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# Digital Humanism Conference 2026

Orientation in turbulent times

24–26 June 2026, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

**Conference Board and  
conference organisation**

## Conference Board

The Conference Board provides academic advice to the conference organisation. It holds responsible for the programme design, the selection of speakers, moderators, and the formats of the conference. The Conference Board consists of the Conference Chair, the Programme Committee, and the Senior Advisory Board.

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The conference is organised by the [Digital Humanism Association | Verein zur Förderung des digitalen Humanismus](#).

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