGOGY AND SOMATIC PRACTICES
(Moderator: Svebor Sečak, Dean of Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy)

Corrective Training for the First Years of Classical Ballet at the Hungarian Dance University
Melinda Szitt, Professor, Hungarian Dance University; Fanni Bogáti, Lecturer, Burattino Foundation Bailart Dance Training; Judit Benedek, Bárányfelhő Development and Therapy Centre

Application of the Vaganova Method in a Contemporary Context: Pedagogical Analysis with a Focus on the Slovenian Setting and the Integration of Modern Approaches in Heterogeneous Learning Groups
Claudia Sovre, Student, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy

Towards a More Inclusive Classical Ballet Pedagogy
Antoneta Turk, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy

Applied Anatomy and Ballet Tandem-Teaching Model (AABTTM): A Proposal for Contemporary Dance Students Learning Ballet
Darrel Toulon, Lecturer, Anton Bruckner University

Body Landscape: Somatic Awareness, Cellular Memory, and Artistic Body Mapping
Jelena Oleami, Student, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy

Neuromuscular Control of Postural and Core Stability in Students of Dance Theatre Acting
Sylwia Mętel, PhD, Lecturer; Marek Pokutycki, Associate Professor, Institute of Applied Sciences Motor Rehabilitation Department, University of Physical Culture in Krakow; Monika Jakowczuk, Professor, Faculty of Acting, National Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow; Katarzyna Cholewa; Laura Pasiowiec, Graduates of Physiotherapy Faculty, University of Physical Culture in Krakow; Michał Mętel, Student, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Automatics, Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering, AGH University of Krakow

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16 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
(Moderator: Jana Goriup, Emerita Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Competences, Skills and Knowledge for Working with Older Adults: Social Gerontologist
Jana Goriup, Professor Emerita, Alma Mater Europaea University

Integrating Elderly in the Digitally Advanced Healthcare Systems
Suzana Kraljić, Professor, Law Faculty, University of Maribor; Ema Turnsek, PhD Candidate, Central European Academy and Deak Ferenc Doctoral School of the University of Miskolc

Nursing Staff Satisfaction in Long-Term Care Homes (LCHs)
Aleksandra Ločičnik, PhD Candidate; Majda Bastič, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Ergonomic Strategies for Reducing Labor Shortages in an Aging Workforce
Tilen Medved, PhD Candidate; Tomaž Kern, Professor; Zvone Balantič, Professor, University of Maribor, Faculty of Organizational Sciences

Psychological Aspects of Grandparenthood
Janez Mayer, Assistant Professor, University of Maribor

Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Older Adults: A Comparison of Residential Care and Home Settings
Renata Šabeder, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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17 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
(Moderator: Jana Goriup, Emerita Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Rehabilitation of Older Adults After Hip Fracture in the Republic of Croatia
Gordana Šantek-Zlatar; Marina Friščić, PhD Candidates, Alma Mater Europaea University

Triage of Elderly People With Hip Fractures According to the Australasian Triage Scale in Emergency Departments
Marina Friščić; Gordana Šantek Zlatar, PhD Candidates, Alma Mater Europaea University

Towards Equitable and Sustainable Long-Term Care in Europe: A Comparative Perspective
Suzanna Mežnarec Novosel, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Digital Inclusion and Intergenerational Connectedness Between Older Adults and Young People: A Pilot Study
Valentina Vincek, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University; Marijana Neuberg, Associate Professor, University North; Ivana Dvorski Lacković, Lecturer, Fakultet organizacije i informatike

Implementation of Deinstitutionalisation in the Institutional Care of Residents of the Home for the Care of Adults Velenje
Violeta Potočnik Krajnc, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Social Gerontology and the Systems of Long-Term Care and Disability Protection in Slovenia
Urška Kunčič, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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18 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
(Moderator: Jana Goriup, Emerita Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Digital Ergonomics Across Generations: Health Challenges and Awareness in a Long-Lived Society
Branka Jarc Kovačič, Lecturer, Higher Vocational College, School Centre Kranj; Tilen Medved, PhD Candidate; Zvone Balantič, Professor, University of Maribor, Faculty of Organizational Sciences

Nature and Dementia Care: A Narrative Literature Review on Green Spaces, Participation and Dementia Friendly Environments
Ana Hribar Podkrajšek, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Intergenerational Knowledge and the Aging Hunter: Cultural Dimensions of Later-Life Engagement
Vilma Alina Postić Bezenšek, PhD Candidate, University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

IT and Robotic Solutions in Nursing and Social Care of Elderly Adults: A Systematic Literature Review
Natasa Standeker, Lecturer; Sanja Horvat Grilanc, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University; Nese Odabas, Lecturer, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit Üniversitesi

