

Photography and Artificial Intelligence (AI): Conference programme

RPS, Bristol, 9 and 10 October 2023

Monday, 9 October 2023				
0900 - 1000	Registration. Tea and coffee			
1000 – 1005	Introduction and housekeeping. Dr Michael Pritchard	Live		
1010 – 1020	Welcome Simon Hill HonFRPS, RPS President and Chair of Trustees	Live		
Panel 1: Introductory				
1025 – 1050	Keynote 1: <i>The Photographic Program of AI</i> Katrina Sluis, Associate Professor, Australian National University	Zoom		
1055 – 1115	The Role of Photography in Describing Reality Dr Harry Hall MA, FRPS, photographer and ethnographer, UK	Live		
1120 – 1140	Educating Photographers in the Age of Prompting Professor Daniel Palmer, School of Art, RMIT University, Australia	Zoom		
1145 – 1205	Ontological Difference Between a Photograph and an Al-developed Image Subhankar Poddar, PhD Research Scholar, University of North Bengal, India	Live		
1210 – 1230	Frontiers of artificial intelligence and imaging Andy Farnum, photographer, and account director, Indigo Slate, Seattle, USA	tbc		
1234 – 1300	Panel 1 speakers' discussion and Q+A	Live		
1300 – 1400	Lunch			
Panel 2: History, Theory, Application				
1400 – 1425	Keynote 2: <i>title tbc</i> Matt Hervey, Partner, Head of Artificial Intelligence Law, Gowling WLG (UK) LLP, London, UK	Live		



1430 – 1450	Al and the complexity of Black photographic representation and critical analysis Professor Shawn Sobers and Yuko Edwards, University of West of England, Bristol, UK	Live		
1455 – 1515	Embracing tradition and innovation: How can Al support analogue photographic processes? Steven Munday ARPS, photographer, UK	Live		
1515 – 1545	45 Break			
1545 – 1605	Fenton fakery and AI - Carrying cannonballs in Crimea Andrew Robinson, Senior Lecturer in Photography and artist, Sheffield Hallam University, UK	Live		
1610 – 1630	Restoring Memory via Generative AI Alejandro Loureiro Lorenzo, Professor of Photography at Queens College, City University of New York, USA	Live		
1635 – 1655	Authentic Narratives: Echoes of the FSA in AI Phil Hill, photographic artist, lecturer and researcher, UK	Live		
1700 – 1730	Panel 2 speakers' discussion and Q+A	Live		
1730 – 1900	Networking and drinks in the RPS Gallery			
Tuesday, 10 October 2023				
0900 – 1000	Registration. Tea and coffee			
1000 – 1005	Welcome and housekeeping. Dr Michael Pritchard	Live		
Panel 3: Legal, Rights, Practice				
1010 – 1035	Keynote 3. Copyright infringement issues arising from the training and use of generative AI models Xuyang Zhu, Senior Counsel, Technology, IP & Information group, Taylor Wessing, London, UK	Zoom		
1040 – 1100	Protecting editorial integrity: visual journalism and Al Natasha Hirst, President, National Union of Journalists, London, UK	Live		
1105-1125	Look Me in the Eye!: Towards Full Ownership of Every Al-generated Photograph Dr Paula Gortazar, Lecturer in Photography, University of Westminster, London, UK	Zoom		
1130 – 1150	Break			



1155 – 1215	The compression of visual knowledge: legal controversies in the age of image generation Dr Nicolas Malevé, artist, programmer and data activist, Postdoc research, University of Aarhus University, Denmark	Zoom		
1220 – 1240	New Topographics: Man-Altered Landscapes become Machine-Altered Landscapes Martine Hamilton Knight, Senior lecturer, Nottingham Trent University, UK	Live		
1245 – 1305	Al's impact upon professional photography is a fluid conversation, not a final death sentence Dr Grant Scott, Senior lecturer, Oxford Brookes University, UK	Live		
1310 – 1320	Panel 3 speakers' discussion and Q+A	Live		
1320 – 1400	Lunch			
Panel 4: Creative Practice and Al				
1400 – 1425	Keynote 4: <i>I've been scraped!</i> Nick Dunmur and Tim Flach, Association of Photographers, London, UK	Live		
1430 – 1450	Unthinking Photography: Mapping the emergence of artificial intelligence in creative image practices Sam Mercer and Arieh Frosh, Producers, The Photographers' Gallery digital programme, London, UK	Live		
1550 – 1515	Break			
1515 – 1535	Al and Photography: Delegation and Centaur Tasks Sukhy Hullait, storyteller and photographer, London, UK	Live		
1540 – 1600	Making Art with Photographs and Ai in the Age of Dall-e (or why photographs, as data sets authored by artists, still deeply matter) Caroline Sinders, artist and researcher, London, UK, and New Orleans, USA	Live		
1605 – 1630	Panel 3 speakers' discussion and Q+A	Live		
1635 – 1645	Wrap up and close. Dr Michael Pritchard	Live		

Please note that the programme may be subject to minor changes.

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