



ACADEMIA ROMÂNĂ

# AI and Humanity

Interdisciplinary Conference

8-9 May 2025

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Partners: Master Communications International, Muzeul Municipiului  
București, and ClubLeaderSpace

Romanian Academy

Calea Victoriei 125, Bucharest

To assess the vast, transdisciplinary, highly topical theme of **AI and Humanity**, an interdisciplinary conference is convened on 8-9 May 2025.

This academic, professional, and public event builds on the successful experience of a previous conference, **The Challenge of AI**, under the aegis of the Academia Europaea, and with support from the Romanian Academy. It took place at World Trade Center, Bucharest, on 11-12 June 2024, was organized by Master Communications International and sponsored by several companies; its details, videos, and related texts are at [www.mastercommunications.ro](http://www.mastercommunications.ro).

This time around, we meet under the double aegis of the Academia Europaea (AE) and of the Romanian Academy (RA), in conjunction with the inauguration on 9 May of the AE Bucharest Regional Knowledge Hub, a strategic project of the two academies with partners from several countries, ranging from national academies to universities, research institutes, global academic networks and organizations. It is our aim to continue to develop a series of conferences and workshops bearing the same generic title, *AI and Humanity*, as well as a network

of institutions and companies that could collaborate in the long term. The conference is also connected to the Ideas in the Agora Series, which includes some 110 public events (dialogues and conferences), placed since 2024 under the aegis of the Academia Europaea. More at [Idei în Agora – Muzeul Municipiului Bucuresti](#).

The current event has two parts: A. An academic part, open to the public. B. A professional part, for registered participants only. The videos are to become available online in various places, including the homepage of the AE Bucharest Hub, [www.acadeurobucharest.eu](http://www.acadeurobucharest.eu).

### **A. 8 May, 13:30-18:30, Aula**

13:30-14:00 Registration

#### **I. 14:00-16:00**

Sorin Antohi, Moderator and Opening Remarks, *AI and Humanity: Co-Evolution or Survival of the Fittest?*

Sebastian Burduja, Opening Remarks

Gheorghe Ștefan, *The Information Realm and the Great Chain of Being*

Paul-Andrei Păun, *Artificial Intelligence: Past, Present, Future*

Mircea Dumitru, *LLMs and Speech Acts. What Is at Stake?*

Viorica Pătrăucean, *LLMs and Cultural Technologies*

Traian Rebedea, *Safe and Controllable Human-LLM Interactions*

#### **Break 16:00-16:30**

#### **II. 16:30-18:30**

Sorin Antohi, Moderator and Closing Remarks

Hardy Schloer, *Implications of AI for Social Security, Human Progress, and Survival*

Ion Petre, *Unravelling Academic Success: AI Insights from the PISA 2022 Data*

Florin-Călin Păun, *Qualificative AI (QuAI): Bringing Dubito ergo cogito into the Machine*

Marius Leordeanu, *Artificial Intelligence in Search for Humanity*

Ștefan N. Constantinescu, *European Academies and Scientific Advice to the European Commission: From Cancer Screening to AI and One Health Governance*

Moshe Idel, *Golem and the Beginning of Cybernetics* via Zoom

**B. 9 May, 10:00-13:00, Clubul Academicienilor**

*In Romanian*

Prof. Dragoș Huru, Moderator

9:30-10:00 Welcome coffee

10:00-13:00 Presentations, Interventions, Discussion with:

Dr. Florin Munteanu

Prof. Petre Roman

Laurențiu Viorel Gîdei

Alexandru Bodi

Marian Rusu

Veronica Ștefan

Dr. Honorius Circa

Cristian Sima

Elena Radu

Alexandru Mironov

**Participants**

1. Sorin Antohi, Academia Europaea
2. Alexandru Bodi, Partner, DAO1
3. Sebastian Burduja, Minister of Energy
4. Dr. Honorius Circa, Director, ASF (Authority of Financial Surveillance)
5. Prof. Ștefan N. Constantinescu, UC Louvain, Brussels, and University of Oxford, Chair of SAPEA Board
6. Prof. Mircea Dumitru, Vice-President of the Romanian Academy
7. Laurențiu Viorel Gîdei, State Secretary, MEDAT (Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism)
8. Prof. Dragoș Huru, ASE (Academy of Economic Sciences)
9. Prof. Moshe Idel, emeritus, Hebrew University; Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem

10. Dr. Marius Leordeanu, UPB, Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy
11. Alexandru Mironov, Director, *Știință și Tehnică*
12. Dr. Florin Munteanu, Director, Center for Complexity Studies, Bucharest
13. Dr. Viorica Pătrăucean, Google DeepMind
14. Dr. Florin-Călin Păun, ARESIA, ONERA
15. Dr. Paul-Andrei Păun, Director, AI Institute of the Romanian Academy
16. Prof. Ion Petre, University of Turku
17. Elena Radu, lawyer
18. Dr. Traian Rebedea, UPB and NVIDIA
19. Prof. Petre Roman, President, Swiss UMEF-Geneva
20. Marian Rusu, ChatIA
21. Hardy Schloer, CEO Alpha Centauri
22. Cristian Sima, professor, businessman
23. Prof. Gheorghe Ștefan, Romanian Academy and UPB (Bucharest Polytechnic University)
24. Veronica Ștefan, expert, Council of Europe
25. Dr. Varujan Vosganian, Dr. Varujan Vosganian, President, Writers' Union