Ageing in Contemporary Culture: Challenges and Implications for Social Gerontology
Mateja Buzina; Tanita Knežević, PhD Candidates, Alma Mater Europaea University

Psychosocial Symptoms of Older Adult Receiving Palliative Care
Urška Cankar Bošnjak, Expert, SIND

Social Effects of Older Adults' Participation in Study Circles in the Local Community
Mihaela Kežman, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

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19 ART AS A SPACE FOR CONFRONTING DEATH
(Moderator: Alenka Križnik, Expert, The Slovenian Hospice Society, University of Maribor, Faculty of Law)

Risk Prevention in Relation to Photographing an Individual Before and After Death Based on the Case study of the Artistic Project Facing Death
Alenka Križnik, Expert, The Slovenian Hospice Society, University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

Facing Death Project Overview: Photographing Terminally Ill Individuals Before and After Their Death
Matija Tomc, Photographer and Producer, Facing Death Project

Facing Death: Aesthetic Experience and Participatory Portraiture in Palliative Care
Špela Klara Jambrek, Psychologist, Facing Death Project

The Role of the Slovenian Hospice Association in the Facing Death Project
Anamari Tkalec, Expert, The Slovenian Hospice Society

Discussants:
Hana Kodba Čeh, PhD Candidate, Expert, Klinika Golnik
Ema Turnšek, PhD Candidate, University of Miskolc, Central European Academy, University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

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20 ARCHIVAL SYMPOSIUM

(Moderators: Peter Pavel Klasinc, Associate Professor; Miroslav Novak, Associate Professor; Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Associate Professor; Tatjana Hajtnik, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Introductory Considerations: The Position of Archives in a Globalized World (Where are they and where they should be)
Peter Pavel Klasinc, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Traditional or digital: Are we ready for the future?
Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Reflection on the theme of the symposium
Miroslav Novak, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University
Tatjana Hajtnik, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Special guest:

"The Dictionary of Polish Book Professionals" as a Source of Biographical Information – Yesterday and Today
Agata Walczak-Niewiadomska, Professor, University of Lodz, Department of Information, Library and Book Science

Commentators:

A Perspective on the Digitalisation of Office Management Processes in the Judiciary
Aida Škoro Babič, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Digital Records Are Created, Where They Are Stored, and How They Are Managed
Rudi Jamnik, MA Student of Archives and Records Management, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Archival Technician: Experiences and Challenges from the Perspective of the Physical Preservation of Archival Material
Iva Lana Lanščak, MA Student of Archives and Records Management, Alma Mater Europaea University

Archives and the Principles of the Seventh Generation
Lavrenčič Aleksander, PhD Student of Archival Science, Alma Mater Europaea University

Discussion:
Karen J. Trivette, PhD, Alma Mater Europaea University
Miroslav Milovanović, PhD, Alma Mater Europaea University
Jelka Melik, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University
Luka Hribar, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University
Giulia Felis, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University
Dieter Schlenker, Assistant Professor, Director of Historical archives of EU, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University
Bogdan Florin Popovici, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

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21 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(Moderator: Matevž Vremec, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Organisation is Social Complexity: Educating and Preparing New Generations to Inhabit Unpredictability
Piero Dominici, Professor, CHAOS, International Research and Education Program, University of Perugia, Fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science

Optimising EX-Zone Requirements on Adriatic WWTPs Without Biogas Digesters
Marko Šetinc, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Ethical Intelligence for a Sustainable Future
Richard Pagett, Professor, European Centre for Peace and Development

From Commodification to Care: An Ecological and Wu-Wei Approach to AI in Higher Education
Maria Lai-Ling Lam, Professor, LCC International University

Public Intellectuals and the Ethics of Economic Growth: Reclaiming Gandhian Values in 21st-Century India
Deepika Dahiya, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi; Rinki Dahiya; Priya Dahiya, PhD, Lecturers, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi, New Delhi

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22 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(Moderator: Matevž Vremec, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Green Fiscal Reforms and the Transition to Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Western Balkans
Ardita Hykaj, Lecturer; Anastas Angjeli, Professor, The Mediterranean University of Albania

Human-Centered Digital Transformation: Reimagining India's Economic Growth for Social Inclusion
Priya Dahiya, PhD, Lecturer, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi, New Delhi

Evaluation of Alternative Eco-Friendly Gas Mixtures for RPC Operation in the CMS Experiment

Senada Jubica, PhD Candidate, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"; Olta Çakaj, Professor, University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Department of Physics

GLP-1 Users as a New Consumer Segment: Strategic Implications for Sustainable Food Management

Ekaterina Silinkina, PhD Candidate, Daugavpils University

Differences in the Perceived Importance of Data for the Transparency of Digital Honey Value Chains: A Comparative Analysis of Beekeepers and Consumers

