

International Days Thomas More UAS (Belgium) 18-22 March 2024

Theme 2024: Democracy or Democrazy: navigating the impact of AI on society.

In an era where Artificial Intelligence is evolving at an unprecedented pace, it's important that we examine its role within democratic societies.

Does AI fortify democratic values or does it pose a potential threat?

We want to believe AI is a catalyst for strengthening democracies, increasing citizen participation. However, there have been negative examples of its impact threatening the power of democracy, leading to biases and a diluted form of democracy, perhaps a 'democrazy'.

Let's explore and gain insight in this topic together so we can strive for a future where AI strengthens democracy!

Programme Nursing @ Mechelen

Monday March 18, 2024

@ Mechelen

(Optional programme for guests nursing Mechelen)

10.00h: Welcome at Thomas More Mechelen, with coffee and small tour main building

10.20h: Meeting with international coordinators (Karel Matthys and Cindy Heremans) and unit manager (Daniëlle Vanhorenbeeck)

10.30h: Presentation about Thomas More University of Applied Sciences and Nursing curriculum

11.30h: Visit to skills labs and Immersive room

12.30h: Lunch

14.00h: Workshop simulation training (nursing teachers)

Tuesday March 19, 2024: Central Day with all international guests from TM

@ Mechelen

Transport from Mechelen city center to campus De Nayer (15min): arranged by Thomas More

11.30 – 12.00h: Welcome at Campus De Nayer

12.00 – 13.30h: Lunch and networking at campus De Nayer

13.30 – 14.30h: Keynote speaker: Pieter Van Boheemen

15.30 – 17.30h: Afternoon activities in Mechelen

18.00 – 21.00h: Dinner at campus Mechelen (networking event with all guests)

Wednesday March 20, 2024 (International guests nursing and health care programmes)

Transport to **campus Geel**

09.00 – 12.00h: Plenary sessions with colleagues from Social Work, Nutrition and dietetics, lab Technology and chemistry (Agora at campus Geel).

Keynote speakers: **Opportunities and challenges presented by AI in the professional practise.**

9.00 – 09.15h: Welcome & introduction

9.15 – 10.00h: **Vince Buysens** (Digital consultant and teacher at Thomas More; Fadawah)

10.15 – 11.00h: **Wouter Van den Bosh** (R&D program manager Health & AI at IMEC Belgium)

11.15 – 12.00h: **European commission speaker**: policy and ethics of AI in Europe

12.00 – 13.00h: Lunch

13.00h – 15.00h: **Workshops** with colleagues/guests from Nursing and Midwifery Thomas More Mechelen & Lier (classroom E 103 at campus Geel)

- 1) Virtual Reality for clinical reasoning in the Nursing programme (research unit)**
- 2) Good practices of international (online) collaboration**
- 3) How to prepare the student for an international mobility: cultural differences, pitfalls and opportunities. A two side experience.**

15.00 – 16.00h: Coffee and pie (authentic Belgian pie: 'Limburgse Vlaai')

18.00h: Evening dinner together with colleagues and guests from different programmes at campus Geel.

Thursday March 21, 2024: Multidisciplinary and project based day

@ Campus Geel

9.00 – 16.00: Hackathon with students from different programmes:

How can AI help us to achieve the SDG's?

Starting from the principles from Sustainable Development Goals and learning about AI from an international expert.

Belgian beer tastings and networking opportunities

Evening dinner together with colleagues and guests from different programmes at campus Geel.