



## AI ASSERTION CONFERENCE

22–23 June 2025 | University of Graz  
NIHAI Project  
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**Venue:** IDea\_Lab, Leechgasse 34, 8010 Graz (back entrance – walk around the building)

### **DAY 1 – Sunday, June 22**

09:00 – 09:15 Registration

#### **Morning Session (Chair: Miklos Kürthy)**

09.15 – 10:00 Markus Kneer: Welcome & Projection Description

10:00 – 10:25 Iwan Williams: Chatbot Speech Acts: A Proto-Assertion Account

10.25 – 10:50 Kesavan Thanagopal: Talk is Cheap: Reframing Conversations Around LLMs

#### **10:50 – 11.20 Morning Coffee Break**

11:20 – 11:45 Sumin Oh: Attributing Assertion to AI: A Graded Approach

11:45 – 12:10 Neri Marsili: Rethinking Assertion in the Age of AI

12:10–12:50 Bertram Malle (Keynote): Conceptual Frameworks and Pertinent Findings for the AI Assertion Project

#### **12:50 - 14:00 Lunch Break**

#### **Afternoon Session (Chair: Markus Christen)**

14:00 – 14.30 Izabela Skoczen (NIHAI Team): Project Input Session

14.30 – 14:55 Juri Viehoff: Between Consenting Robots

14:55 – 15:20 Reto Gubelmann: On the Metaphysics Grounding the Very Idea of Asserting Software

#### **15:20 – 15:50 Afternoon Coffee Break**

15:50 – 16:30 Saskia Nagel (Keynote): Trusting Relationships? Human-AI Interaction in Medicine

16:30 – 17:10 Ophelia Deroy (Keynote): The Ambivalence of Human-AI Cooperation

#### **17:10 – 19:00 Aperó Riche**

## **DAY 2 – Monday, 23 June 2025**

### **Morning Session (Chair: Markus Kneer)**

09:15 – 09:55 Jean-François Bonnefon (Keynote): Delegation to Intelligent Agents Weakens Moral Judgment

09:55 – 10:20 Melina Tsapos: Bias Without Belief: Data on Assertion and Social Bias

10:20 – 10:45 Matt Jope: AI Assertion, Responsibility Gaps, and Epistemic Trespassing

### **10:45 – 11:15 Morning Coffee Break**

11:15 – 11:45 Markus Christen (NIHAI PI): Project Input Session

11:45 – 12:10 Edgar Onea: A Linguistic Framework for AI Conversational Interfaces

12:10 – 12:50 Mark Alfano (Keynote): Slopaganda and Sloppy Epistemology in LLMs

### **12:50 — 13:50 Lunch Break**

### **Afternoon Session (Chair: Iza Skoczen)**

13:50 – 14:20 Mihaela Constantinescu (NIHAI PI): Project Input Session

14:20 – 14:55 Tiffany Ameline Zhu: How Should AI Talk About Us? LLMs and Social Groups

14:55 – 15:20 Viktoria Pammer-Schindler: Which Expertise Can an LLM Have?

### **15:20 – 15:50 Afternoon Coffee Break**

15:50 – 16:15 Emilian Mihailov: WEIRD by Design: LLMs Prioritize Western Moral Judgments

16:15 – 16:55 Edouard Machery (Keynote): AI, Poetry, and Opacity

## Practical Information Sheet

### Location

IDea\_Lab, Leechgasse 34, 8010 Graz

### How to get there

The Idea\_Lab can be reached via tram 1, bus 39, or bus 63 from the main train station and the city centre.

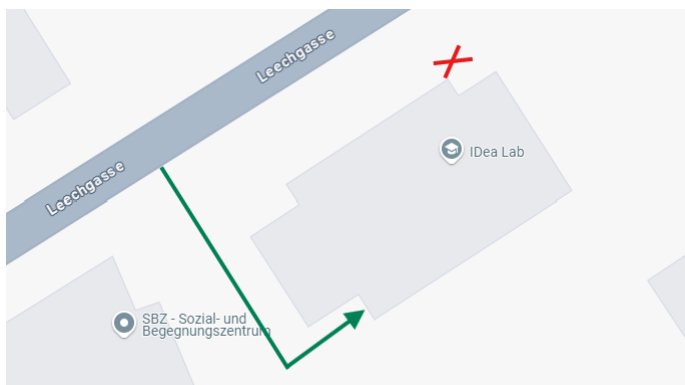
For public transportation (bus, tram) there is a 1h-ticket (€3.10) or 24h-ticket (€6,80).

For taxi from the airport, we recommend Uber as it is cheaper.

In the city, Uber is not very reliable and can take a long time to arrive.

### Access to the building

On Sunday (the first day of the conference), please enter the building via the back garden, as indicated by the green arrow below, as the main entrance (red cross) will not be available:



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