



Centre for Ethics of the University of Tartu 25th Anniversary Celebration

1–2 October 2026

Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Anniversary Celebration

White Hall, University of Tartu Museum (Lossi 25)

15:00–16:00 Anniversary Ceremony (in English)

Speeches by:

- **Toomas Asser**, Professor of Neurosurgery; Academician; Rector of the University of Tartu
- **Margit Sutrop**, Professor of Practical Philosophy; Head of the Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu
- **Jürgen Mittelstrass**, Professor Emeritus, University of Konstanz; Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Centre for Ethics; Honorary Doctor of the University of Tartu
- **Toivo Maimets**, Professor of Cell Biology, University of Tartu; Chair of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Ethics

16:00–17:00 The Centre for Ethics 25th Anniversary Lecture

Kristján Kristjánsson, Professor of Character Education and Virtue Ethics, University of Birmingham
Education for a Flourishing Life: Recent Developments

17:00–17:30 Coffee Break

17:30–18:00 Presentation of the Centre for Ethics 25th Anniversary Volume (in Estonian)

Murrang. Eetikast ja väärtustest muutuv asjas
(Turning Point: Ethics and Values in a Changing World)
Tiia Kõnnussaar and **Margit Sutrop**

18:00–19:00 Panel discussion *Estonian Value Space – Where Is Our Common Ground?* (in Estonian)

With Former President of Estonia **Toomas Hendrik Ilves**, Academicians **Jaak Aaviksoo** and **Marek Tamm**, University of Tartu Professor Emerita **Marju Lauristin**. Moderated by Professor **Margit Sutrop**

19:00–21:00 Anniversary Reception

Welcome remarks by **Urmas Klaas**, Mayor of Tartu
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Friday, October 2nd, 2026

Symposium

Ethics in a Changing World: New Directions in Ethics, Education and Artificial Intelligence

Organisers: Centre for Ethics of the University of Tartu, and the Estonian Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (EXAI).

University of Tartu Library (W. Struve 1)

Part I. Twenty-Five Years of Ethics: Looking Back, Looking Forward

Chair: Toivo Maimets, Professor of Cell Biology, University of Tartu

09:00–09:15 Opening Address

Margit Sutrop, Head of the Centre for Ethics; Professor of Practical Philosophy, University of Tartu

09:15–09:55 Ruth Chadwick, Professor Emeritus, Cardiff University, Editor of the Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics
Applied ethics: the third wave

09:55–10:35 Antti Kauppinen, Professor of Practical Philosophy, University of Helsinki
Can there be progress in ethics?

10:35–10:50 Coffee Break

Chair: Kristi Lõuk, Project Manager, Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu

10:50–11:30 Dirk Lanzerath, Director of the German Reference Centre for Ethics in Life Sciences and Professor of Philosophy, University of Bonn
The Rediscovery of Bioethics: Learning From the Past, Shaping the Future

11:30–12:10 Cordula Brand, Scientific Coordinator and Managing Director at the International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities, University of Tübingen
From Researcher's Ethos to Institutional Ethical Governance and back: Rethinking the Ethics of Science in the 21st Century

12:10–12:30 Short Break

Chair: Heidy Meriste, Lecturer in Practical Philosophy, University of Tartu

12:30–13:10 Francesco Orsi, Associate Professor of Theoretical Ethics, University of Tartu
When Metaethics Goes Practical

13:10–13:50 Kadri Simm, Professor of Practical Ethics, University of Tartu
From Moral Theory to Teaching Ethics

13:50–14:30 Lunch

Part II. Critical Reflections on Artificial Intelligence

Chair: Meelis Kull, Professor of Artificial Intelligence, University of Tartu

14:30–15:10 Jürgen Mittelstrass, Professor Emeritus, University of Konstanz, Editor of the Enzyklopädie Philosophie und Wissenschaftstheorie
Education and Artificial Intelligence – A Strange Relation

15:10–15:50 Lorna Waddington, Associate Professor of International History, University of Leeds
Navigating GenAI, Epistemic Justice, and Academic Freedom in Research

15:50–16:10 Coffee Break

Part III. The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education

Chair: Mari-Liisa Parder, Research Fellow in Ethics; Research Projects Coordinator, Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu

16:10–16:50 Mihalis Kritikos, Secretary, European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies; Policy Analyst, Research Ethics and Integrity, European Commission (DG RTD)
Governing AI in Europe: The EU AI Act and the Challenges of AI in Science and Innovation

16:50–17:10 Ivo Visak, CEO of the AI Leap Foundation
Overview of the AI Leap Education Programme

17:10–17:40 Margit Sutrop, Head of the Centre for Ethics, Professor of Practical Philosophy, University of Tartu
Katrin Laas-Mikko, Head of Risk and Compliance at SK ID Solutions, Artificial Intelligence Ethics Specialist, University of Tartu
Presentation of the Report "Ethical, Educational, Social, Legal and Technological Risk and Value Analysis of the AI Leap Learning Application and Educational Programme" (Margit Sutrop, Dan Bogdanov, Katrin Laas-Mikko, Liina Kamm, Andra Siibak, Henrik Trasberg)

17:40–18:00 General Discussion

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