The 2026 TTU Comparative Literature Symposium:
Artificial Intelligence and the Futures of the Human

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New Generations, New Critical Inspirations

In the age of AI, what are the place of the "human" in the humanities and the role of the "humanities" in defining the human? How do we—and how do literature, cinema, and art—reconsider creativity, meaning, and culture in a world where machines can generate and purport to interpret texts, images, and ideas? What new ethical, philosophical, and pedagogical challenges arise when human and machine intelligence intersect? And how does the need to reconceive the humanities in the face of the rise of AI clarify, challenge, or transform our understanding of what it means to be human?

This symposium brings together scholars, educators, artists, and technologists to reflect critically on the futures of humanistic inquiry and the futures of the human in the age of AI. We invite contributions that explore the opportunities and challenges AI presents for literature, history, philosophy, art, languages, and cultural studies.

Please send your (1) 100-word abstract, (2) 50-word bio-info, and (3) questions to Dr. Y. Shu at eng.complit@ttu.edu by December 1, 2025