SOLARIS PROJECT FINAL MEETING

AGENDA

Registration link: https://forms.gle/6f58yzAS3CBXSsnb7

26 January 2026 (CET times)

14:00 - 14.30	**Opening welcome** **Ralph Meulenbroeks,** Director of the Freudenthal Institute, Utrecht University **Michiel Doorman,** Director of research at the Freudenthal Institute, Utrecht University **Alberto Domini,** Policy Officer, European Commission Chair: **Federica Russo,** SOLARIS Project lead
14:30 – 15:15	**SOLARIS carousel presentations**
15:15 – 15:30	**SOLARIS Book reading** **Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi,** Dexai – Artificial Ethics
15:30 – 16:30	**Founding the future of the digital society: 'Planetarised Humanity', 'Quantum Ecology', and Humanist Ethics** *In this session we explore the future of humanity and the challenges that deepfakes pose for the digital society* Chair: **Federica Russo, Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University **Panellists**: **Manuel Gustavo Isaac**, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA) **Wakanyi Macharia-Hoffman,** University of Utrecht, Inclusive AI Lab **Stefano Calzati**, European Commission, Joint Research Centre **Angelo Tumminelli**, LUMSA University **Antonio Carnevale,** Università di Bari
16:30 - 16:40	**SOLARIS Book reading**

	Lucy Conover, Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi,** Dexai – Artificial Ethics
16:40 - 17:40	**AI and deepfakes for inclusion and social good: education and health** *In this session, we discuss the use of AI in education and healthcare. The aim is to show that ethical use of AI is possible, with particular reference to social inclusion and public education.* **Chair**: **Pietro Guastamacchia**, ANSA **Panellists**: **Mark Bos,** Utrecht University, Freudenthal Institute **Fabrizio Giacomelli,** Mediavoice **Fabiana Spadetti,** Mediavoice **Romane Blassel,** European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) **Domenico Bloisi,** National Interuniversity Consortium for Informatics (CINI)
17:40 - 17:50	**SOLARIS book reading** **Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi, Dexai** – Artificial Ethics

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9:15 – 9:30	**SOLARIS Book reading** **Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi**, Dexai – Artificial Ethics
9:30 - 10:30	**The Governance of Deepfakes** *In this session, we discuss the present and future of governance strategies across EU to counteract disinformation and deepfake spreading.* **Chairs**: **Lek Hakani,** Ministry of Interior of Albania and **Gjon Rakipi** (Albania Institute for International Studies) **Panellists**: **Filip Stojanovski,** Metamorphosis **Maarten Hillebrandt,** Utrecht University, SiG Tackling Disinformation & Misinformation **Payal Arora,** Utrecht University, Inclusive AI Lab

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	Yasaman Yousefi, DEXAI – Artificial Ethics **Dolores Sanchez,** Carlos III University, Madrid
10:30 - 11:00	**Keynote: Stephan Lewandowski, University of Bristol** Chair: **Karin van Es,** Utrecht University, Data School
11:00 - 11:15	**SOLARIS Book reading** **Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi, Dexai – Artificial Ethics**
11:15 - 12:30	**GenAI Regulation and Political Engagement** *In this session, we discuss AI-generated media and its potential for enhancing (rather than disrupting) the development of positive political narratives and strengthening citizen engagement with political discourses.* **Chair**: ANSA **Panellists:** **Yordanka Ivanova,** European Commission, DG CNECT **Gian Marco Passerini**, Italian Digital Media Observatory (IDMO) **Izidor Mlakar,** University of Maribor **Joris Veerbeek,** Utrecht University **Andrew McIntyre**, University of Amsterdam
12:30 -13:30	**SOLARIS book reading** **Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi, Dexai – Artificial Ethics**
13:30 - 14:30	**GenAI in Research and Education: Risks and Opportunities** *In this session, we explore the risk and opportunities of AI in scientific research and research. Attention is given to the responsible use of AI and to AI literacy.* **Chair**: **Yasaman Yousefi**, Dexai Artificial Ethics **Panelists**: **Marcel Boumans,** Utrecht University **Ralph Meulenbroeks,** Utrecht University **Philippine Waisvisz,** Hogeschool Utrecht

	Jens Linge, European Commission, Joint Research Centre
14:30 - 14:40	**SOLARIS Book reading** **Lucy Conover,** Utrecht University and **Yasaman Yousefi, Dexai – Artificial Ethics**
14:40 - 15:50	**The Transforming Status of Images in the Age of Generative AI** *In this session, we analyze how GenAI is reshaping the status of images used as evidence in legal proceedings, as journalistic documentation, or more generally, in all contexts where images serve as testimony and reference to reality.* **Chair**: **Piero Polidoro**, LUMSA University **Panellists**: **Giuditta Bassano,** LUMSA **Jean Wagemans,** University of Amsterdam **Annette Markham** (UU, Digital Humanities Lab) **Izidor Mlakar** (UM) **Lia Costiner** (UU)
15:50 - 16:00	**Closing and goodbye** **Federica Russo,** SOLARIS Project Coordinator