Preliminary NIL Conference and Workshop Programs

Conference Program (Nov. 10-16, 2026)

"Image Neuroscience and the Art – NIL 2026 Interdisciplinary Dialogues"

(40-45 minutes talk + 15-20 minutes discussions)

Tuesday, Nov. 10 ----- Registration and Preconference Event

- Registration at Campus hotel:
  - International Education Center, Songjiang Campus of
  - Shanghai International Studies University, Wenxiang Road 1550, Songjiang District, Shanghai

- Afternoon Preconference Event
  - 13:30- 13:50 Ceremony for Honorary Professorship Klaus Mainzer,
  - President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA), Salzburg, Austria
  - 14:00–14:45, Lecture of Prof. Klaus Mainzer: "Towards Artificial General Intelligence? — Foundations of AI and Challenges of Humanity"

- Group Dinner at 17:00 （TBD）

Wednesday, Nov. 11 ---- Orientation and Cultural Tour

- 9:30 - Visiting Guangfulin Cultural Heritage Park
- 13:30 - Visiting Fangta Garden（He Lou Xuan Teahouse）
- 18: 00 – Group Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 12 ---- Conference talks, Lecture Hall of Campus Hotel

- 9:00 Opening Remarks
  Representatives of Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)

- 9:15 - 10:15 Semir Zeki - The Mapping of Experiences in the Cerebral Cortex
- 10:30 - 11:30 Balázs Gulyás - Vision, visions, visual imagery and inner silence
- 11:30 - 12:30 Nikos K. Logothetis - Interaction of Hippocampal Ripples, Theta Oscillations and Pontine-Geniculo-Occipital Waves Leading to Brainwide Metastates Related to Learning and Memory Consolidation

Lunch Break (Working lunch at NIL – No. 27 Villa)

- 15:30 - 16:30 Helge Ritter - Brains and AI: Where Are We Going?
- 16:45 - 17:45 Claus-Christian Carbon - Experiencing Art: Lessons to Listen to, Lessons to Learn

Group Dinner

Friday, Nov. 13 ---- Conference Talks, Location (TBD)

- 9:00 - 10:00 Jacek Rogala - Local Variation in Brain Temperature Explains Gender-Specificity of Working Memory Performance
- 10:15 - 11:15 Vera Zabotkina - Conceptual Mapping versus Contextual Mapping in the Act of Art's Perception
- 11:30 - 12:30 Martin P. Paulus - Integrating AI in Mental Health: New Frontiers in Research and Clinical Care

Lunch Break

- 15:30 - 16:30 Evgeny Gutyrchik - Seeing Ourselves in Others: Neural Mechanisms of Self-Referential Processing in Realistic and Archetypal Human Imagery
- 16:45 - 17:45 Eva Ruhnau - A New View on the Concepts of Time

Group Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 14 ---- Conference Talks, Location (TBD)

- 9:00 - 10:00 Maria Reinisch — Energy Transition with Heart and Art — Reimagining Renewable Change Through Vision and Connection
- 10:15 - 11:15 Gleb Vzorin — From Thesis Art to Elegant Theories: Beauty in Everyday Scientific Work
- 11:30 – 12:30 Ernst Pöppel — Harvesting Serendipity: Unexpected Observations on Visual Processing in Single Case Studies
- 12:30 – 12:40 Yan Bao (final statement)

Afternoon – Transition from the Conference to the Workshop

- 15:30 – Registration of the workshop

Group Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 15 ---- Visit local high-tech enterprises; Start of the workshop

- 9:30 Local Visit (TBD)
- Afternoon – NIL workshop starts

Workshop Program (Nov. 15-19, NIL Villa 27)

"Interdisciplinary Workshop in *Cognitive Science and the Arts* with particular emphasis on *Image Neuroscience*"

This workshop is organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies (**IAS)**
of Shanghai Studies University (**SISU)**
with the Neurocognitive Image Laboratory (**NIL**)
and the World Arthistory Institute (**WAI**)
in cooperation with the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (**EASA**),
the Russian State University of Humanities (**RGGU)**,
the Federation of German Scientists (**VDW**)
and the Institute of Medical Psychology (**IMP**) of **LMU** Munich

Flexible Program, Subject to Change

Sunday, Nov. 15 ---- Presentations followed by discussion

- 15:00 - 16:00 Martin P. Paulus
- 16:30 – 17:30 Balázs Gulyás

Group Dinner

Monday, Nov. 16 ---- Presentations followed by discussion

- 9:00 - 10:30 LaoZhu
- 11:00 – 12:30 Semir Zeki

Lunch Break

- 15:30 - 17:00 Helge Ritter

Group Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 17 ---- Presentations followed by discussion

- 9:00 - 10:30 Vera Zabotkina
- 11:00 - 12:30 Elvira Barkhatova

Lunch Break

- 15:30 - 17:00 — Gleb Vzorin

Group Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 18 ---- Presentations followed by discussion

- 9:00 - 10:30 --- Evgeny Gutyrchik
- 11:00 - 12:30 -- Mihai Avram

Lunch Break

- 15:30 - 17:00 — Jacek Rogala

Thursday, Nov. 19 ---- Presentations by Members of NIL and WAI – followed by discussion

- 9:00 - 10:30 – Bing Bing Zhang
- 11:00 - 12:30 -- Yao Li

Lunch Break

- 15:30 - 17:00 TBD (Yin Li, Niu Xinyi, Li Yufan, Bao Yan, Ernst Pöppel …)

Group Dinner

Friday Nov. 20 ---- Round-table discussion; detailed program to be determined

Saturday Nov. 21 and later: Departure