



Conference Program

The New Political Order and the Digital Era

11-12 June, 2026

Organized by

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Location: House of Creative Work, Ciężen

Thursday, June 11, 2026

9.00 – 9.15 Opening of the Conference (Room A)

Moderator: Lidia Godek-Ostrouch (AMU, Poznań)

Dawid Rogacz (AMU, Poznań)

Marek Sikora (WUST, Wrocław)

William A. Barbieri (RVP, Washington D.C)

Dariusz Dobrzański (AMU, Poznań)

9.15 – 10.15 Keynote Presentation

Moderator: Dawid Rogacz (AMU, Poznań)

Adam Chmielewski (WUST, Wrocław): *Human Agency and the Advent of Artificial Intelligence*

10.15 – 12.15 Session I: *Algorithmic Governance, Democracy, and Political Rationality*

Moderator: Dawid Rogacz (AMU, Poznań)

- **Janusz Grygień** (NCU, Toruń): *Who Is Responsible When Algorithms Decide? Structural Epistemic Dependence and the Politics of Risk Distribution*
- **Gail Presby** (University of, Detroit): *Concerns about Use of Algorithms to Erode Democratic Participation*
- **Michał Wendland** (AMU, Poznań): *The Dark Enlightenment: A Neo-Reactionary Ideology of Digital Despotism*
- **Marta Turkot-Piesik** (Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw): *Critical Thinking and Algorithmic Rationality: Implications for Democracy*

12.15 – 12.45 Coffee Break

12.45 – 14.45 Session II: Algorithmic Order, Prediction and Digital Politics

Moderator: Dariusz Dobrzański (AMU, Poznań)

- **Krzysztof Przybyszewski** (AMU, Poznań): *From Deliberation to Prediction: The Algorithmic Nomos of Late Modernity*
- **Sayed Hassan Akhlaq** (CSU, Baltimore): *Resisting Algorithmic Power: hooks's Liberatory Education and Nussbaum's Capabilities in Defense of Democracy*
- **Filip Leszczyński** (AMU, Poznań): *The Death of Expertise in the Digital Age: Epistemological Populism and the Illusion of Cognitive Equality*
- **Paweł Mazur** (AMU, Poznań): *Online Anger: An Ethical and Legal Challenge*

14.45 – 16.30: Lunch Break

16.30 – 18.30: Session III: Technofeudalism, Hyperreality and the Crisis of Public Truth

Moderator: Mateusz Kotowski (WUST, Wrocław)

- **Agnieszka Heldsoldt** (WUST, Wrocław): *Truth, Trust, and Responsibility: Can We Regain Them in the Digital Era?*
- **Andrzej W. Nowak** (AMU, Poznań): *The Algorithmic Demos: Cultural Hegemony in the Era of Technofeudalism*
- **Katsiaryna Churukanava** (AMU, Poznań): *Programmable Hyperreality: The Simulation of Publicity and the Algorithmic Production of the Political Subject*
- **Marcin Kotras** (UL, Łódź): *Beyond Digital Politics: Visibility, Action, and Social Infrastructure in Crisis Governance*

18.45 – 19.15 Cultural Event: Surveillance Technologies in the Human Rights Debate: The Case of Data Vision

Presenters: Michał Medeński, Maya Okonkwo, Michał Leon Śłużyński, and Piotr Ginda

20.00 Bonfire and Networking Evening

Przemysław Lembicz Concert

Friday, June 12, 2026

9.00 – 10.00 Keynote Presentation

Moderator: Monika Małek (WUST, Wrocław)

João J. Vila-Chã (Università Gregoriana, Roma): *Sovereignty Without Territory? The Classical Foundations of Political Order and the Challenge of the Digital Age*

10.00 – 12.00 Session IV: Political and Economic Conflict and Responsibility

Moderator: Monika Małek (WUST, Wrocław)

- **Mark M. Michalski** (CUA, Washington D.C.): *AI Changes Our Lives: Phenomenological Perspectives*
- **Magdalena M. Baran** (UKEN, Kraków): *Political Responsibility in Hybrid Conflict: Ethical Challenges at the Intersection of Governance and Warfare*
- **Dawid Stelmach** (AMU, Poznań): *State–Church Dialogue in the Digital Age: The Polish Context of a Common Social Space*
- **Krzysztof Nowak** (AMU, Poznań) **Łukasz Baszczak** (UW/PEI, Warszawa): *Economic Expertise and AI-Assisted Public Mind*

12.00 – 12.30: Coffee Break

12.30 – 14.30 Session V: Ethical Response and Resistance to Algorithmic Power

Moderator: Michał Wendland (AMU, Poznań)

- **William A. Barbieri** (RVP, Washington D.C.): *Politics in the Time of Digital Pluralization*
- **Maciej Musiał** (AMU, Poznań): *Political and Ethical Problems of Designing AI with Human-Level Moral Status*
- **Tomasz Raburski** (AMU, Poznań): *Two Cultures of Privacy and Technological Determinism*
- **Michał Leon Śłużyński** (AMU, Poznań): *Zuboff's "Behavioral Surplus" and Kirzner's Entrepreneurial Function*

14.30 – 16.00 Session VI: Digital Society, Ethics, and Epistemic Power

Moderator: Tomasz Raburski (AMU)

- **Piotr Ginda** (AMU, Poznań): *Sprawiedliwość informacyjna i nierówność epistemiczna (Informational Justice and Epistemic Inequality)*
- **Łukasz Szczeciński** (AMU, Poznań): *Algorytmizacja dyskursu politycznego a logika populizmu (The Algorithmization of Political Discourse and the Logic of Populism)*
- **Oliwia Szatkowska** (AMU, Poznań): *Algorytmiczny monizm i problem poprawnych danych w epoce cyfrowej (Algorithmic Monism and the Problem of Valid Data in the Digital Age)*

16.00-16.10 Closing Remarks and Farewell

Lidia Godek-Ostrouch (AMU, Poznań)
Hu Yeping (RVP, Washington D.C.)

16.10 Lunch

19.00 Depart for Poznań