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### Keywords

Post/Transhumanism; Practical Philosophy; Well-being; Artificial Intelligence (AI); Human Subjectivity; Ecological Crises; Video Games

### Main Research Objective

Our research is situated within the dual framework of the interrelated fields of posthuman and transhuman studies, which involve different epistemological approaches (practice-based research, philosophy of technology, media studies, literature and sociology), and practical philosophy, which is the field where fundamental philosophical questions are worked out in real life. We will explore the challenges of the post-pandemic era by critically examining how digital technologies and AI are reshaping human subjectivity and redefining well-being in general. Both post/transhumanist studies and practical philosophy are concerned with how we can face the impasses and distortions associated with the end(s) of humanism, and how we can cope with and possibly go beyond the multiple crises of humanism, especially as today's digital technologies of inscription and preservation have ushered in a radical reconfiguration of human relations to the world and to knowledge, outlining a probable mutation in our understanding of the human subject. On the other hand, well-being, from a highly materialistic conception linked to patterns of consumption that are becoming a humanist distortion, needs to be taken out of its humanist context and placed in a post-humanist framework.

### Main Research Outcome

**Skill Development for Early-Career Researchers:** Internationalisation and team science activities will enhance networking and research capabilities, supported by access to ERUA's digital tools and non-academic networks like heritage institutions and NGOs.

**Enhanced Multilateral Collaboration:** By leveraging shared expertise, the initiative will foster long-term cooperation within the ERUA framework and apply for external funding at both national and European levels. We will help candidates apply for an Access ERC Starting grant with the French ANR (or equivalent) and try to obtain a two-year postdoctoral contract leading to the submission of ERC starting grants by the most promising early career researchers involved in the program.

**Mobility and Capacity Building:** Erasmus funding will support student and staff exchanges, with additional external funding for researchers, promoting international collaboration and training. We will try to build an MSCA doctoral network as well as a COST interdisciplinary research network involving researchers from other European and extra-European institutions.

**Integration of Artistic Research:** Artistic media and practices will be incorporated into research, highlighting material, spatial, and performative dimensions to expand knowledge production.

**Sustainable Research Ecosystem:** Cross-disciplinary and transmedial strategies will create a framework to address societal challenges, blending artistic and scientific methodologies under a post-/transhumanist critique. We will expand the [Beyond Humanism](#) network to the Alliance.

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