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## Conference Call

# Exploring Identity and Virtue in the Context of Human-AI Interaction

**Date:** May 30 - 31, 2024

**Location:** Ljubljana, Slovenia

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to announce a conference that will delve into the convoluted relationship between identity and virtue(s), emphasizing their manifestations in human-AI interaction. The conference theme includes three interconnected domains, namely:

- 1) the interplay between identity and virtue(s) in humans,
- 2) the importance of virtues in human-AI interaction, online environments, and consequences for identity,
- 3) the plausibility of attributing virtue(s) and identity to AI-based systems or AI-powered robots.

The event welcomes the employment of several disciplines, including but not limited to philosophy, bioethics, theology, computer science, law, educational sciences, and their interdisciplinary permeation.

A particular section of the event will focus on the aspect of epistemic identity and epistemic virtue(s), and the bridging of gaps between virtue epistemology, AI ethics, and religious studies. The aim is to elucidate how human epistemic identity, encompassing fundamental beliefs, cognitive processes, and epistemic standards, intertwines with virtuousness, religious belief(s), and associated virtues like humility. Proposed papers could also investigate the evolution of epistemic identity and virtue in online environments and interactions with AI systems such as chatbots, posing crucial questions about trustworthiness, fairness, and the attribution of virtues to AI entities.

Other open topics for this section include but are not limited to:

- investigating how human epistemic identities evolve in interaction with AI systems and the implications of such interactions,

- the feasibility of communicating and evolving religious beliefs within human-AI communication,
- questioning whether AI systems possess a discernible epistemic identity and the associated implications of this,
- attributing virtues or vices to AI entities and their potential to engender epistemic harm or injustice.

### ***Deadlines and instructions***

The deadline for submitting your contribution for review is March 29th, 2024.

Submissions should include the title of your presentation, a short abstract (between 300 and 500 words), your affiliation, e-mail address, academic title, and position. Applicants will be notified of the review process's results by April 4th, 2024.

You can submit your application and abstract to the following e-mail address:

[info@identity.ethics-ai.eu](mailto:info@identity.ethics-ai.eu)

Each lecture will last up to 30 minutes (followed by 15 minutes of Q&A), and a keynote lecture will last 45 minutes (followed by 15 minutes of Q&A). Coffee, snacks, and lunch will be provided for all presenters on both days of the conference.

Full paper submission (optional) deadline will be sometime in August 2024.

### ***Organizing committee***

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