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AHSRA-Europe International Conference: Competing Perspectives in the AI Age

Time	Title	Presenter	Position	Affiliation
Session I				
9:00 9:10	AHSRA-Europe Conference Welcome	Organizing Committee		Adventus University, Romania
Keynote Presentation - Session 1				
09:15 10:15		Prema Galkwad	Director of the PhD Program in Education	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines
Parallel Sessions				
Room 1 - Education Section				
10:20 10:50	The AI Digital Divide in a Faith-Based Context: A Mixed-Methods Study of Demographic Determinants of Generative AI Use Among Adventist Students and Teachers in a Indian Higher Education Institution	Ranjith Kingston	PhD, Deputy-Vice Chancellor for Academics	Fulton Adventist University, Fiji
10:50 11:20	A Contextualized English Teaching Model for A Shame-and-Honor Culture: An Intra-Paradigm Qualitative Study	Jelany Berdi Sarempaa	PhD, Coordinator of Online Learning	Adventist University of the Philippines, Philippines
11:20 11:50	Differences in Practices and Attitudes Between Teachers and Students Using AI - A Qualitative Research	Gabriel-Constantin Nicola	PhD, School Principal	John Huenergardt School, Irad, Romania
Room 2 - Social Sciences Section				
10:20 10:50	Human-Centered vs. Data-Driven Approaches in Strategic HR Management: Competing Perspectives in the AI Age	Kateryna Sereda	PhD Student in Management	Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Sciences, Ukraine
10:50 11:20	Using AI Tools to Conduct a Quantitative Study on Biological Children of Foster Parents	Daniel Tudorie Jr.	PhD Student in Social Work	West University of Timisoara, Romania
11:20 11:50	Studying Aspects of Autobiographical Memory in Olga Kobylanska's "Diaries" in the AI Age	Nastasiya Ivonchuk	PhD Student in Ukrainian Literature	Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University
Room 3 - Theology Section				
10:20 10:50	Between Doctrine and Lived Experience: A Qualitative Thematic Analysis of Death Anxiety Among Romanian Seventh-day Adventists	Narcisa Estera Ispas	PhD Student in Theology	University of Bucharest, Romania
10:50 11:20	FRAMES FOR SALVATION: A Comparative Study of 3D Gospel Culture Test Profiles in Zambian and Romanian Adventist Pastoral Training	Laurențiu-Gabriel Nistor	PhD Candidate in Theology	University of Bucharest, Romania
11:20 11:50	ALMOST HUMAN, ARTIFICIALLY DIVINE: How Algorithms Foster Technological Anthropomorphism	Andreea Epistata	MA Student in Theology	Adventus University, Romania
Keynote Presentation - Session 2				
12:00- 12:30	Deciding to Leave: A Phenomenological Study of Faculty Turnover in a Faith-Based University	Grace Ann Saban & Annalyn Okan-Bacolod	PhD, Associate Professor; PhD, Recruitment and Training officer	Adventist University of the Philippines, Philippines
12:30- 13:00		Simona Gurzu-Prundaru	PhD, Dean of Faculty of Medicine in English	George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology, Targu-Mures
13:00 14:00	Lunch and Break			

Session II				
Keynote Presentation - Session 3				
14:00- 15:00	Generative AI in Adventist Research: Challenges and Opportunities	Salary Wa-Mbaleka	PhD, Research and Evaluation Manager	ASTR, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist, Maryland, USA
Parallel Workshops				
Room 1 - Education				
15:00 16:30	White Lab – White Education Laboratory	Majo Roth	PhD Candidate in Education; Director of Family and Children's Ministries	University of Valencia; Spanish Adventist Union
Room 2 - Social Sciences / Psychology				
15:00 16:30	When Context Produces the Symptom: A Biopsychosocial Analysis of the Relationship between Environment, Stress, and Health	Narcisa-Estera Ispas	PhD Student in Theology; Clinical psychologist	University of Bucharest, Romania
Room 3 - Theology / Health				
15:00 16:30	Christian Sexuality at Its Best: From Shameless Theology to Skillful Biology - Part I	Konrad Szallos-Farkas	Internal medicine physician, a clinical dietitian, and a lifestyle coach	Director of Hergheia Lifestyle Academy, Târgu-Mureș, Romania
16:30 16:45	Closing Remarks – Day 1			