Ewa Wanda Ziemba, Professor, University of Economics in Katowice

HEALTH SCIENCES

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23 HEALTH SCIENCES

(Moderator: Tine Kovačič, assistant professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

The Future of Neuromodulation: How Technology Is Changing the Spectrum of Clinical Outcomes – Review of the Literature and Clinical Vignettes

Tadej Strojnik, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

How to Prevent Obesity in the University Environment: Implementation and Piloting of a New Multilingual Course on Developing Healthy Lifestyle Habits (EDU-FIT Project)

Natalia Kaloh Vid; Vlasta Kučiš, Professors, Department of Translation Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Determinants of Nurses' Attitudes Towards Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in Slovenian Secondary General Hospitals: A Logistic Regression Analysis

Lea Rastoder, Researcher, University of Primorska, Faculty of Health Sciences; Boštjan Žvanut, Professor, University of Primorska, Faculty of Health Sciences; Igor Karnjuš, Professor, University of Primorska, Faculty of Health Sciences

Awareness of Secondary School Students About HPV Infection and HPV Vaccination

Nataša Žalar, Expert; Nataša Toplak, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Dialectical Systems Thinking in Infection Prevention and Control: A USOMID-Based Communication Framework for Legionnaires' Disease in Hospitals

Aleš Krulec, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Person-Centered Occupational Therapy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Zorana Sicherl, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Health Sciences

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24 HEALTH SCIENCES

(Moderator: Tanja Bagar, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Endocannabinoid System Modulation in Ageing: Human-Centered Approaches to Longevity

Tanja Bagar, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Walter Chingwaru, Professor, Cell Biotech Institute

Nursing Breakrooms for a Healthy Work Environment
Peter Kamničar, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Youth, Body Image, and Social Media: The Thin Line Between Influence and Eating Disorder
Sara Pavalec, Student; Šefik Salkunić, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Integrating Public Health Approach Into Palliative Care Development
Mateja Lopuh, Expert, General hospital Jesenice; Anamarija Kejžar, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Work

Mentoring as a Key Educational Pillar of the Organization
Peter Kamničar, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

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25 HEALTH SCIENCES
(Moderator: Nataša Štandeker; PhD, Senior Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University)

ECG Heartbeat Classification Using CNN-Liquid Neural Network Architectures: A Novel Approach With GAN-Based Data Augmentation
Henok Teklu, PhD Candidate; Meheret Demmissie, PhD, Alma Mater Europaea University

Metabolomic Approach in Biomarker Discovery for Diagnosis and Monitoring of Dementia
Martina Hrvačić, PhD Candidate, Clinical Hospital "Sveti Duh"; Suzana Uzun, Professor, Department of Psychiatry “Vrapče”, Institute for Biological Psychiatry and Psychogeriatrics, Reference Centre for Alzheimer’s Disease and Psychiatry; Mariana Penava, PhD Candidate, Department of Psychiatry “Vrapče”; Sara Glavaš, Expert, Croatian Institute of Public Health; Štefanija Kolačko, Other, Clinical Hospital “Sveti Duh”

Effects of Maternal Alcohol and Marijuana Consumption on Child Development
Larisa Bosnić Kovačević, PhD Candidate, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences

Speleotherapy for Asthma at Khewra Salt Mine Pakistan
Syed Ahmad; Idrees Munir, Experts, Salt Innovation Organisation; Sylwia Metel, Professor, University School of Physical Education Krakow

Determinants of the Perceived Importance of Health Technology Innovations Among Healthcare Workers
Borbála Biró, PhD Candidate, University of Pécs, Faculty of Business and Economics

Breast Cancer Detection Through Thermography: A Systematic Review
Mejdi Aliu, PhD Candidate; Mit Bračič, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Shkurta Rrecaj Malaj, PhD Candidate, University of Pristina, Medical Faculty, Physiotherapy Department

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26 HEALTH SCIENCES
(Moderator: Nataša Štandeker, PhD, senior lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Reforming the Health System for an Equitable Society: Toward an Integrated Governance of Collective Well-Being
Loveline Marechal, Lecturer, ENIP; Schmiderson Aujour, Lecturer, CEFCAM; Balmy Belizaire, Lecturer, STEDCEP-E

Preventive Care in the Health Systems: Impact on the Improvement of Population Health
Juventina Ngjela, Lecturer; Erda Qorri, Professor, Albanian University Tirana

Pelvic Disorders: Problems and Challenges in Clinical Management
Breda Jesenšek Papež, Professor, University Clinical Center Maribor

Regulatory Fragmentation vs. Foundational Rights: Securing the Right to Health in the Era of Global AI Standards
Aravindan Anandan, Professor, Vidyashilp University

Beyond Salary: Work-Life Balance and Interpersonal Relations as Key Drivers for Future Nurses
Valentina Pavlović Vinogradac, Expert, Gyne Solutions; Marijan Vinogradac, PhD Candidate, Psiholocum d.o.o.; University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences; Danijel Bursać, Lecturer, University Hospital Merkur; University North

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HEALTH SCIENCES

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27 HEALTH SCIENCES

(Moderator: Luka Šlosar, Researcher, Alma Mater Europaea University)

MOVE4BRAIN: Beyond Sport Through a 'No Brain, No Gain' Project: The Beautiful Minds

Luka Šlosar, Researcher, Alma Mater Europaea University; Paraskevas Alvanos, Expert, AETOI Thessalonikis; Marina Umeton, Expert, PlayMore!

