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GENERATIVE AI: CHALLENGING THE SYSTEM

The Thirteenth International Conference "Albanian Studies Days" is calling for paper submissions focusing on the topics related to GENERATIVE AI: CHALLENGING THE SYSTEM.

The Thirteenth International Conference Albanian Studies Days (ASD 2026) invites scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit original contributions exploring the transformative impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence and its implications across academic, economic, social, and institutional systems. With the theme "Generative AI: Challenging the System", this year's conference seeks to open a critical and interdisciplinary dialogue on how emerging AI technologies are reshaping our understanding of knowledge production, creativity, governance, education, and human interaction.

Generative AI models are increasingly capable of producing text, images, code, decisions, and complex analytical outputs that traditionally belonged exclusively to human expertise. This rapid evolution raises profound questions: How is generative AI redefining scientific inquiry and scholarly integrity? What opportunities and risks does it create for democratic institutions, media ecosystems, and public trust? In what ways does it challenge existing regulatory, ethical, and legal frameworks? And how should universities, businesses, and public organizations adapt to these disruptive shifts?

ASD 2026 welcomes papers from all disciplines—including social sciences, humanities, medical sciences, technology studies, communication, economics, law, and education—that address these questions through theoretical analyses, empirical research, case studies, or innovative conceptual perspectives. The conference encourages submissions that investigate both the promise and the paradoxes of generative AI: its capacity to accelerate progress, democratize knowledge, and improve decision-making, while also posing threats related to misinformation, bias, privacy, authorship, and systemic inequality.

By bringing together experts from different disciplines, ASD 2026 aims to foster informed debate and produce actionable insights that will guide institutions and societies in navigating the challenges and possibilities of the age of generative AI.

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BRIEF GUIDE TO ALBANIAN STUDIES DAYS

WHY ASD?

Albanian Studies Days is a series of scientific conferences designed with a “peer review” system and focused on discussions about important issues related to Albanian society and region, ranging from economy, history, media, legal system, political institutions, public policies, and on to development of education and its impact on social, human, and economic development.

PARTICIPANTS

a. Foreign researchers whose research and scientific studies focus on Albania, the region and EU.
b. Albanian professors, who have provided their contribution to Western universities.
   Since 1990s or earlier, whose work still focuses on Albania and the region.
c. Foreign and Albanian PhD candidates whose research is focused on Albania and the region.
d. ASD is the key scientific activity for EUT academic staff.

TIME

This event takes place annually in April and it is divided into five panels related to respective EUT Faculties and relevant topics approved by the conference scientific committee.

WELCOME TO ALBANIAN STUDIES DAYS!

CONFERENCE PANELS AND DISCUSSION THEMES

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT

FACULTY OF LAW, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, EDUCATION AND LIBERAL ARTS

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, INFORMATICS AND ARCHITECTURE

FACULTY OF TECHNICAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

PANEL I
GENERATIVE AI: REDEFINING ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY BY DISRUPTING TRADITIONAL PRODUCTION MODELS

This panel explores how Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the foundations of modern economies by transforming productivity, innovation, and value creation. Generative AI introduces new forms of automation, creativity, and data-driven intelligence that challenge traditional production models, alter cost structures, and redefine economic efficiency across industries. The discussion focuses on how firms and policymakers can adapt to this technological shift, ensuring that the benefits of AI-driven growth are inclusive, sustainable, and aligned with ethical and regulatory frameworks—particularly within the European economic context.

The panel encourages interdisciplinary research connecting economics, business, technology, and policy, with an emphasis on understanding both the disruptive potential and the long-term socio-economic implications of generative AI. It also invites critical reflections on governance, labor market adaptation, and innovation ecosystems that will determine how effectively economies harness this technological revolution for equitable and sustainable growth.

