

OECD 5th Global Forum on the Future of Education and Skills 2030

Digital Humanities and Ethics of AI @UniBuc

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The workshop will bring together scholars from various disciplines dealing with interdisciplinary studies and research at the cross-roads of disruptive innovative tools coming from development in the area of digital technologies and GenAI.

Therefore, we will set a ground for discussions bringing in teaching and learning in humanities embedding digital technologies / AI (based on a Master Programme in Digital Humanities), Ethics of AI and AI generated avatars, perspectives of the Tech Experts (based on Blockchain and Big Data programmes), and the integration of pedagogical perspectives.

Time	Session
09:30-10:00	Welcoming participants
10:00-10:10	Opening Session Lucian Ciolan , Vice-Rector for Development Projects and Lifelong Learning
10:10-10:20	Presentation of the University of Bucharest
10:20-10:30	Anca Dinu , Faculty of Foreign Languages, Master Programme in Digital Humanities <i>Teaching and learning in humanities embedding digital technologies / AI</i> <i>Recently, we witnessed a fourth technological revolution, with the fulminating rise of AI technologies such as deep learning and large language models, which turned machines on an equal footing with people in general activities. In this dynamic context, the role Digital Humanities master program at the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, UB becomes ever more relevant to produce creative, adaptive, and visionary digital humanists, capable of using AI systems in the benefit of people and find solutions for the newest challenges like safety, reality/fiction, fake news, ethics</i>
10:30-10:50	Mihaela Constantinescu , Faculty of Philosophy Constantin Vica , Faculty of Philosophy, Research Centre on Applied Ethics <i>GenAI Avatars and the techno-moral future of education</i> <i>On the background of an increasingly technologized world, marked by emergent artificial entities such as avatars powered by generative AI, the future of education needs to encompass relevant skills for meaningful human-AI interaction. Integrating techno-moral virtues across educational fields has the potential to empower next generations to manage technological complexity in a responsible manner. In a complex and volatile world, only intertwined responsibility, and the ethics in design for AI can reduce the risks of uncertainty.</i>
10:50-11:00	Sergiu Nisioi , Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics <i>A perspective of the Tech experts: AI, Blockchain and Big Data programmes</i> <i>In the current AI hype, it is in our duty as teachers for AI and Computer Science not only to provide an understanding of the technical details behind statistical learning methods, but also to encourage a situated, practical, and engaged thinking of the socio-economic impact of these tools. This would not be possible without continuing to develop foundational</i>

	<i>research in AI, to release reproducible and explainable models, and to foster trans-disciplinary collaboration, particularly with existing partnerships in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.</i>
11:00-11:10	<p>Olimpius Istrate, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences</p> <p><i>A discussant integration of perspectives, “wearing” education / pedagogy lenses</i></p> <p><i>Digital technologies are constantly proving their potential to open up education, to transform it, showing plausible directions for “reinvention” on foundations not only technological but (rather) cultural, social, professional, economic, and mostly humanistic. Whilst there is a recognised need to redesign educational situations and learning paths, the ingredients for the new recipes seem unbalanced and the result uncertain. Should a new digital pedagogy emerge? Is there a new taxonomy of the educational processes?</i></p>
11:10-11:45	Q&A, debates, and discussions
11:45-12:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Lucian Ciolan, Vice-Rector for Development Projects, and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Romita Iucu, President of the University Board of Trustees</p>

Facilitators:

- Lucian Ciolan (Vice-Rector for Development projects and Lifelong learning), Co-Chair of CIVIS Hub 5 on Digital & Technological Transformation
- Romita Iucu (Chair of the UB Board of Trustees, Coordinator of UNICA EduLab), Co-chair of FOR-EU Subgroup on European Degrees