

Human, Non-Human, Post-Human – a report

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Human, Non-Human, Post-Human was an international conference organized in the Department of Modern Languages and the Department of German Studies at the University of Zielona Góra, Poland, on November 25–26, 2025. The conference was organized within the eleventh edition of Foreign Languages Days (known in Polish as Dni Języków Obcych – DJO), an annual event held since 2015 in the Department of Modern Languages and the Department of German Studies at the Faculty of Humanities. The conference was honored by the honorary patronage of Professor Wojciech Strzyżewski, Rector of the University of Zielona Góra.

The idea of the Foreign Languages Days is to bring together scholars working in different fields of science and different languages. Presentations can be delivered in English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, and Polish. The funding idea is to communicate beyond typical boundaries to widen scientific perspectives and see the interrelationship between various disciplines and the arts. In this way, the participants of the conference have an opportunity to look at their research from a new perspective and share their findings with experts in other fields. All eleven editions of the conference have brought over 280 presentations. While some of the participants took part in DJO only once, many scholars come back to the event every year. Thanks to the participation of foreign researchers, the conference now has the status of an international conference. Not only renowned specialists but also BA, MA, and PhD students are welcome to deliver a speech in a friendly, homelike atmosphere the conference is known for.

This year's conference brought, in a hybrid: onsite and online mode, 34 researchers who delivered 30 presentations on topics ranging from philosophy through literary studies and psychology to law. The speakers represented 7 Polish universities (University of Zielona Góra, University of Szczecin, University of Wrocław, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, The Jacob of Paradies University, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Nicolaus Copernicus Superior School), as well as 11 European, mainly Italian, universities: Roma Tre University, University of Genoa, University of Verona, Salesian University Institute of Venice, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, Tuscia University, Pegaso University, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, University of Milano-Bicocca, University of Malta and University of Potsdam as well as other institutions: Dante Alighieri Society in Wrocław and Cyprian Norwid Provincial and Municipal Public Library in Zielona Góra. The hybrid format once again proved highly effective, allowing participants from different countries to join the discussions regardless of travel limitations and fostering a truly international academic environment.

The topic of the conference brought discussions, among others, on the condition of the man, his future and a (re)definition of mankind, the existence of cyborgs and androids in speculative fiction, different aspects of life in the times of artificial intelligence, including its legal status in science, as well as its use in communication, education and research and its impact on human psyche and emotions. The debates frequently highlighted the accelerating transformation of contemporary societies under the influence of new technologies, raising questions about ethics, responsibility, and the limits of human agency in a digitally mediated world. Several papers focused on humanism, posthumanism, transhumanism, and its representations in philosophy and literature, e.g., in G. Deleuze, A. Huxley, N. Fyodorov, L. Floridi, N. Machiavelli, E. Cavazzoni, A. Belyaev, I. Calvino, F. Verso, A. Bioy Casares, F. Vallejo, or I. Scego. The speeches were delivered in Polish, English, Russian, Italian, and Spanish. This linguistic diversity not only broadened the reach of individual presentations but also underscored the multicultural character of the event, enabling participants to engage with ideas from multiple intellectual traditions. Others analyzed the position of women

in philosophy throughout centuries and their role in the history of sport, while another group of presentations focused on different aspects of online creativity as well as the condition of humans, their identity and loneliness in the virtual world. These contributions enriched the programme with interdisciplinary perspectives, demonstrating the growing relevance of gender studies, digital humanities, and cultural analysis in contemporary academic discourse, and shed light on the condition of mankind, man's relations with technology, nature, and the man himself in the world of humanism, posthumanism, and transhumanism.

For all those interested in taking part in the next year's edition of the Foreign Languages Days, please contact us at the e-mail address dnijezykowobcychuz@gmail.com or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100010829776091> (Dni Języków Obcych UZ). The exact date is not established yet, while the topic will revolve around issues such as truth, lie, and values.