

Dear guests,

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming International Days. This year's overall theme is: "Democracy or Democrazy: navigating the impact of AI on society".

Here's a preliminary overview of the three & a half -day schedule:

**Tuesday 19/3/24: plenary opening in campus Mechelen and De Nayer**

We commence with a plenary opening on campus De Nayer and Mechelen featuring keynote speaker(s) who will explore the theme of AI's impact on society. Enjoy yourself during a day of learning, networking, and a cultural activity within the city of Mechelen.

**Wednesday 20/3/24: Exploring AI from the Student's Perspective , campus Geel**

We will highlight the topic of AI from the perspective of our students' future professional skills. Join us for a morning session with keynote speakers shedding light on the opportunities and challenges presented by AI in our professional practice.

In the afternoon, we will give you the opportunity to attend lectures by area of interest (agro- and biotechnology, food and dietetics, (bio)chemistry, biomedical laboratory technology). We invite all guest speakers to share their own expertise if they wish to do so. We will end the afternoon with a networking activity.

**Thursday 21/3/24: Multidisciplinary and Project-Based Day, campus Geel**

We meet on campus for our multidisciplinary and project-based day with the working title: "How to Increase Access to Basic Rights for All through AI." The day is organised by numerous educational departments and will be attended by all incoming guests and about a thousand students.

The day begins with plenary sessions featuring two keynote speakers providing insights into AI and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We then inform all attendees about the day's approach. Following the design thinking methodology, students and teachers will collaboratively work in small groups to formulate substantive answers to the posed question.

**Friday morning 22/3/24 : company visits in the region**

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