

**Pozdrav Toma Stopparda
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm taking a special delight in the fact that the winner of the Stoppard prize this year is a working journalist. Some of you may know that I began my working life as a young reporter on a daily paper in Bristol. I always felt proud to be a journalist. I worked as a reporter for six years before I managed to write a play and I have maintained my interest and respect for newspapers and magazines to this day. So I am embracing Stanislav Sulc with a certain fellow-feeling. His special interest in AI and the digital world has never been more timely. I'm only sorry that this handshake has to be merely metaphysical but perhaps one could say that metaphysics has never mattered more!

All the best

Tom