NeuroSteps: Bridging Skills in Sports Coaching for Inclusive Development

Luka Šlosar, Researcher; Veronika Predovnik, Expert, Association Movement for the Brain 'No Brain, No Gain',

SmartStart: Enhancing Early Childhood Development Through Integrated Motor-Cognitive Sports Activities

Veronika Predovnik, Expert, Association Movement for the Brain 'No Brain, No Gain'; Valentina Serdinšek, Expert, Društvo BOR; Kris Dassena, Expert, Municipality of Piran

GreenWheels: Safe and Sustainable Mountain Biking for Healthy Communities

Simon Godec, Expert, MTB Club BOSHK, Slovenia; Jurica Galić, Expert, Vergo Bike Academy; Kris Dassena, Expert, Municipality of Piran, Slovenia

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28 HEALTH SCIENCES

(Moderator: Luka Šlosar, Researcher, Alma Mater Europaea University)

What Is the Role of Healthcare Professionals in Upholding Human Rights?

Harshini Suresh, Student, University of Manchester

Frontal Theta Synchrony, Parietal P300, and Entropy Reveal Nonlinear Network Dynamics Under Increasing Cognitive Load in a Visual Oddball Task

Filip Ileš, Student, Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb; Tena Popović, PhD Candidate, Croatian Institute for Brain Research, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Alma Mater Europaea University; Nikola Habek, Lecturer, Croatian Institute for Brain Research, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb

Students' Attitudes Toward the Impact of Physical Exercise on Health

Antun Koren, Student, University of Applied Sciences Ivanić-Grad; Goran Bobić, Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Kinesiology; Manuela Kušec, Professor, University of Applied Sciences Ivanić-Grad

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29 PARLIAMENTS IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER: RENEWING DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY IN INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

(Moderator: Klemen Žumer, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University, Senior Advisor, European Parliament)

Alojz Peterle, the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Member of the European Parliament, and former Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
Toril-Iren Pedersen, Director of UNDP Global Policy Centre for Governance | United Nations Development Programme
Klemen Žumer, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Vienna, Senior Advisor, European Parliament

DISCUSSION

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30 AI AND THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT: FROM CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES TO PLANETARY WELL-BEING

(Moderator: Boldizsár Szentgáli-Tóth, Professor, Eötvös Loránd University, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies)

Leila Neimane, Professor, University of Latvia
Neringa Gaubiene, Professor, University of Vilnius
Ferenc Jordán, Professor, University of Parma
Kristóf Fenyvesi, Professor, University of Jyväskylä
Orsolya Tuba, PhD Candidate, University of Jyväskylä

DISCUSSION

LAW & POLITICAL SCIENCE

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31 LAW

(Moderator: Luka Martin Tomažič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

The Powerlessness of Law
Rok Svetlič, Professor, Slovenian Constitutional Court Judge, Professor, ZRS – Koper

Klemen Jaklič, Professor, Slovenian Constitutional Court Judge, Professor, Catholic Institute

Exploring an AI-Driven Solution for Analysing the Consultation Results in the European Commission
Nikolaos Archontas, PhD Candidate, Stakeholder Consultation Expert, Better Regulation Horizontal Coordinator, European Commission

Common Civil Procedure in the European Union
Ieva Čudina, Lecturer, University of Latvia

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32 LAW

(Moderator: Luka Martin Tomažič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Artificial Intelligence in the Legal System: Regulation and Ethics
Marjeta Shaholli, PhD, Lecturer, European University of Tirana

Reimagining Law for a Posthuman Era: AI, Legal Subjectivity, and Legal Information
Karisma Karisma, PhD, Asia School of Business

The Protection of Personal Data of the Deceased
Ema Turnsek, PhD Candidate, Law Faculty, University of Maribor; Deak Ferenc Doctoral School of the University of Miskolc; Central European Academy

HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCH

Monday,
16 March 2026

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33 HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCH
in Partnership With II. Gimnazija Maribor
(Moderators: Katja Holnthaner Zorec, Research Coordinator, II. gimnazija Maribor; Luka Martin Tomažič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Effect of Organic Acids on Starch Hydrolysis
Vita Žigart Rubelj, Pupil, II. gimnazija Maribor,

