

The image features a highly decorative Art Nouveau border in shades of blue and gold. At the top left is a profile of Athena wearing a helmet. At the top center is a classical column. At the top right is an olive tree. The bottom left contains a Wi-Fi symbol, the bottom center a network diagram, and the bottom right a stylized brain with circuitry. The background is a mosaic of the Parthenon on the Acropolis, with a cityscape below and a digital grid overlaying the sky.

# WIP AI Athens

Annual Meeting of the World Internet Project - Athens June 2026



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Annual WIP Workshop – Athens 2026  
**Emergent AI Societies**  
13–14 June, Amabilia Hotel

<b>DATES</b> 13–14 June	<b>VENUE</b> Amabilia Hotel	<b>FORMAT</b> Workshop
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**Programme**

**Day One**

<b>08:00-12:00</b>	<b>Tour to the Old City</b>
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<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Global Trends and Local Perspectives</b> <b>Chair: Nicolas Demertzis</b> <b>Petr Lupac:</b> Emerging AI Divides? Mapping Public Perceptions of AI Risks and Benefits <b>Pamela Davidsson &amp; Jenny Andersson:</b> Swedes and the internet - Special issue ahead of the election in September <b>Athena Seng:</b> Decoding Generative AI Behavior: Applications, Perspectives and Literacy of Macao Residents <b>Discussion</b>
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<b>16:00-16:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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<b>16:15-17:30</b>	<b>Session 2: Emotional dimensions of AI use in politics and public policy</b> Expert panel / joint session with the PLEDGE Project
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17:30-19:00

### Session 3: The Possibility of Regulating AI

**Chair:** Charalambos Tsekeris

**Grant Blank & William H. Dutton:** The potential for new democratic practices

**Marina Rigou:** From Fake News to Synthetic Realities: Challenges in Regulating AI

**Stefanos Vitoratos:** From Innovation to Accountability: AI Regulation and the Future of Digital Rights

**Discussion**

## Day Two

08:30-09:30

### Individual WIP Bilateral Coop-Meetings

09:30-10:45

### Session 4: Health and AI Use

**Chair:** Natascha Just

**Yair Amichai-Hamburger:** The Human Algorithm: Personality, AI, and the Future of Health

**Pamela Davidsson, Freja Blomdahl & Jenny Andersson:** AI use and health in Sweden

**Sergio Godoy Etcheverry & Miguel Angel**

**Carrasco:** WIP Chile 5.0: Incidence of AI and the internet on health and wellbeing

**Discussion**

10:45-12:45

## Session 5: Perplexities of AI (Dis)information

Chair: Katerina Mandenaki

**Apostolos Linardis & Glykeria**

**Stamatopoulou:** AI as a New Social Actor: Exploring Trust, Attachment and Social Disconnection

**Nicolas Klironomos:** Between Curiosity and Concern: Public Emotions and Intimacy in the Age of Generative AI

**Tongyi Huang:** From Novelty to Necessity: The Evolution of AI Adoption and Public Sentiments in Taiwan (2023-2025)

**Michael Latzer, Noemi Festic, Céline**

**Odermatt & Alena Birrer:** Techno-Religion in Switzerland: Conceptualization and Empirical Evidence

**Miguel Angel Carrasco:** The 'Pathological Loop' in healthcare: Algorithmic Misinformation and Therapeutic Adherence

**Discussion**

12:45-13:00

**Coffee Break**

13:00-14:00

## Session 6: Internal issues

Chair: Jeff Cole

All participants

## List of Workshop Participants

<b>1. Yair Amichai-Hamburger</b> , Professor Reichman University	<b>13. Natascha Just</b> , Professor UZH
<b>2. Jenny Andersson</b> , Professor University of Uppsala	<b>14. Nicolas Klironomos</b> , Researcher EKKE
<b>3. Grant Blank</b> , Survey Research Fellow, OII	<b>15. Petr Lupac</b> , Assistant Professor Charles University
<b>4. Alena Birrer</b> , Research and Teaching Associate UZH	<b>16. Michael Latzer</b> , Professor UZH
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<b>6. Jeff Cole</b> , Professor USC, WIP Director	<b>18. Katerina Mandenaki</b> , Research Associate NKUA
<b>7. Pamela Davidsson</b> , Data Analyst, The Swedish Internet Foundation	<b>19. Céline Odermatt</b> , Research and Teaching Associate UZH

<b>8. Nicolas Demertzis</b> , Professor NKUA, WIP Representative in Greece & Cyprus	<b>20. Marina Rigou</b> , Associate Professor NKUA
<b>9. William H. Dutton</b> , Professor Oxford University, Director of OII	<b>21. Athena Seng</b> , Macao Association for Internet Research
<b>10. Sergio Godoy Etcheverry</b> , Professor Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	<b>22. Glykeria Stamatopoulou</b> , Researcher EKKE
<b>11. Noemi Festic</b> , Research and Teaching Associate UZH	<b>23. Charalambos Tsekeris</b> , Research Director EKKE
<b>12. Tongyi Huang</b> , Professor, National Chengchi University	<b>24. Stefanos Vitoratos</b> , Partner Digital Law Expert, Homo Digitalis

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