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Competing Perspectives in the AI Age**

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Time	Title	Presenter	Position	Affiliation
Session I				
08:00-08:30	AHSRA-Europe and AHSRA-Africa Conference Welcome	Laurenția Morț, Petr Cîrcăla, Garina Peira, Daniel Gans	Presidents/Coordinators	AHSRA: Global, Europe, Africa
Keynote Presentation - Session 1				
08:30-10:30	Enhancing AI Skills of Educators Through Reverse Mentoring	Prerna Gokhwal	Director of the PhD Program in Education	Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines
Parallel Sessions				
Room 1 - Education Section				
10:00-10:30	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 Kingdon	PhD, Deputy-Vice Chancellor for Academic	Tulion Adventist University, Fiji
10:30-11:00	A Contextualized English Teaching Model for A Shame-and-Honor Culture: An Intra-Paradigm Qualitative Study	Estuary Bernd Saemppas	PhD, Coordinator of Online Learning	Adventist University of the Philippines, Philippines
11:00-11:30	Differences in Practices and Attitudes Between Teachers and Students Using AI - A Qualitative Research	Gabriel-Constantin Nicola	PhD, School Principal	John Huenengard School, Iasi, Romania
Room 2 - Social Sciences Section				
10:00-10:30	Human-Centered vs. Data-Driven Approaches in Strategic HR Management: Competing Perspectives in the AI Age	Ekateryna Semida	PhD Student in Management	Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Sciences, Ukraine
10:30-11:00	Using AI Tools to Conduct a Quantitative Study on Biological Children of Foster Parents	Daniel Tudore I.	PhD Student in Social Work	West University of Timisoara, Romania
11:00-11:30	Studying Aspects of Autobiographical Memory in Olga Kobylanska's "Diaries" in the AI Age	Nastasiya Ianchuk	PhD Student in Ukrainian Literature	Tarj Pedagogh Chernivsi National University, Ukraine
Room 3 - Theology Section				
10:00-10:30	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
10:30-11:00	FRAMES FOR SALVATION: A Comparative Study of 3D-Gospel Culture Text Profiles in Zambian and Romanian Adventist Pastoral Training	Laurenția-Gabriel Nistor	PhD Candidate in Theology	University of Bucharest, Romania
11:00-11:30	ALMOST HUMAN, ARTIFICIALLY DIVINE: How Algorithms Foster Technological Anthropomorphism	Andreea Epistatu	MA Student in Theology	Adventus University, Romania
Keynote Presentation - Session 2				
10:00-10:30	Between Calling and Code: A Phenomenological Study of Faculty Turnover in a Faith-Based University in the AI Age	Grace Ann Saban & Jemelyn Okan-Barcelo	PhD, Professor; PhD, Recruitment and Training officer	Adventist University of the Philippines, Philippines
10:30-11:00	Competing Perspectives in Medicine in the AI Age	Simona Gurus-Prundaru	PhD, Dean of Faculty of Medicine in English	George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology, Tîrgu-Mureș, Romania
11:00-11:30	Lunch and Break			
Session II				
Keynote Presentation - Session 3				
14:00-15:00	Generative AI in Social Research: Challenges and Opportunities	Salury Wa-Mbeleka	PhD, Research and Evaluation Manager	ICSTR, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, Maryland, USA
Parallel Workshops				
Room 1 - Education				
15:00-16:00	White Lab – White Education Laboratory	Raïjo Roth	PhD Candidate in Education; Director of Family and Children's Ministries	University of Valencia; Spanish Adventist Union, Spain
Room 2 - Social Sciences / Psychology				
15:00-16:00	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				
15:00-16:00	Christian Sexuality at Its Best: From Shameless Theology to Gifted Biology - Part I	Sorinel Sorinel-Parkas	Internal medicine physician, a clinical dietitian, and a lifestyle coach	Director of Henghelia Lifestyle Academy, Tîrgu-Mureș, Romania
16:00-16:45	Closing Remarks – Day 1			
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Session III				
08:00-08:30	AHSRA-Europe and AHSRA-Africa Conference Welcome and Announcements	Garina Peira	Coordinator	AHSRA-Europe
Keynote Presentation - Session 4				
08:30-09:45	BEYOND THE ALGORITHM – Culturally Responsive Teaching and Competing Perspectives in AI-Driven Education	Nina Gabriela Dumbrăscu	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 Ancoșanu	PhD, Professor	Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania
Parallel Sessions				
Room 1 - Education Section				
10:00-10:30	Embracing Challenges and Opportunities in Education in the Age of AI: A Qualitative Case Study	Carol Linda Kingdon	PhD, Assistant Professor	Department of Education Spirit Adventist University, India
10:30-11:00	Synthesis of Classical Linguistic Analysis and AI Tools in the Study of Intertextual Conflict (based on George Bernard Shaw's play Pygmalion)	Sanna Polina	PhD, Associate Professor	Department of Germanic Philology Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Sciences, Bucha, Ukraine
11:00-11:30	Mediating Role of Employee Commitment on the Influence of Human Resource Management Practices and Organizational Climate on Employee Retention: Basis for a Retention Program	Park Yenson 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				