Semaglutide Tablets as a Medication for Obesity in Adults
Neža Kuhar, Pupil, II. gimnazija Maribor

Comparison of Communitarianism and Moral Universalism as an Explanation of the Political Shift in Europe
Katja Gavez, Pupil, II. gimnazija Maribor

The Face, the Finger, and the Code: Biometrics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
Blaž Jesenik, Pupil, II. gimnazija Maribor

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34 SPIRITUALITY, EMOTIONS, AND THE OTHER IN THE DIGITAL AGE
(Moderators: Roman Globokar, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana)

Jonas Miklavčič, Researcher, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Branko Klun, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Barbara Simonič, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Ivan Platovnjak, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Nadja Furlan Štante, Professor, Science and Research Centre Koper

DISCUSSION

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(in English, Scholarly Panel)
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35 AGENCY, RELATIONSHIPS, AND EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE
(Moderators: Luka Martin Tomažič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University, Blaž Podobnik, Researcher, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Vojko Strahovnik, Professor, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Mateja Centa Strahovnik, Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
David Kraner, Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Bojan Žalec, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana
Stjepan Štivić, Researcher, Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana

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SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY

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36 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
(Moderator: Jana Goriup, Emeritus Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Aesthetics of Youth as a Social Norm
Lara Belec; Maša Belas; Klara Kuhta Durakovič, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

Assistance in Suicide and the Right to a Dignified Death
Julija Zupan; Sara Kerez; Sara Žurman, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

Cognitive Overload Due to Information Chaos
Maja Kustec; Lena Kočar; Lia Novak; Neja Čerpnjak; Ivana Kampuš, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

Eco-Anxiety of Aging
Ajda Laznik; Ana Kovač; Larisa Kristan; Nina Pisnik, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

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37 SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
(Moderator: Jana Goriup, Emeritus Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Digital Dependency Environment in Older Adults
Katrina Vukan; Lara Hercog; Matija Bobek; Sonja Špes Wahed, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

Digital Manipulation and Disinformation among Older Adults
Sara Pelc Čeh; Katja Šetar, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

Sport, Body and Aging
Klara Krasnić; Tjaša Bratušek; Ana Roškar; Mark Zobovič, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Silent Pressure of Productivity in Older Adults
Ana Majcen; Monika Mlinar; Zoja Suhadolnik; Tiana Hentak, Students, Alma Mater Europaea University

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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38 SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

(Moderator: David Bogataj, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Building Social Infrastructure for Integrated Long-Term Care in Europe: Lessons From Innovative Practices

Suzanna Mežnarec Novosel, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Small Actions, Big Impact: Enhancing Mobility and Well-Being of Older Adults Through Digital Platforms

Alenka Temeljotov Salaj, Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology Faculty of Engineering

Quality of Life of Older Adults: The Impact of Community-Based Housing

Matic Lesjak, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Integration of Rehabilitation into the National Infrastructure for Elderly Care

Dominika Muršec, PhD Candidate; David Bogataj, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Benefits and Barriers of Implementing VR in Elderly Care Institutions,

Franjo Liška, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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39 SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
(Moderator: David Bogataj, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Clinical and Economic Effectiveness of Smart Home Technologies for Independent Living of Older Adults: A Literature Review
Matej Bunderšek Krempl, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Bridging the Digital Divide: Challenges of Infrastructure, Trust, and SHT/AAL in Rural Areas
Aleš Bunderšek Krempl, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Digital Inclusion and Cognitive Health of Older Adults
Sanja Horvat Grilanc, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Physical Function and Independence Preservation in Older Adults with Sarcopenia: A Literature Review
Vlatko Brezac, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Digital Empathy in the Promotion of Dignity in the Elderly Population
Doris Desić, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Effectiveness of Telerehabilitation for Elderly People After Stroke
Mateja Kovačićek, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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40 BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY
(Moderator: Andreja Kutnar, Professor, InnoRenew CoE, UP IAM & UP FAMNIT, University of Primorska)

Andreja Kutnar, Professor, University of Primorska
Michael Burnard, Professor, University of Primorska
Anna Sandak, Professor, University of Primorska
Jakub Sandak, Professor, University of Primorska
Miklos Kresz, Professor, University of Primorska
Rok Prislan, Professor, University of Primorska

DISCUSSION

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT

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41 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT

(Moderator: Maruša Mavsar, PhD, Research Assistant, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Science Communication and the Role of Scientists in Times of Global Crisis

Meike Haken, PhD, Freie Universität Berlin

Trust and Technology Acceptance in Digital Health Communication: Linking IDEA-CommTrust with UTAUT and TAM

