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In Quest of Eudaemonia in the Age of AI: Perspectives from Theological Bioethics, Science and Medicine

On Sunday, November 16, 2025, Hellenic Link-Midwest will present Professor Constantine Psimopoulos of Harvard University in a lecture titled "In Quest of Eudaemonia in the Age of AI: Perspectives from Theological Bioethics, Science and Medicine". The event will take place at 3 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 10249 West Irving Park Road at Schiller Park, Illinois (southeast corner of Irving Park Road and Mannheim Road). Admission is free. This lecture is supported by the Hellenic Foundation.

Professor Psimopoulos will address the question: what kind of humans do we want to be with AI? Should conversations in and around bioethics be focusing more on human flourishing or 'Eudaemonia' 'ευδαιμονία' and if so, why? How do we define each of these terms or fields of inquiry? When we talk about the use of AI in Medicine, is this always something beneficent or ought it be rather worrisome? In bioethics, as well as in all medicine, one of the principles is that of nonmaleficence, or "first do no harm." How can this be upheld and promoted to future doctors, scientists and clinicians, chaplains in health, healthcare and those in pastoral care, with the advancement of AI, and some of the associated biases that are embedded in its algorithms and Large Language Models? Can we address—and should anyone be concerned about—issues of justice, matters of theology, and eudaemonia when it comes to AI, that are not only important for (us) doctors and scientists but also for theologians and those who see Logos with capital 'L' as that Word of God? Character, Virtue, and Phronesis ought to be embedded as aims in our dialogos with AI, considering that those are quintessential and relevant to our humanity and the community at large. This lecture is going to address all of the above and invite further debate welcoming everyone who is curious and wish to learn more, as AI is not only affecting but transforming how we lead our lives, and so it ought to concern everyone.

Constantine or 'Kosti'_Psimopoulos is a Kinesiologist by training and a bioethicist. He is a visiting scholar in Medicine and co-Director of the Program on Medicine and Religion at the University of Chicago (2025-2026), he is on the faculty at Harvard's Initiative on Health, Spirituality and Religion, and Senior Program Administrator at the Human Flourishing program. Elected President of Harvard Medical School's Student Council, he gave the valedictorian address at his graduation entitled: "In pursuit of A Moral Awakening in Medicine & Healthcare: An ethics of Sympraxis." Constantine's new bioethics book is the translation into Greek of: "A Prophet to the Peoples: Paul Farmer's Witness and Theological Ethics."

He holds degrees from Aristotle University, Springfield College, The Ohio State University, Harvard Medical School, and Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago. Author of three book chapters, peer-reviewed publications, presentations at National, International and World conferences, including Public Orthodoxy, and the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). His interests in bioethics lie on theological bioethics and AI, and public health ethics. He is the recipient of: National Award by SHAPE America, HMS Dean's Scholarship, International Emerging Scholar Award, Teaching Excellence Award in Bioethics at Johns Hopkins, and perfect score in Harvard Medical School teaching. Prof. Psimopoulos was nominated for the *International Expanded Reason Award, from the Vatican Foundation*. His work, mentorship and advocacy for students was recognized by Harvard Medicine magazine and Harvard Medical School Pulse journal.