



Press information

Digital Humanism Conference 2025

Shaping our digital future

26–28 May 2025, MuseumsQuartier Wien



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The Digital Humanism Conference 2025 (DigHum2025), under the motto "Shaping our digital future," will bring together experts, innovators, and policymakers at Vienna's MuseumsQuartier from May 26 to 28, 2025. The conference aims to discuss the potential of Digital Humanism and to explore the societal challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) from a design perspective.

Under the patronage of Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen, topics such as AI and society, platforms and power, and disruptive innovation will be addressed. Renowned speakers including Michael Bronstein, Noshir Contractor, Dame Wendy Hall, Lawrence Lessig, Max Schrems, and Michael A. Cusumano will provide insights into technology, ethics, and global advancements. In addition to high-ranking representatives of the European Commission, the Minister of Brazil's Supreme Federal Court, Alexandre de Moraes, is expected to attend. He gained worldwide attention for his firm legal actions against social media platforms and his orders to suspend Twitter and Telegram.

The conference is aimed at researchers, academics, policymakers, executives, technologists, and interested citizens. Organized by the Association for the Promotion of Digital Humanism and supported by the City of Vienna and the Vienna Science, Research and Technology Fund (WWTF), DigHum2025 offers a platform for exchange and the development of strategies for a human-centred digital future. Those interested can stay updated via the conference newsletter.

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The first Digital Humanism Conference will take place from 26 to 28 May 2025 in Vienna, Austria. Inspired by the Vienna Manifesto on Digital Humanism, this conference brings together leading thinkers, researchers, and innovators to critically examine the development of digital technology and to propose designs that align with human values, democratic principles, and social justice.

At the heart of digital humanism is the commitment to ensure that technology enhances our shared human rights and freedoms rather than undermining them. Over the course of three days, we will discuss ways to refocus our digital future on people and society.

This includes, above all, the design of artificial intelligence—from its societal impacts to issues of explainability, transparency, and fairness. It also encompasses the role of AI in cybersecurity. Equally important are questions about technology platforms and the future role of international technology regulation. The conference will address AI in the context of social media, democracy and journalism, as well as the critical topics of innovation and new applications.

Initial situation

The current, almost explosive development in the field of digitalisation and artificial intelligence poses new challenges for humanity. This development, which encompasses all areas of our lives, comes with two faces: enormous opportunities and at the same time many undesirable developments. This development can be shaped in accordance with European fundamental rights and freedoms.

Digital Humanism has set out to shape digitalisation for people, a democratic society and with a view to our environment. The Vienna

Manifesto on Digital Humanism established the foundation for a movement that has grown from Austria into an international initiative.

Conference: the first in a series

Artificial intelligence is another wave of digitalisation that is perceived by many as disruptive. Digital Humanism aims to shape the further development of AI in a democratic, social, accessible, inclusive, diverse and human-centred way. In order to maintain international leadership in the research field of digital humanism and establish Vienna as a hub, an annual international conference with a global reach will serve as a mainstay.

With Digital Humanism, Austria has the opportunity to build on its great scientific tradition and become a centre for the responsible use of digitalisation and AI. The aim is to build on Austrian traditions of social achievements in the development of digitalisation and AI.

The conference was made possible by the commitment of City Councillor for Culture and Science Veronika Kaup-Hasler.

Aims of the conference

- To further develop digital humanism at an excellent level in a multidisciplinary discourse
- Consolidate and expand Austria's position with a focus on people at the centre of AI and digitalisation
- Achieve global reach and expand worldwide networks

Target groups

- Global and national research and DigHum community
- Decision-makers from politics and administration, nationally and internationally



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- Stakeholders from industry (as developers and users), institutions and NGOs
- International organisations and experts
- Target: 250–300 participants

Date and location

26–28 May 2025, MuseumsQuartier Vienna

Financial support

City of Vienna and WWTF

Patron of honour

Austrian Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen has assumed the patronage of honour for this international conference.

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General questions regarding the conference