Stjepan Petričević; Marko Mikša, PhD Candidate; Božidar Veljkovič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Empowering the Voices of Children With Speech and Language Disorders in Educational and Social Spaces

Maja Damevska, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Money Through Children's Eyes: The Role of Family, School, and the Screen in Developing Financial Literacy

Tjaša Glažar, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

From (In)Visibility to Awareness: Public Transport Harassment in Zagreb — Documenting the Problem and Analyzing the 2025 City Campaign

Tanja Grmuša, Professor; Lana Novoselac, Researcher, Zagreb School of Business

Can We Bridge Divides? Structural Barriers and Pathways to Democratic Dialogue: Discourse on X During the 2019 and 2024 European Elections in Slovenia

Luka Jesenšek, PhD

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT

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42 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT

(Moderator: Maruša Mavsar, PhD, Research Assistant, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Communication and Structural Graphic Design Factors That Shape Packaging Interaction Among Older Users

Daria Mustić, Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Graphic Arts

Value-Driven Digital Dialogue of Generation Z: A Qualitative Analysis of Ethics, Transparency, and Sustainability in Communication Practices

Manuela Bukovec; Irena Klepac Mustać, PhD Candidates, Alma Mater Europaea University; Marta Skorić, Student, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics

Customer Centricity in the Digital Age

Blanka Szecsei, PhD Candidate, University of Pécs

From Political Satire to Alleged Hate Speech: A Dworkinian Analysis of Mladina d.d. Ljubljana v. Slovenia

Zala Loparec, University of Ljubljana; Luka Martin Tomažič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Crisis Communication Focused on Trust: The IDEA-CommTrust Model at the Intersection of Culture, Health, and Technology,

Stjepan Petričević, PhD, Alma Mater Europaea University

Strategic Communication and Nudge Approaches in Emergency Dispatch: Public Trust and Institutional Legitimacy in Healthcare

Igor Pelaić, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Freedom and ethics – Basic Postulates of Religious Creativity

Zdravko Šorđan, professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

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43 PHYSIOTHERAPY

(Moderator: Ainhoa Lizariturry, Expert, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Implementation of Sensor-Based Monitoring and Visual Feedback to Enhance Physical Activity and Motivation in Older Adults During and After Hospitalization: A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial

Mirko Zitti, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University; IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino; University of Rome " La Sapienza"; Silvia Buonopane, Other, IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino; Fiammetta Monacelli, Professor, DIMI, University of Genoa, Viale Benedetto XV, Genoa

Age-Related Changes in Countermovement Jump Performance and Kinematics in Young Basketball Athletes: A Cross-Sectional Study

Francesco Frontani, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University

Role of the Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF) in Neurogenesis After Rehabilitative Treatments in Patients With Neurological Disorders: A Systematic Review of the Literature

Matilde Buffa, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Effectiveness Of Physiotherapy Treatment On Balance Difficulties In Patients With Developmental Coordination Disorder (Dcd)

(Moderator: Alessia Vosten, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University)

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44 HUMANITIES

(Moderator: Luka Trebežnik, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Art and Health: Ivan Čobal's "Blue Wall" at the Maribor University Clinical Centre as a Testament to Human-Centered Healthcare Architecture

Mojca Ramšak, Professor, University of Ljubljana

The Dropout Phenomenon in Humanities and Technical Fields of Study in Context of the State's Educational Policy – The Case Study of Poland in Comparison to Other European Union Countries

Magdalena Przybysz-Stawska Professor, University of Lodz; Dawid Stawski, Professor, Lodz University of Technology

Social Capital of PhD Holders in the Croatian Academic Context: The Role of Socio-Demographic Characteristics

Valentina Pavlović Vinogradac, Expert, Gyne Solutions; Miroslav Rajter, Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law

A Template for Social Movement Advocacy: The Strategies and Tactics of First-Wave Abolitionism

Andrew Williams, Assistant Professor, LCC International University

Endangered Rural Built Heritage and Public Participation

Mojca Sfiligoj, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

HUMANITIES

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45 HUMANITIES

(Moderator: Gašper Pirc, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Filmmaking in the World of AI Algorithms
Uroš Zavodnik, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Crisis of Trust During Albania's Communist Era: Surveillance, Fear, and Social Fragmentation
Marsel Nilaj, PhD, Lecturer, University of Shkoder "Luigj Gurakuqi"

From Brain Drain to Digital Gain? Exploring Outsourcing as an Alternative
Valdrina Selimi, PhD Candidate, University of Pécs

Intergenerational Justice and Youth Climate Movements
Uroš Popadić, PhD Candidate, European Movement in Serbia

Dr. Miran Erič: Tribute to His Life Achievements and Doctoral Dissertation
Nina Ravnik Palka, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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46 HUMANITIES

