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2026 ASEF Lecture Series: *Artificial Intelligence, Education and Human Agency*

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will be convening a new lecture titled “Artificial Intelligence, Education and Human Agency: A Critical Studies Perspective,” by leading expert on the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on education and society, Prof Wayne Holmes, Professor of Critical AIED Studies, University College London. Prof Holmes is also UNESCO Chair in Ethics of AI and Education at the International Research Centre on AI (IRCAI). The lecture will take place in Singapore, at ASEF premises, on Friday, 15 May 2026, from 15:00 to 17:00. Following his lecture, there will be a Q&A to allow for exchanges between Prof Holmes and the audience.

As AI continues to impact educational systems and practices worldwide, Prof Holmes’ “Critical Studies Perspective” moves beyond technological optimism to explore deeper questions about how intelligence is defined, how learning is transformed and how human agency can be sustained in an AI-impacted world. The lecture aims to:

- Deepen understanding of how AI reshapes concepts of intelligence and learning
- Reinforce the importance of human-centred approaches in education
- Encourage reflection on the role of educators in navigating technological change

It will be an opportunity for educators, researchers, policymakers and practitioners to engage in thought-provoking exchanges, grounded in real-world insights. The lecture will spur reflection on dominant narratives around AI in education, challenge assumptions and consider implications for teaching, learning and professional judgement.

ASEF welcomes the participation of those who are interested in exploring the future of education in the age of AI. ASEF Deputy Executive Director Mr ZHANG Lei will deliver the welcome and closing remarks.

The ASEF Lecture Series aims to facilitate informed Asia-Europe dialogue and underscores the importance of strengthened cooperation and coordinated responses to address shared challenges.

ASEF welcomes the attendance of journalists and media representatives who are interested in the topic and reporting about the lecture. Please contact com@asef.org to confirm your attendance.

About the Asia-Europe Foundation

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