

DAY 1 – Monday, May 18, 2026 UNESCO Chair celebration and launch

We will be celebrating the first year of our UNESCO Chair in the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Education. Chair holders Prof. Wayne Holmes (IRCAI) and Assoc. Prof. Kyungmee Lee (Seoul National University) will be leading a day of presentations, future-facing discussions, and the launch of the forthcoming ‘Handbook of Critical Studies of Artificial Intelligence and Education’.

DAY 1 AGENDA

- 10:00 -10:30 **Official welcome**
- Ms. Tanja Fajon, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Republic of Slovenia and Vice president of the Government of Republic of Slovenia
 - prof. dr. Maja Zalaznik, President of the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO and former Minister of Education, Science and Sport
 - Prof. dr. Leon Cizelj, director, Jozef Stefan Institute (TBC)
- 10.30 - 10.50 **Introduction and IRCAI’s Successful UNESCO Evaluation and Renewal as a Category 2 Centre**
- Mr. Mitja Jermol, deputy director of IRCAI
- 10:50 - 10:55 **Opening address: Prof. Young-Hoan Cho, Seoul National University**
- 10:55 - 11:45 **The Chair’s First Year**
- prof. dr. Wayne Holmes and dr. Kyungmee Lee present about the Chair’s first year.
 - Four PhD students (two European, two Korean present their work relevant to the Chair).
- 11:45 - 12:00 **Break for coffee and networking**
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Launch of “Handbook of Critical Studies of AI and Education”**
Keynote Provocation: Short introduction to the Handbook.
Author presentations: Some authors provide 3-minute summaries of their chapters.
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Buffet Lunch**
- 14:00 - 14:15 **Introduction**
Prof. dr. John Shawe-Taylor, director of IRCAI
- 14:15 - 14:45 **AI Academy pillar presentation**
dr. Tanja Zdojšek, IRCAI
- 14:45 - 15:45 **Workshop to gather suggestions on how the Chair might be developed.**
- 15:45- 16:00 **Finale and Reception**
- Plenary in which WH and KL synthesise the day’s suggestions.
 - Launch of a joint Action Plan for Year Two.
 - Closing remarks that frame the Chair not just as a research body, but as a global ethical watchdog.

Day 2 – Tuesday, May 19, 2026 IRCAI 6-Year Celebration

The IRCAI 6-Year Celebration marks a milestone in the Centre's journey as a UNESCO Category II Centre dedicated to advancing ethical, inclusive, and sustainable artificial intelligence.

DAY 2 AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	Arrival and coffee
10:00 – 10:10	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRCAI video• Ambassador Veronika Stabej, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs• Mr. Gašper Hrastelj, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO
10:10 – 10:30	Welcome introduction Prof. dr. John Shawe-Taylor, director of IRCAI
10:30 – 10:45	Pillar 1: AI Academy Dr. Tanja Zdojšek Draksler, IRCAI
10:45 – 11:15	Pillar 2: Science and Development Dr. Joao Pita Costa, IRCAI
11:15 – 11:45	Pillar 3: International Engagement and Policy Work Ms. Mihajela Črnko, IRCAI
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:30	Pillar 4: AI Entrepreneurship and Impact Mr. Davor Orlić, IRCAI
12:30 – 12:40	Pillar 5: Infrastructure and Digital Platforms Dr. Matej Kovačič and dr. Anja Polajnar, IRCAI
12:40 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch with celebration cake and group photo