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## ***Who is speaking? Artificial Intelligence in Art and Culture: from AI-generated voices to data-driven cultural heritage.***

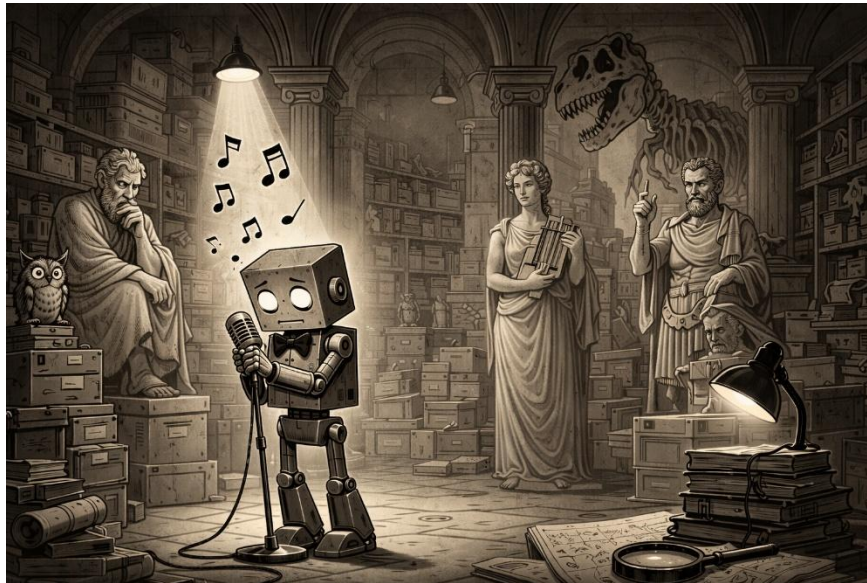


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**What?** An academic conference (13.15-16.30) and evening with live performances with AI + Voice & Music & Audio-Visuals (18.30-21.00)

**When?** Wednesday 15 April 2026, 13.15-21.00

**Where?** Humanistiska Teater, Uppsala University

**Entry?** Free, but registration is required.

Please register here: <https://doit.medfarm.uu.se/bin/kurt3/kurt/8902080>

**Why?** Celebrating the start of two research projects:

**VR Research Environment VOICE. AI-generated voices. Legal and societal perspectives:** [https://www.uu.se/en/research/research-projects/project?query=2024-01832\\_VR](https://www.uu.se/en/research/research-projects/project?query=2024-01832_VR) and <https://www.uu.se/en/department/law/research/research-projects/voice---ai-generated-voices-legal-and-societal-perspectives> (Leader: dr. Katja de Vries, Senior Lecturer in Public Law, Department of Law, Uppsala University)

**WASP-HS Research Cluster AI Futures of Culture and Memory:** <https://futuresai.net/about/> (Leader: prof. Anna Foka, Digital Humanities, Department of ALM, Uppsala University)

## Program:

13.15–13.30: Welcome by **Katja de Vries & Anna Foka**

13.30 -14.15: **Session 1. AI & Literature.**

Short presentations:

- **Sarah Hedman-Dybeck** (PhD Candidate in Literature, UU) & **Karl Berglund** (Assistant Professor in Literature, UU), on attitudes towards AI-narrated audiobooks
- **Tuuli Hongisto** (PhD in Literature, University of Helsinki), on AI-generated literature

Mini Panel:

- **Hongisto, Hedman-Dybeck** and a publisher working with AI (TBA), moderated by **Berglund**

14.15–14.35: *break – fika*

14.35–15.20: **Session 2. AI as a tool in artistic voice and music practices.**

A panel discussion moderated by **André Holzapfel** (Associate professor in Media Technology, KTH):

- **Courtney Reed** (Lecturer in Digital Technologies, Loughborough University London & artist/vocalist)
- **Kıvanç Tatar** (Associate Professor in Data Science and AI, Chalmers University & musician/new media artist)
- **Bob Sturm** (Associate Professor in Computer Science, KTH).
- **Other artists** from the evening event (TBA).

15.20–15.40: *break – fika* .

15.40 -16.25: **Session 3. Data management, organisation and curation including generative/synthetic approaches.**

A panel discussion moderated by **Anna Foka** (professor in Digital Humanities, UU). Panelists:

- **Frieda Schmidt** (Technische Universität Darmstadt, cultural historian, data analyst and postdoc researcher), on post-colonial heritage data,
- **Karolina Hedström & Ulrika Schreil** (Stockholms Läns Museum – a digital museum without physical spaces), on paradata and data curation,
- **Isto Huvila** (professor in Information Studies, UU), on synthetic data
- **Matts Lindström** (media historian focusing on the cultural history of information and Deputy Director the Centre for Digital Humanities and Social Sciences, UU), on historical medical data and generative AI,
- **Per Israelsson** (Linnaeus University, Department of Media and Journalism), on synthetic data.

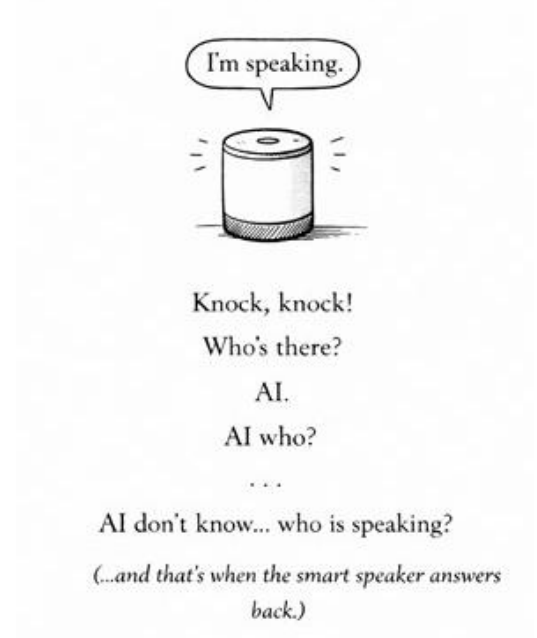
16.25 - 16.30 Closing day program by **Katja de Vries & Anna Foka**

16.30-18.30 *Reception & fingerfood*

18.30 -21 **Evening program of live performances with AI +  
Voice & Music & Audio-Visuals.**

Artists include:

- **Konvolv** (Liisi Soroush, Camilo Sanchez): <https://konvolv.com/>
- **Tuomos Laitinen**: <http://www.tuomasalaitinen.com/>
- **Courtney Reed**: <https://www.courtneyreed.com/>
- **Kıvanç Tatar**: <https://kivanctatar.com/>



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Hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April!

Kind regards,

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