

THE SECOND CIVILIZATIONS FORUM

A Posthuman Age? Science, Technology and the Future of Civilizations



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In the last decades, the thrust of scientific and technological change has increasingly suggested that humans should doubt and even abandon their central and distinct place and role in the world. The ability to alter essential parts of the human body and/or the natural environment has become a core component of contemporary imagination. Artificial Intelligence will govern future societies, and the emerging legal debates on the status of robots as persons -or even citizens- indicate radical change in the nature of personal and social relations, work environment and labor policies, security sectors and even the nature of war. Parallel to that scholars are suggesting that animals are co-citizens, and that our 'animality' as an integral part of our Self. Between the beast and the machine our new world is being shaped. Can posthumanism lead to antihumanism and the corrosion of civilization?

The forum will cover a variety of topics such as:

- What philosophy for a posthuman age?
- A new philosophy of science?
- Bio-mechanically enhanced bodies
- Virtual and augmented realities
- Perceiving the masses: from the "savage" to the "useless"
- Information technology and politics: surveillance and the end of free will?
- From global wars to mini-drones: technology and war
- The city and techne: the rise and fall of civility
- Social media and the death of reason
- Artificial and intelligent: the future of the robot as a "person"
- Mediating religion: technology and faith
- Beyond male and female: the posthuman invented self
- Technology, the environment and sustainability
- The technological gap and the future of civilization
- Dystopia and the future of humanity: literary and cinematic approaches
- Futuristic studies and religious visions for the coming age
- Synthetic biology and its impact
- Science fiction and cinema: imagining the future
- Cryonics

Important Dates

15 October 2019

Last day for abstract submission

10 November 2019

Announcement of accepted submissions

10 January 2020

Submission of first draft (min. 3.000 words)

10 February 2020

Announcement of accepted papers

25-26 April 2020

Forum date

Conference languages

Papers can be presented in English, Turkish or Arabic

Accommodation

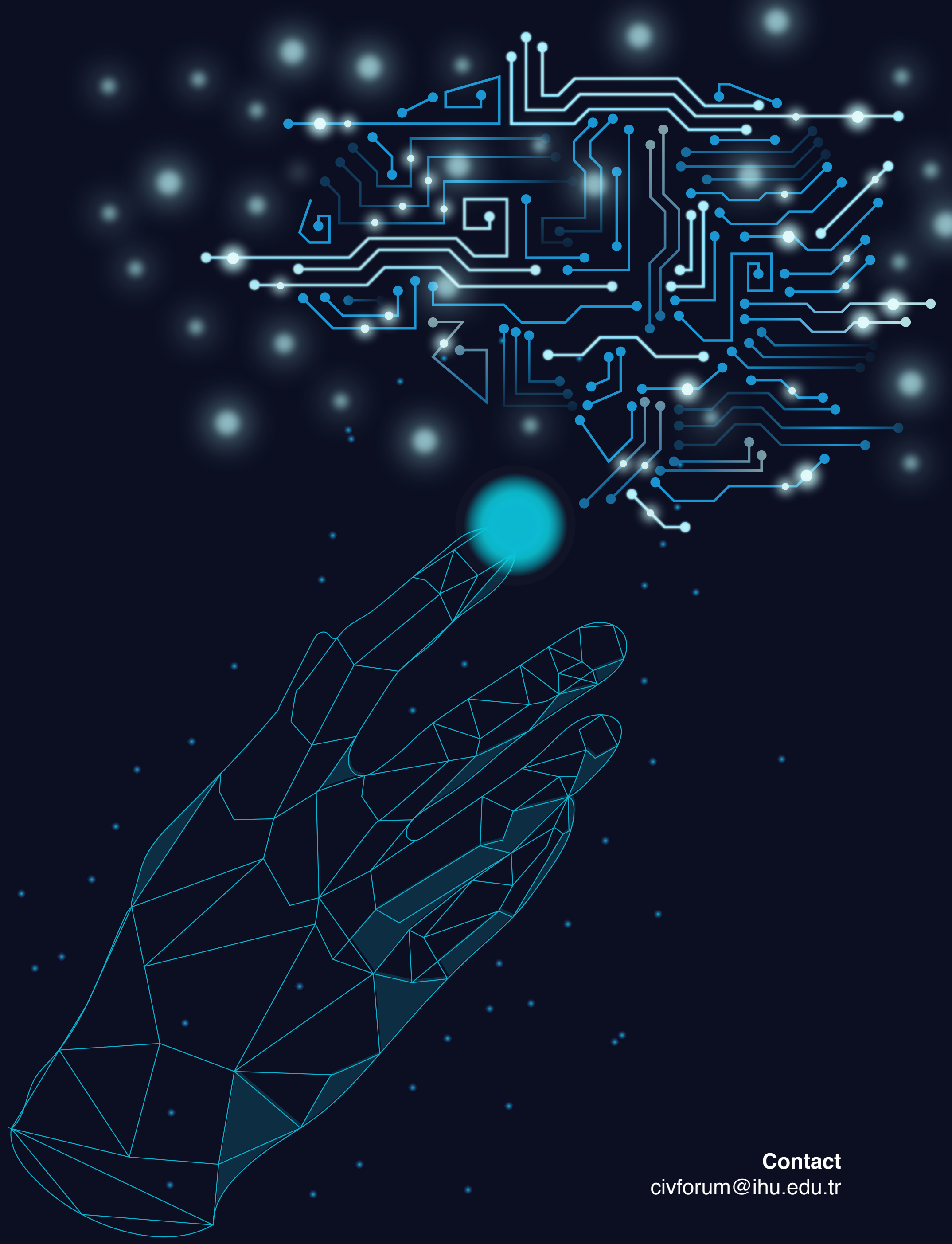
Accommodation will be provided by Ibn Haldun University.

Travel expenses

There is limited budget to cover travel expenses. Priority will be given to qualified papers.

Abstract proposals

Abstracts (400-500 word) must be submitted along with an academic CV by October 15, 2019 at civilizationsforum.org



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