

# 12th SYMPOSIUM DÜRNSTEIN

MARCH 23–25, THE BRAIN AND ITS  
2023 SOCIETY

Stift Dürnstein, Dürnstein 1, 3601 Dürnstein

## Schedule

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### Thursday, 23. März 2023

05:30 – 06:00 PM

**Admission.**

06:00 – 06:45 PM

**Opening.**

06:45 – 07:00 PM

**Lecture** Blackbox brain? Why it is necessary but not sufficient.

Ursula Baatz, Curator of the Dürnstein Symposium.

07:00 – 08:30 PM

**Panel** How much future does the human brain have? On the discussion about artificial intelligence.

Adelheid Kastner, specialist in psychiatry and neurology, primary physician at the Department of Psychiatry with a forensic focus at Kepler University Hospital Linz. Michael Mayrhofer Professor and Head of Institute for Public Law at Johannes Kepler University Linz, Judge of the Austrian Constitutional Court. Sabine T. Köszegi, Professor of Labor Science and Organization, Vienna University of Technology. Giovanni Rubeis, Professor of and Head of the Department of Biomedical Ethics and Health Care Ethics at Karl Landsteiner Private University for Health Sciences.

**Get together.**

Ending the evening with wine & bread.

Moderation of the opening evening: [Mari Lang](#), Journalist, ORF

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### Friday, 24. März 2023

09:00 – 09:20 AM

**Additional program** Morning impulse in the collegiate Church.

Provost Petrus Stockinger.

09:30 – 10:30 AM

**Lecture** Anyone who wants to unravel the mystery of the human brain encounters company  
Werner Vogd, Professor of Sociology at the University of Witten/Herdecke.

10:30 – 11:00 AM

**Break**

11:00 – 12:00 PM

**Lecture** Insights into the Brain – How Genetics Controls Brain Development.  
Simon Hippenmeyer, Professor of Developmental Neurobiology, Life Sciences Research Area Chair,  
Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA).

12:00 – 12:15 PM

**Statement** Brain and Biopolitics.

Silvia Stoller, Philosopher, Universities of Graz and Vienna. Martin G. Weiß, Assoc. Professor at the  
Institute of Philosophy, University of Klagenfurt.

12:15 – 01:00 PM

**Panel** Brain and Biopolitics.

Simon Hippenmeyer, Silvia Stoller, Werner Vogd and Martin Weiß. Moderation: Martin Tauss, Editor Die  
FURCHE.

01:00 – 02:30 PM

**Break**

01:40 – 02:30 PM

**Additional program** Guided tour of the permanent exhibition of the monastery “Discovering the  
Valuable“.

Provost Petrus Stockinger.

02:30 – 03:30 PM

**Lecture** The female brain

Florence Thibaut, Professor of Psychiatry at Cochin-Tarnier University Hospital, Paris Cité University,  
President of the International Association for Women’s Mental Health.

03:30 – 04:00 PM

**Lecture** Psychedelic substances in a therapeutic setting? A research report.

Nathalie Rieser, Psychologist with research focus on cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience,  
University of Zurich.

04:00 – 04:30 PM

**Lecture** How does meditation work?

Karin Matko, Research Assistant at the Chair of General and Biopsychology, Chemnitz University of  
Technology.

04:30 – 05:00 PM

**Break**

05:00 – 05:30 PM

**Lecture** Credition: Fluid Faith between God and Science. On the Relationship between Neuroscience and  
Theology.

Hans-Ferdinand Angel, Professor of Religious Education at the University of Graz.

05:30 – 06:15 PM

**Panel Religion – an illusion of the brain?**

Hans-Ferdinand Angel, Simon Hippenmeyer, Karin Matko und Nathalie Rieser. Moderation: Kirstin Breitenfellner, Author and Publicist.

**Get together.**

Ending the evening with wine & bread.

Moderation: [Joachim Schwendenwein](#), 21st – Sustainable Futures, Organizational Consultant.

Exhibition “Salon creates stage“. The cultural association Salon Dürnstein presents Evi Leuchtgelb ([www.evileuchtgelb.at](http://www.evileuchtgelb.at)). She will artistically explore and illuminate the theme of the 2023 Symposium using the working method she developed, the scientifically motivated suggestion. This will be the first time that the public space around Dürnstein Abbey will be used as a link between the symposium and the city.

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**Saturday, 25. März 2023**

09:00 – 09:20 AM

**Additional program** Morning impulse in the collegiate Church.  
Provost Petrus Stockinger.

09:30 – 10:30 AM

**Lecture** The human self from a neurobiological perspective: its emergence, its role as a social contact, and its importance as an “inner physician“

Joachim Bauer, em. Professor of Psychoneuroimmunology at the University of Freiburg, psychotherapist.

10:30 – 11:00 AM

**Break**

11:00 – 11:45 AM

**Lecture** On the creativity of reality: cognition as an interface between humans, the environment, and the future.

Markus F. Peschl, Professor of Philosophy of Science and Cognitive Science, University of Vienna.

11:45 – 12:30 PM

**Lecture** Understanding empathy from a neurodiverse perspective.

Giorgia Silani, Assoc. Professor, Institute of Clinical Health Psychology, Research Area Social and Neurocognition, University of Vienna.

12:30 – 01:00 PM

**Panel** Human images in neurobiology.

Markus F. Peschl, Helmut Renger, Psychiatrist, psychotherapist, teacher of mindfulness-based interventions (MBI), Graz, Giorgia Silani. Moderation: Joachim Schwedenwein.

01:00 – 02:00 PM

**Break**

02:00 – 02:45 PM

**Lecture** The Brain between Law and Neurotechnology: Exemplified by Subliminal AI Systems.

Rostam J. Neuwirth, Professor of Law and Head of Department for Global Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Macau (China).

02:45 – 03:30 PM

**Lecture** The other “I“. The image of human beings in AI

Gerfried Stocker, artistic and managing director of Ars Electronica

03:30 – 03:45 PM

**Break**

03:45 – 04:30 PM

**Panel** Final discussion: the future of the human brain.

Rostam J. Neuwirth, Markus F. Peschl, Gerfried Stocker and speakers of the Symposium. Moderation: Doris Helmberger-Fleckl, Chief Editor Die FURCHE.

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