PAPERS IN THIS PANEL SHOULD BE FOCUSED, BUT NOT LIMITED, ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- The Economic Impact of Generative AI on Productivity and Growth
- Disruption of Traditional Production Models: From Labor to Algorithmic Capital
- Cost Structures and Efficiency in the Age of AI Automation
- Labor Market Transformation and Skills Adaptation in AI-Driven Economies
- Generative AI and the Reconfiguration of Global Value Chains
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and New Business Models in the AI Economy
- The Role of Policy and Regulation in Managing AI-Induced Economic Change
- Ethical and Sustainable Dimensions of AI in Economic Development
- Generative AI in the EU Digital Economy: Opportunities and Governance Challenges
- Measuring the Economic Value of Creativity and Data in Generative Systems

PANEL II
GENERATIVE AI AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF STATE AUTHORITY: REGULATION, RIGHTS, AND POLITICAL POWER

The rapid development of generative artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping both the legal and political landscapes. This panel examines the transformative impact of AI on state authority, governance, and the rule of law, highlighting how traditional legal frameworks and democratic institutions are challenged by emerging AI technologies. From a legal perspective, generative AI raises critical questions regarding accountability, transparency, liability, and the protection of fundamental rights. From a political science perspective, it alters the dynamics of power, political participation, public policy-making, and the legitimacy of state institutions. By exploring these intersections, the panel aims to identify both the opportunities and risks associated with AI deployment in public governance, offering insights into regulatory strategies, democratic safeguards, and policy responses that can ensure the responsible and ethical integration of AI in state functions.

PAPER IN THIS PANEL SHOULD BE FOCUSED, BUT NOT LIMITED, ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- How AI challenges traditional state regulatory powers
- Protection of fundamental rights in AI-driven environments
- Legal frameworks for accountability, transparency, and liability
- Constitutional limits on AI use by public institutions
- How AI reshapes political authority, legitimacy, and governance
- Impact on political participation, representation, and public opinion
- State vs. Big Tech power struggles
- AI as a tool of political influence or control

PANEL III
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND MEDIA: INNOVATION, POLICY, AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Building upon the framework of the Jean Monnet Chair Project, PROEUMEDAL, and last's year conference panel which explored collaborative innovations advancing European standards in media, education and arts, this year's session extends the conversation into the rapidly evolving landscape of Generative Artificial Intelligence. While maintaining our core priorities: European values, democratic culture, media freedom, pluralism, and educational innovation, this panel shifts toward examining how generative AI is challenging existing systems, reshaping scholarship, and transforming cultural and educational practices in Albania and the wider European space.

The rise of generative AI disrupts traditional notions of authorship, media governance, and cultural production, raising essential questions about freedom, plurality, ethics and public transparency. At the same time, AI offers new opportunities for innovation in teaching, curriculum design, media literacy, and cultural industries. Within the broader context of Albania's European integration, these developments demand a nuanced, interdisciplinary response that aligns technological change with European standards of media freedom, co-regulation, cultural diversity, and democratic resilience. This panel invites scholars, educators, practitioners, journalists, and policymakers to examine how generative AI intersects with media policy, higher education, cultural identity, and civil society. We especially welcome research that connects human inquiries with technological innovation, whether through critical analysis, empirical studies, artistic practices, or policy-oriented approaches.

PAPERS IN THIS PANEL SHOULD BE FOCUSED, BUT NOT LIMITED, ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- AI-driven media ecosystems
- Generative AI in education and curriculum development
- AI and cultural diversity
- Media literacy and disinformation in the age of synthetic content
- Co-regulation and European governance models
- Ethical and epistemological implications of AI-generated media
- The role of emerging technologies in shaping democratic futures

PANEL IV
DESIGNING THE FUTURE: GENERATIVE AI AS A CATALYST FOR INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is redefining the way we imagine, design, and build the world around us. Once considered a purely computational tool, AI has evolved into a creative and analytical partner capable of generating solutions that challenge conventional approaches in engineering, architecture, and digital design. This panel explores how generative AI acts as a catalyst for innovation, enabling new forms of creativity, optimizing design processes, and fostering efficiency across technical and creative disciplines.

