

## **General Terms and Conditions – Participation to the ESSE 2024 Conference**

The present general terms and conditions define the conditions for registration and participation in the ESSE 2024 conference at the University of Lausanne (the “UNIL”).

By registering to the ESSE 2024 Conference (the “**Conference**”), the participant (the “**Participant**”) acknowledges that she/he is of legal age to enter into an agreement and that she/he has read, understood, and unconditionally agreed to the following General Terms and Conditions.

The Participant is responsible to comply with these General Terms and Conditions during the Conference. Should UNIL believe that the Participant acts in violation of these General Terms and Conditions, UNIL can immediately suspend or cancel the Participant’s right to attend the Conference. Any other available legal remedies are reserved.

**1/ Registration:** The Participant understands that the registration will close on 30 June 2024. Presenters of single-author papers/posters who have not registered by 30 June 2024 will be removed from the Conference programme. A Participant may switch from online to in-person participation until 30 June 2024. In such a case, she/he will have to pay the difference between the two rates. A Participant may switch from in-person to online participation until 30 June 2024. In such a case, she/he will receive the difference between the two conference registration rates minus CHF 20.- to cover credit card reimbursement fees. For the cancellation of social activities and accommodation, paragraphs 2 and 3 apply.

**2/ Cancellation of registration for the Conference and social activities scheduled in relation to the Conference:** Any registration for the Conference and/or social activities cancelled until 30 June 2024 is eligible for a 50% refund of the registration fees paid for the Conference and a full refund of the fees paid for social activities. Any registration for the Conference and/or social activities cancelled after 30 June 2024 is neither eligible for a refund of the registration fees paid for the Conference nor for the fees paid for social activities.

**3/Cancellation of accommodation reservation:** Participants understand that the cancellation of an accommodation reservation is free up to 72 hours prior to check-in. If the cancellation of the accommodation is made less than 72 hours prior to check-in or if a Participant does not show up, 100% of the full booking cost will remain due and no refund will be considered.

**4/ Conduct during the Conference:** Each Participant shall refrain from discriminatory conduct and disruptive behavior during the Conference, including behaviors which may endanger the health or safety of other Participants or would be detrimental to the rights or other interests of UNIL. Audio or video reproductions of the Conference are not allowed without prior written authorization of UNIL. A Participant must comply with any instructions issued by UNIL in the context of the Conference.

**5/ Conference's programme:** UNIL reserves its right to modify the Conference's programme and accordingly such a modification neither entitle a Participant to request a registration fees' reduction nor a reimbursement of such fees.

**6/ Insurance:** UNIL shall not be liable for any damage suffered by any Participant during the Conference. A Participant is responsible to have adequate insurance cover, notably, but not limited to, accident insurance and third-party liability insurance. UNIL declines all responsibility in the event of an accident.

**7/ Limitation of liability:** The Participant recognizes and acknowledges that UNIL's liability for any claim of a Participant linked to an act of wrongdoing or an omission of UNIL in the context of the Conference is limited to the registration fees paid by the Participant for the Conference, to the extent legally permitted. UNIL does not accept liability for any consequential damages and undertakes no liability for acts or omissions of third parties. Any other liability of UNIL is excluded to all extent possible under the applicable law, e.g. liability for theft, misappropriation or deterioration of personnel effects and, in general, of any object under the responsibility of the Participant occurring during the Conference, liability in the event of technical failure of the equipment or for any other reason for which it cannot be held responsible, or liability in the event services linked to the Conference do not meet the expectations of a Participant.

**8/ Cancellation of the Conference or/and social activities:** UNIL may, in its own discretion, cancel the Conference in the event of force majeure or other valid reasons, which impact the regular organization of the Conference. In such cases, UNIL only undertakes to refund the registration fees already paid by the Participants. All other claims by the Participants (e.g. claims for damages in the event of cancellation of the Conference) are expressly excluded. UNIL may, in its own discretion, cancel the organization of any social activities scheduled in relation to the Conference, notably if not enough Participants have signed up.

**9/ Data protection:** UNIL acts as data controller in relation to Participants' personal data collected and processed linked to the registration, respectively during Participants' attendance to the Conference. By registering to the Conference, the Participant acknowledges that she/he might be photographed during her/his participation to the Conference and that the pictures might be published on the UNIL website, social media and advertising materials.

**10 Severability:** The unenforceability or invalidity of any provision, or part of any provision, of these General Terms and Conditions shall not affect the enforceability or validity of the rest of these General Terms and Conditions.

**11/ Amendments of the General Terms and Conditions:** UNIL reserves the right to change these General Terms and Conditions at its discretion. Any material change will be communicated to the Participant via email or by any other means deemed appropriate by UNIL.

**12/ Applicable law and jurisdiction:** These General Terms and Conditions shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with Swiss law, at the exclusion of conflict of law rules. Any dispute arising out of, or in connection to these General Terms and Conditions shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Lausanne, on 1 March 2024