

Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
Vinnitsia National Technical University
Lanzhou University of Technology, People's Republic of China
Confucius Institute of VNTU
Department of Philosophy and Humanities of VNTU
invite you to participate in the
VIII International Scientific and Practical Conference
«Knowledge. Education. Erudition.»
Cross-cultural Studies of Western and Eastern Philosophy
October 13-14, 2026
at Vinnitsia National Technical University

Conference Sections and Thematic Tracks

Section 1. Historical and Philosophical Retrospective: Genesis and Evolution of East-West Interaction

Thematic tracks:

- **Antiquity and the Ancient East: parallels and contacts.**

Comparative analysis of the Pre-Socratics and early schools of Indian and Chinese philosophy. The influence of Hellenism on Buddhist art and thought (Greco-Buddhism).

- **Reception of Eastern wisdom in classical European philosophy.**

How Eastern ideas were interpreted in the works of G. Leibniz (Chinese philosophy), A. Schopenhauer (Upanishads and Buddhism), and F. Nietzsche.

- **The Silk Road of Ideas: transit of philosophical concepts.**

The role of Medieval philosophy as an intellectual bridge that preserved the classical heritage for the West and introduced Eastern mathematical and metaphysical knowledge.

- **Kyiv academic tradition in the dialogue of cultures.**

Research on how the boundary between "Eastern" and "Western" types of thinking has been conceptualized in Ukrainian intellectual history (from the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy to the present).

- **History of Oriental Studies and Orientalism: from exoticization to partnership.**

Analysis of how methods of studying the East have changed in the West: from colonial discourse to modern objective comparative studies.

- **Great teachers of humanity as precursors of modern erudition.**

Historical analysis of the didactic systems of Socrates, Confucius, and Plato: common roots of the "scholar" ideal.

- **Artificial Intelligence as a new space for East-West dialogue: philosophical, ethical, and cultural dimensions.**

The influence of Western rationalist ideas and Eastern spiritual-ethical traditions on the formation of modern concepts of artificial intelligence. Analysis of problems of digital ethics, accountability of algorithms, humanism, and the transformation of human subjectivity in the era of AI.

Section 2. Digital Ontology and Epistemology: AI as a New Subject of Knowledge

Thematic tracks:

- **Consciousness, cognition, and the limits of machine intelligence: Western and Eastern philosophical approaches**

Analysis of the concepts of consciousness, thinking, intuition, and self-knowledge in the philosophical traditions of the West and East in the context of generative AI development. Discussions regarding the possibility of "artificial consciousness", limits of algorithmic cognition, and the correlation between human and machine intelligence. The nature of non-human intelligence.

- **Nature of non-human intelligence.**

Criteria of intelligence: what makes intelligence "intelligence" outside the human context? Natural (biological), artificial, and hybrid substrates of thinking. Epistemological challenges of interpretability and explainability of non-human decisions. Machine learning and human intuition. AI in the mirror of Eastern logic and Western rationalism.

- **Techno-humanism and the anthropology of the future**

Philosophical comprehension of the human-machine merger. How the ideas of transhumanism (West) correlate with the ideas of immortality and reincarnation (East) in the context of digital consciousness uploading. Human in the AI ecosystem; Posthumanism: Eastern and Western scenarios; Ecology of spirit in a digitalized world.

- **Comparison of approaches to AI regulation.**

Western emphasis on privacy and individual rights versus Eastern concepts of social harmony and "social credit". The moral status of robots. Ethical biases in algorithms. Eastern and Western models of trust in technologies.

Section 3. Educational Paradigms and Intellectual Trends of the XXI Century

Thematic tracks:

- **Cross-cultural intellectual traditions and the future of education under the development of AI.**

Eastern practices of self-improvement in Western education, technologization of knowledge in the East, formation of the "literate person" in the XXI century. Understanding the transformation of education under the influence of artificial intelligence through the prism of the philosophy of knowledge of the East and West. Comparison of Confucian, Buddhist, European humanistic, and postmodern models of education, digital literacy, and the formation of critical thinking.