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Session III				
9:00 9:10	AHSRA-Europe Conference Welcome and Announcements	Organizing Committee		Adventus University, Romania
Keynote Presentation - Session 4				
09:15 9:45	BEYOND THE ALGORITHM – Culturally Responsive Teaching and Competing Perspectives in AI-Driven Education	Nina Gabriela Dumitrescu	PhD, Educational psychologist	National University of Political Sciences and Public Administration in Bucharest, Romania
09:45 10:15	AI in Education: Are We on the Wrong Path?	Robert Ancuceanu	PhD, Professor	Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania
Parallel Sessions				
Room 1 - Education Section				
10:20 10:50	Embracing Challenges and Opportunities in Education in the Age of AI: A Qualitative Case Study	Carol Linda Kingston	PhD, Assistant Professor	Department of Education Spicer Adventist University, India
10:50 11:20	Synthesis of Classical Linguistic Analysis and AI Tools in the Study of Interpersonal Conflict (based on George Bernard Shaw's play Pygmalion)	Ganna Polina	PhD, Associate Professor	Department of Germanic Philology Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Sciences, Bucha, Ukraine
11:20 11:50	Mediating Role of Employee Commitment on the Influence of Human Resource Management Practices and Organizational Climate on Employee Retention: Basis for a Retention Program	Mark Vernon E. Saban & Grace Ann S. Saban	PhD, Associate Professor	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies; Adventist University of the Philippines, Philippines
Room 2 - Education Section				
10:20 10:50	A Model for Developing Desirable Behaviors in Young Pupils through Christian Stories	Elena-Valentina Ciurea	MA Student in Education	Adventus University, Romania
10:50 11:20	Developing Values in Primary Education through Modern Teaching Strategies and the Integration of Artificial Intelligence	Sara-Noemi Puiu	MA Student in Education	Adventus University, Romania
11:20 11:50	Developing Socio-Emotional Competencies by Implementing the Optional „Emotions and social skills” for Primary School Students	Vasilia Stefănescu	MA Student in Education	Adventus University, Romania
Room 3 - Education & Social Sciences Section				
10:20 10:50	The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in Education: A Critical Analysis of Bias, Fairness, and Transparency Toward Smarter Outcomes	Tembinkosi Sibanda	PhD, Associate Professor	Head of the Education and Humanities Department, Solusi University, Zimbabwe
10:50 11:20	Model for Teaching Religion in Primary School Based on Strategies that Promote Cooperative Learning	Cassandra Olteanu	MA Student in Education	Montemorelos University, Mexico
11:20 11:50	Adventists in the Netherlands: Mapping Beliefs, Behaviors, and Opportunities for the Church	André Staal	MA in Sociology	Rotterdam University, Netherlands
Keynote Presentation - Session 5				
12:00- 12:00	Prompted by the Spirit or Prompted by AI? Relational Knowing in an Algorithmic Age	Petr Činčala	PhD, MSW, Mdiv, Professor; President AHSRA Global	Andrews University, USA
12:30 14:00	Lunch and Break			
Session IV				
Keynote Presentation - Session 6				
14:00- 15:00		Pavel A. Zublov	PhD, Associate Director and Coordinator Doctor of Ministry Program	Adventist Theological Seminary Andrews University
Parallel Workshops				
Room 1 - Education				
15:00 16:30	New Technologies in Education	Maria Goga	Associate Professor; Associate director of the Education Department	Technical University of Cluj Engineering, Romania; SDA General Conference, USA
Room 2 - Social Sciences / Psychology				
15:00 16:30	Code, Cure, Care?: AI impact on the future of Pharmacy and Medicine	Robert Ancuceanu	PhD, Professor	Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania
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15:00 16:30	Christian Sexuality at Its Best: From Shameless Theology to Skillful Biology - Part II	Konrad Szallos-Farkas	Internal medicine physician, a clinical dietitian, and a lifestyle coach	Director of Hergheia Lifestyle Academy, Târgu-Mureș, Romania
Room 4 - Education				
15:00 16:30	THE ADAPTIVE TEACHER IN THE AI ERA – How to Manage the Behaviors of Hyperconnected Students with Empathy and Strategy	Nina Gabriela Dumitrescu	PhD, Educational psychologist	National University of Political Sciences and Public Administration in Bucharest, Romania
16:30 17:00	Closing Ceremony Announcement of the 2027 AHSRA-Europe Conference			