(Moderator: Gašper Pirc, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

The Potential of Beekeeping for Effective Social Reintegration of Vulnerable Groups in the Context of Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Valentina Cvjetković, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Disability in Literature for Children and Young Adults – A Bibliological Perspective. The Research Project
Mariya Diassakoula, PhD Candidate, University of Lodz

Caring, Inclusive and Accessible Museums for Everyone
Nina Ravnik Palka, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

New Authoritarianism and the Role of Philosophy
Aleš Čakalić, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Revival of Instrumental Post-Yugoslav Cinema in the Age of Burgeoning Neoconservatism in the Region (2012–2025)
Aleš Čakalić, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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47 REPRODUCING ACADEMIC ELITES UNDER TOTALITARIAN SYSTEMS
(Moderator: Tomaž Ivešić, Assistant Professor, New University)

Željko Oset, Researcher, ELTE RCH
Igor Grdina, Professor, ZRC SAZU
Agata Zysiak, Researcher, Research Center for the History of Transformations
Josip Mihaljević, Researcher, Croatian Institute of History

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48 THE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP AS A DRIVER OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: FUTURE CHALLENGES

(Moderators: Mirjana Ivanuša Bezjak; Tomislav Nemec, Lecturers, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Tomislav Nemec: New ISO 9001:2026 – from process stability to digital and sustainable resilience
Nuša Lisjak: The impact of the quality system on employee engagement in the Community Health Centre (ZD)
Mirjana Ivanuša Bezjak: New ISO standard for AI management - ISO 42001

DISCUSSION

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49 THE CHANGING WORLD OF LABOUR

(Moderator: Tanja Angleitner Sagadin, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Tatjana Kolenc, Independent Professional, Co-Founder of Heart Mentoring Programme
Mirjana Ivanuša Bezjak, Lecturer, Alma Mater Europaea University
Zinka Kosec, Assistant Professor, Independent Researcher

DISCUSSION

CULTURAL FORMATIONS

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50 CULTURAL FORMATIONS

(Moderator: Anja Hellmuth Kramberger, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Technofeudalism and Fuller's Natural Law: Freedom of Expression Laws in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Luka Martin Tomažič, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Beyond the Liberal Overton Window: Plebeian Rationality and the Reconfiguration of the Digital Public Sphere

Blaž Podobnik, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

From Editorial Control to Algorithms: Miki Muster as a Media Strategist

Alja Brglez, Researcher, ICK Institute for Civilisation and Culture

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51 CULTURAL FORMATIONS
(Moderator: Daniel Siter, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Researcher, International Research Center for Second World War Maribor)

Central European Diaristic Chronotope: Edvard Kocbek's Diary
Aleksandra Tobiasz, Researcher, ICK Institute for Civilisation and Culture

Transformation Processes in Archaeological Sciences through Artificial Intelligence
Anja Hellmuth Kramberger, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials
Daniel Siter, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University; Researcher, International Research Center for Second World War Maribor

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52 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE: Critical Reflection on the 25th Anniversary of the European Landscape Convention and the 20th Anniversary of the Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society
(Moderator: Anja Hellmuth Kramberger, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University)

Cultural Landscapes as Streams of Memory, Horizons of Knowledge, and Meridians of Values
Jelka Pirkovič, Assistant Professor, New University, Faculty of Slovenian and International Studies University of Ljubljana

Learning in Museum as a Form of Inclusive Heritage
Verena Perko, Assistant Professor, Gorenjski Muzej Kranj; University of Ljubljana

Co-creating Identity Narratives: Opportunities for Collaboration between Heritage Communities and Professionals
Andrej Magdič, PhD, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, Regional Office Maribor

Using Slovenian Heritage as a Starting Point for Interpreting Cultural Heritage through Design and Public Engagement
Lucija Perko, PhD Candidate, University of Ljubljana

Forgotten Villages of Žirovnica
Kaja Stemberger Flegar, PhD, PJP d.o.o.; Matjaž Koman, PhD Candidate, Institute for Tourism and Culture Žirovnica, University of Ljubljana; Rok Humerca, PhD Candidate, Rok Humerca, University of Ljubljana

What can Cultural Institutions do about Migration and Multiculturalism?
Borut Rovšnik, Expert, Muzej in Galerije Mesta Ljubljane

When the Community Narrates: Participatory Approaches to the Interpretation of Archaeological Heritage in Slovenia
Jana Puhar, PhD Candidate, University of Ljubljana

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Analyzing the Value of Using a Pluricultural and Transdisciplinary Intersection Encompassing Learning, Arts, and Web3D Technology at K–12 Education Levels and Beyond
Jorge Ferreira Franco, Associate Professor, IA-UNESP / SME-PMSP

