// WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

NIHAI

Norms in language-based human–AI interaction

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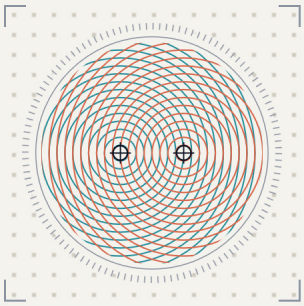

Responsibility in human–AI communication

Towards principles for the responsible design and use of conversational agents

// DAY 01

Thursday 19 November

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

10:00–10:10	**Welcome & introduction**
10:10–10:50	**Paula Sweeney** University of Aberdeen *Divided Proxies: Personal Avatars and Proxy Assertion*
10:55–11:25	**Izabela Skoczeń & Jakub Figura** Jagiellonian University *When AI Sounds Reasonable: Misinformation and the Standards We Hold LLMs To?*
11:25–11:50	Coffee break
11:50–12:20	**Emilian Mihailov & Mihaela Constantinescu** University of Bucharest *Do AI agents deserve less blame?*
12:20–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:30	**Markus Christen, Ziggy O'Reilly, Maximilian Theisen & Serhiy Kandul** University of Zurich *Assertability of chatbots and humans: Effects of competence, epistemic justification, and skin in the game*
14:30–15:10	**Kamil Mamak** Jagiellonian University *Neurorights for Digital Minds?*
15:10–15:40	Coffee break
15:40–16:10	**Markus Kneer, Paloma Puljic & Miklós Kurthy** University of Graz *Perceived semantic understanding in chatbots/fake news*
16:10–16:50	**Bertram Malle** Brown University *Norms, blame, trust, and other moral judgments: Are human–machine differences robust?*
16:50–16:55	Close of day 1
19:00	Workshop dinner

// DAY 02

Friday 20 November

CINETic, UNATC „I.L. Caragiale”

10:30–12:00	**Marinos Koutsomichalis & Doros Polydorou** Cyprus University of Technology *(A)I do (not?) Care* Interactive workshop, co-organised with and hosted by CINETic, UNATC, as part of the AI in Art Practices and Research Conference 2026.
12:00–12:30	Coffee break
12:30–15:00	**NIHAI group meeting**

// ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Hosted by the Research Centre in Applied Ethics (CCEA) at the University of Bucharest as part of the **Norms in Language-Based Human–AI Interaction** project, this workshop explores what it means for AI-driven conversational agents to communicate responsibly. People already use chatbots as advisors, assistants and even friends or romantic partners. In this context, it is more and more important to ask what we can expect from them, and who is to blame when they spread false or misleading information. What principles should guide the responsible design of chatbots?

The workshop features talks by Paula Sweeney (University of Aberdeen), Bertram Malle (Brown University) and Kamil Mamak (Jagiellonian University), alongside talks in which project teams from Poland, Austria, Switzerland and Romania present their papers and arguments. Together, the sessions examine responsibility gaps, meaningful human control and blame attribution in human–AI teams, in light of emerging empirical findings from the project.

On the second day, Marinos Koutsomichalis and Doros Polydorou (Cyprus University of Technology) lead the interactive workshop *(A)I do (not?) Care*. The session is co-organised with and hosted by **CINETic** – International Center for Research and Education in Innovative Creative Technologies at the National University of Theatre and Film „I.L. Caragiale” (UNATC), as part of the AI in Art Practices and Research Conference 2026.