- **Digital civilization and global cultural transformations: AI as a factor of a new worldview**
Research on the impact of artificial intelligence on modern civilizational processes, intercultural communication, and the formation of new intellectual trends of the East and West. Examination of the problems of digital identity, information culture, posthumanism, and the future of human in a technological society.
- **Teaching methodology and development of thinking.**
Transformation of teaching methods: gamification, project-based approach, and flipped classroom. Formation of critical, analytical, and logical thinking in the era of information overload. Methodology for the development and validation of modern assessment tools (tests of general academic competence, criterion-referenced assessment). Soft skills and emotional intelligence in the educational space.
- **"Lifelong learning" in the era of neural networks.**
How AI transforms the triad "Knowledge - Education - Erudition". The role of neural networks as personal tutors and the challenge to academic integrity. AI as a cognitive prosthesis; Transformation of the teacher's role. Eastern mentoring models in the era of knowledge automation.

Conference Schedule and Regulations

Submission deadline for participant applications and papers: until October 5, 2026.
 Registration of participants at the Confucius Institute of VNTU: October 13, from 9:00 AM (7 Polytechnichna Str.).
 Conference opening: October 13, 2026, at 11:00 AM (Plenary Session).
 Arrival of participants: October 13, 2026.
 Departure of participants: October 14, 2026.
 Conference languages: Ukrainian, Chinese, English.
 Plenary presentation — up to 20 minutes.
 Section presentation — up to 10 minutes.
 Short report/announcement — up to 5 minutes.
 The Organizing Committee will post the accepted materials on the website at: <https://conferences.vntu.edu.ua/index.php/znanosv/>
 The publication of the conference proceedings is planned, and they will be distributed to the participants during registration before the plenary session.

Submission of Materials

To participate in the conference, it is necessary to submit presentation materials in accordance with the instructions available on the website at: http://conferences.vntu.edu.ua/public/files/18/a_guide.pdf

Detailed requirements regarding the content and formatting of the presentation materials are available on the conference website at http://conferences.vntu.edu.ua/public/files/18/a_rule.pdf

Notifications regarding the inclusion of the report in the conference program and invitations will be sent to the authors by **September 30, 2026**.

As an exception, for those who cannot submit their report via the website, it is allowed to send the presentation materials and the application form of each participant (indicating the thematic track) by e-mail to the organizing committee gcvr216@gmail.com

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

All participants will receive a certificate confirming their participation.

Certificates will be sent to all participants in electronic format.

Address of the Conference Organizing Committee:

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APPLICATION FORM

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Full Name: _____
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 Scientific degree, academic and honorary title: _____
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 Title of the report/presentation: _____
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 Address for sending the invitation: _____
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Requirements for Conference Materials

1. Text Formatting:

- 1.1. The text of the report must be written in Ukrainian, Chinese, or English. Ukrainian- and Chinese-language texts must include an abstract in English. The text should be typed in Times New Roman font (or another if necessary), 12pt font size, with 1.5 line spacing.
- 1.2. Page parameters: A4 format, margins of 15 mm on all sides. Pages must be numbered.
- 1.3. The length of the report text must not exceed 7 pages of A4 format.
- 1.4. At the beginning, the text of the report must contain:
 - UDC identifier (mandatory for authors from Ukraine);
 - Title of the report in bold, 16pt font size;

Last name and initials of the author(s);

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Abstract in the language of the text;

Keywords;

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1.5. Following two blank lines, the main body text of the report is printed in 12pt font size; section titles and subheadings should be in bold, 14pt font size.

1.6. The report must contain conclusions.

1.7. The list of references should be formatted according to **DSTU GOST 7.1. 2006**.

2. Review and Editing:

Received materials are checked for eligibility to be posted on our website. If the materials are accepted, a notification will be sent to the author.

Attention! Editorial changes may be made to the report without the author's consent.

The organizing committee reserves the right to supplement and/or change these rules.