Quantum Machine Learning: A Systematic Meta-Review and Perspectives Toward Quantum Artificial Intelligence
Aleksandar Brodschneider, Student, Alma Mater Europaea University; Matjaž Gams, Professor, Institut Jožef Stefan; Matej Mertik, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Sustainable Persuasion: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence Nudges for Ethical and Pro-Environmental Behaviour Change
Attila Zoltan Gyorfi, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Business and Economics (KTK), University of Pécs

Enhancing Cryptocurrency Forecasting Through Bio-Inspired Hybrid Models: Grey Wolf-Optimized Spiking LSTM Networks
Francis Noah Walugembe, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University; Matjaž Gams, Professor, Institut Jožef Stefan; Maciej Wielgosz, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University, AGH University of Science and Technology; Matej Mertik, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Use of Artificial Intelligence for Detecting Unwanted SMS Messages: Analysis of Methods and Experimental Validation
Žiga Ikovic, Student; Andrej Dobrovoljc, Associate Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Cybersecurity Awareness Among Older Adults: A Systematic Literature Review
Ana Rotovnik Omerzu, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University; Maja Rotovnik, PhD Candidate Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Maribor

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Fast Event-Driven Pedestrian Crossing Detection Using Spiking Neural Networks with Adaptive Modulation

Teklu, Henok, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University; Wielgosz, Maciej, Professor, AGH University of Krakow; Sakhai, Mustefa, Lecturer, AGH University of Krakow

Cybersecurity Education in the Western Balkans: A Comparative Analysis of Dedicated Programs in Public Universities

Tal Pavel, Assistant Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Classification of Alzheimer's Disease Using Tuh Eeg Database and Random Forest Algorithm

Kennedy Addo, PhD Candidate; Uroš Marušič, Professor; Matej Mertik, Professor; Maciej Wielgosz, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

The "Slow Food" of Labour: Measuring the Human-Centric Niche in an Ai-Driven Economy

Ilona Erika Negro, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Convolutional Neural Network for Pneumonia Detection in X-Ray Images

Senzi Mofokeng, PhD Candidate, University of South Africa

Building Trustworthy AI: Verifiable Data Provenance and Decentralized Identity as Foundations for Human-Centric Societal Transformation

Tony Lenko, Expert, Anonyome Labs

AI-Driven Spectrum Management and AI-Driven Network Slicing in 6G Networks

Nina Rechberger, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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Strategic Resilience and the Human-Technology Connection: An Analysis of the Growth and Survival of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Central and Eastern Europe

František Vráb, PhD Candidate, Training & Consulting s.r.o.; Milan Fiľa, Professor, College of Applied Psychology s.r.o.

Assessing the Influence of Sustainable Project Management Practices on Project Success: Evidence From Renewable Energy Projects in Nigeria

Abubakar Sadiq Sani, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Systems Thinking in Cultural Transformation: A Comparative Study of VSM and Shingo Model

Nancy Nouaimeh, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University, XcelleratE CaaS

Human-AI Synergy: A New Paradigm for Managing Sustainable Energy Projects

Domagoj Mihaljević, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Competencies for Managing Sustainability-Related Tensions in Projects: A Conceptual Framework

Martina Swoboda, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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Importance of Entrepreneurial Characteristics of Project Managers for Project Success: An Industry Projects' Perspective

Oliver Maeckel, PhD Candidate, SiemenS AG, Alma Mater Europaea University

The Dynamic Interplay Between Organizational Ambidexterity and Project Ambidexterity: A Comprehensive Review

Rouzbeh Kotobzadeh, PhD Candidate; Mladen Radujković, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Comparison of Challenges in Implementation of Blitz Projects in Public and Private Sector

Mirjana Mirić Horvatić, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Misaligned Pmo Maturity Models: A Systematic Literature Review of Assessment Accuracy and Organizational Consequences
Amr Gazzaz, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

Reframing Pmo Maturity Misalignment: A Behavioral–Psychological Model Integrating Bias and Jungian Shadow Dynamics
Amr Gazzaz, PhD Candidate, Alma Mater Europaea University

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Soft Factors and Value Creation in High-Performing Technical Organisations exposed to Projectification
Jasna Glavočević Gattin, PhD Candidate; Mladen Radujković, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University

Work Motivation and Perceived Tool Specificity: A Comparative Study of Technical and Non-Technical Employees
Dávid György, PhD Candidate, University of Pécs, Faculty of Business and Economics

Virtual FDI: How Online Freelancing Is Reshaping Global Service Investment
Valdrina Selimi, PhD Candidate, Pecs University; Sihana Hoxha Shala, PhD Candidate, South-East European University

Motherhood as a Factor in Women's Entrepreneurship in Slovenia: A Comparative Analysis
Neža Jurčević, Student; Mateja Vadnjal, Professor, Alma Mater Europaea University