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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!

Program Campus Lier

Monday March 18, 2024

Arrival of the guests

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

Location Campus De Naeyer

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)

More information about the Central Day - <https://thomasmore.be/en/programme>

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

Location 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: **European commission speaker:** policy and ethics of AI in Europe

11.15 – 12.00h: **Wouter Van den Bosh** (R&D program manager Health & AI at IMEC Belgium)

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

Location 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.