

# **A human: an ongoing project<sup>1</sup>**

## **International interdisciplinary roundtable in modern philosophy**

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What is it to be a human: is there a comprehensive answer to this question? What peculiarities of modern humans get highlighted in modern discourse? Would it be fair to say that each cultural era develops its own “project” of what it means to be a human? How does the current time define what it means to be a human? Let us define the main characteristics of a human as an ongoing project.

Complexity and interdependence of various processes – philosophical, economic, political, social and cultural – requires isomorphic complexity of the agent of change, whose role in the anthropocentric world still belongs to a human. Being a guarantor of stability and simultaneously initiator of change, a human becomes subjected to genotypical reconfiguration in the evolutionary scale being variously influenced by own inventions and spontaneous emergent effects of the environment, such as climate change and the pandemic. In these conditions, the responsibly acting position of the agent of action acquires relevance, which allows, while preserving the original nature of a person, to variably extract and place it in different historical and cultural contexts for scientific and practical purposes. This intellectually motivated effort is aimed at achieving a deep understanding of the multi-vector nature of the joint transformation of the biotechnosphere and humans in order to understand the validity of threats, such as that of technological singularity, artificial intelligence regulation, the use of human enhancement technologies and amortization of crises to ensure the sustainable development of digital civilization.

The project principle declared in the title implies the connotation of evolutionary optimism, allowing hope that a person as a recursive self-learning agent will be able to selectively and responsibly influence the processes of self-organization, breathing new life into anthropocentric concepts and at the same time not challenging distributed agency and the vitality of the Materia.

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The discussion implies but is not limited to the following issues:

- Transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary strategies of human research;
- Synergetics and self-organization in human nature;
- Adaptability and pre-adaptability of human nature;
- Ethics of human enhancement technologies;
- Neuroethics of prosociality and the problem of autonomy;
- Homo digitalis and modern discourse on human nature;
- Philosophical and legal aspects of interference in human procreation;
- Interdisciplinary language of exchange zone of beliefs and actions;
- Human morphogenetics in authority delegation structures.

**The round table is addressed to philosophers, psychologists, sociologists, political scientists, independent researchers and practitioners.**

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Publication applications are accepted for:

- Original articles of 2800-5500 words (without references and abstract);
- Texts of 2500-3000 words as a contribution to the general discussion.

To participate in the roundtable, please, **submit a 250-500-word abstract and a CV by June 15, 2021** to Larisa P. Kiyaschenko at [l.p.kiyaschchenko@gmail.com](mailto:l.p.kiyaschchenko@gmail.com) & Anastasia V. Golofast at [nastya.golofast@iph.ras.ru](mailto:nastya.golofast@iph.ras.ru) .

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