The discussion will address how AI systems can support sustainable development by promoting energy-efficient structures, intelligent material use, and data-driven urban planning. It will also examine how generative algorithms, simulation models, and machine learning techniques are reshaping educational practices, professional workflows, and industry standards. Through real-world examples and academic insights, the panel will highlight both the opportunities and challenges that arise when technology becomes a co-creator in the design and decision-making process.

Beyond the technical dimension, the session will also reflect on ethical, environmental, and societal implications: How do we ensure transparency, accountability, and human creativity in AI-driven innovation? What skills will the next generation of engineers, designers, and technologists need in this new landscape? By bridging technological progress with human-centered values, the panel aims to inspire dialogue on designing a sustainable and intelligent future, where innovation, ethics, and creativity evolve together under the transformative power of generative AI.

PAPERS IN THIS PANEL SHOULD BE FOCUSED, BUT NOT LIMITED, ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- The role of generative AI in enhancing creativity and accelerating innovation across engineering, architecture, and informatics
- AI-driven optimization of design processes, simulation models, and performance analysis
- Applications of generative AI for sustainable development, including energy-efficient structures, smart materials, and data-informed urban planning
- The transformation of professional workflows through AI-powered tools in engineering, digital design, and construction industries
- Integrating generative AI into higher education: new teaching methods, digital competencies, and the evolving skillset required for future professionals
- Ethical and societal considerations: transparency, accountability, bias, and the balance between human creativity and machine-generated outputs
- Opportunities and challenges in adopting AI as a collaborative partner in research, design, and decision-making

PANEL V
GENERATIVE AI AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

Generative AI is rapidly reshaping the foundations of modern medicine, challenging traditional clinical pathways and creating new possibilities for diagnosis, treatment and system-level decision-making. From AI-driven imaging interpretation to predictive models for disease progression, generative systems are accelerating innovation and transforming how healthcare professionals interact with data, patients, and technology. As populations age and chronic, genetic, and lifestyle-related diseases increase, the integration of generative AI into healthcare becomes essential for improving efficiency, reducing disparities, and supporting personalized care. This panel invites research and discussion on how generative AI can strengthen medical practice, enhance clinical outcomes, and reshape healthcare systems, while also addressing the ethical, regulatory, and safety concerns that arise from these new technological capabilities.

PAPERS IN THIS PANEL SHOULD BE FOCUSED, BUT NOT LIMITED, ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Generative AI in diagnosis, imaging interpretation, and real-time clinical decision support
- Personalized and precision medicine through AI-supported clinical insights
- AI-driven predictive tools for clinical risk assessment, progression, and treatment response
- AI tools for earlier disease detection, screening programs, and preventive pathways
- AI in telemedicine, virtual triage, and continuous patient monitoring
- AI-assisted surgery and robotics supporting clinician precision and intraoperative decision-making
- Ethical and medico-legal considerations for clinicians using AI in daily practice
- Transformation of clinical workflows, documentation, and workload optimization with AI
- Data governance, patient confidentiality, and clinician responsibility in AI-mediated care
- Digital health innovations that enhance clinician efficiency, patient engagement, and interdisciplinary coordination
- Use of synthetic data to improve clinical training, simulation, and case-based learning

GENERAL RULES
OF THE CONFERENCE

- Paper abstracts 300 words shall be submitted through the email address: dssh@uet.edu.al clearly indicating the panel in which the presentation shall be delivered.
- A double-blind peer review.
- An applicant shall not submit more than two papers as author and/or co-author.
- Conference language: English

DEADLINES

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 January 2026
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 12 February 2026
- Paper Submission: 10 March 2026
- Notification of Paper Acceptance: 20 March 2026
- Final paper submission for publication: 30 May 2026

TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE PAPERS

- Paper shall be between 5,000-7000 words; Times New Roman, 12; in English language; APA referencing style.

These deadlines are final and failure to comply remains responsibility of the interested participants.