10:00-10:30	A Model for Developing Desirable Behaviors in Young Pupils through Christian Stories	Bena-Valentina Ciura	MA Student in Education	Adventus University, Romania
10:30-11:00	Developing Values in Primary Education through Modern Teaching Strategies and the Integration of Artificial Intelligence	Jana-Rosem Pălu	MA Student in Education	Adventus University, Romania
11:00-11:30	Developing Socio-Emotional Competencies by Implementing the Optional "Emotions and social skills" for Primary-School Students	Andrica Ștefănescu	MA Student in Education	Adventus University, Romania
Room 3 - Education & Social Sciences Section				
10:00-10:30	The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in Education: A Critical Analysis of Bias, Fairness, and Transparency Toward Smarter Outcomes	Temelinkol Sibanda	PhD, Associate Professor	Head of the Education and Humanities Department, Solusi University, Zimbabwe
10:30-11:00	Model for Teaching Religion in Primary School Based on Strategies that Promote Cooperative Learning	Carandra Oltanaru	MA Student in Education	Montemorelos University, Mexico
11:00-11:30	Adventists in the Netherlands: Mapping Beliefs, Behaviors, and Opportunities for the Church	Andri Staal	MA in Sociology	Rotterdam University, Netherlands
Keynote Presentation - Session 5				
12:00-12:30	Prompted by the Spirit or Prompted by AI? Relational Knowing in an Algorithmic Age	Petr Cîrcăla	PhD, MSE, MDiv, Professor; President AHSRA Global	Andrew University, USA
12:30-12:45	Lunch and Break			
Session IV				
Keynote Presentation - Session 6				
14:00-14:30	The Word Became Flesh: Reflecting on the Philosophical Paradigm of Qualitative Research Through Theological Lens	Pavel A. Zubkov	PhD, Associate Director and Coordinator of the Doctor of Ministry Program	Andrew University, USA
Parallel Workshops				
Room 1 - Education				
15:00-16:00	New Technologies in Education	Raïsa Goga	Associate Professor; Associate Director of the Education Department	Technical University of Cluj Engineering, Romania; General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, USA
Room 2 - Social Sciences / Psychology				
15:00-16:00	Code, Care, Care?: AI Impact on the future of Pharmacy and Medicine	Robert Ancoșanu	PhD, Professor	Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania
Room 3 - Theology / Health				
15:00-16:00	Christian Sexuality at Its Best: From Shameless Theology to Gifted Biology - Part II	Sorinel Sorinel-Parkas	Internal medicine physician, a clinical dietitian, and a lifestyle coach	Director of Henghelia Lifestyle Academy, Tîrgu-Mureș, Romania
Room 4 - Education				
15:00-16:00	THE ADAPTIVE TEACHER IN THE AI ERA – How to Manage the Behavior of Hyperconnected Students with Empathy and Strategy	Nina Gabriela Dumbrăscu	PhD, Educational psychologist	National University of Political Sciences and Public Administration in Bucharest, Romania
16:00-16:45	Closing Remarks – Day 2			
Time	Title	Presenter	Position	Affiliation
Session V				
8:00-9:30	AHSRA-Europe and AHSRA-Africa Conference Welcome and Announcements	Daniel Gans	President	AHSRA-Africa
Keynote Presentation - Session 7				
09:30-10:30	Global South Research Realities: Ensuring Equity Across Diverse Adventist Contexts	Petr Cîrcăla	PhD, MSE, MDiv, Professor; President AHSRA Global	Andrew University, USA
Parallel Sessions				
Room 1 - Education Section				
10:00-10:30	Toward a Christ-Centered Integrative Framework for Ethical Leadership in Pluralistic Professional Contexts	Frank Bamor	Lecturer	Adventist University of West Africa, Liberia
10:30-11:00	Fostering Research Ethics Amid Technology Integration: A Case Study of Ethical Awareness, Practice, and Equity among the Graduate School Research at Ethiopia Adventist College	Harbanto Harawungan Hapungung	Lecturer	Ethiopia Adventist College, Ethiopia
11:00-11:30	The Impact of Multimodal Literacy Interventions on English-Reading Proficiency among Dormitory-Residing Primary School Students at Kuyera Adventist Primary School, Ethiopia	Hel G. Hutebaert	Lecturer	Ethiopia Adventist College, Ethiopia
Room 2 - Education & Social Sciences Section				
10:00-10:30	Leadership Beyond Technical Competence: The Role of Emotional Intelligence in Sports Administration in Ghana	Bismark Deusu-Sekyere Adu, Isaac Aborgye Dash	Lecturer	Institute of Leadership and Governance, Pentecost University; Sab University College, Ghana
10:30-11:00	Friendship or Seduction? An Adventist-Ethiopian Framework for Ethical AI Integration among the Students at Ethiopia Adventist College	Henry Sitanggang	PhD, Lecturer	Ethiopia Adventist College, Ethiopia
11:00-11:30	Analytical Studies of Adventist Ethical Principles and Artificial Intelligence in Improving Learning in Higher Education in Liberia	Yath G. Swil	Lecturer	Adventist University of West Africa, Liberia
Keynote Presentation - Session 8				
12:00-12:30	Research Data Ethics: Privacy, Consent, and Responsible Stewardship	Salury Wa-Mbeleka	PhD, Research and Evaluation Manager	ICSTR, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, Maryland, USA
12:30-12:45	Closing Ceremony			
12:45-1:00	Announcement of the 2027 AHSRA-Europe and AHSRA-Africa Conferences			