Meet our speakers

Alessandro Facchini

Prof. Alessandro Facchini earned his Licence in Humanities and Social Sciences from the University of Neuchâtel (2003), a DEA in Logic and Foundations of Mathematics from the University of Barcelona (2006), and a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Bordeaux, jointly supervised with the University of Lausanne (2010). In 2011, he was awarded the Paul Bernays Award, given to a "young researcher for an outstanding contribution in the field of logic and philosophy of science." In 2023, he obtained a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Didactics from SUPSI.

Since 2015, he has been collaborating with SUPSI at the Dalle Molle Institute for Artificial Intelligence Research (IDSIA USI-SUPSI), initially as a PhD Researcher, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer-Researcher in 2021. As of January 1, 2025, Prof. Facchini has taken office as Associate Professor of Epistemology, Logic, and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Co-Head of the Bachelor's Degree Program in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.

Gaetano Biondo

With 18 years of experience spanning Marketing, Communication, Training, Media, and both online and offline Publishing, I have also been involved in implementing generative AI solutions within companies. This work is supported by a team of specialists who have executed campaigns across Ticino, Italy, Switzerland, the broader EMEA region, the UK, USA, and LATAM.

While pursuing an Executive MBA and a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in University Didactics, I dedicated my skills and efforts to SMEs, universities, large corporations, institutions, political parties, non-profit organizations, and individual projects. I have also worked on personal branding for individuals who have since gained or strengthened prominent positions in the public sphere.

Alberto Termine

Alberto Termine is an AI researcher at SUPSI and member of the Dalle Molle Institute for Artificial Intelligence (IDSIA) in Lugano, Switzerland. His research focuses on the links between technical and epistemological/ethical aspects of contemporary AI research, with particular reference to issues such as opacity, explainability, and reliability.

Currently he is involved in many (both academic and industry) projects concerning the development of causally explainable AI models and the application of these models in the biomedical field and in multi-modal transports. On the philosophical side, he is currently interested in a variety of topics, such as the role of theory in the construction and validation of deep learning models, and the epistemological status of AI models as experts and/or epistemic authorities. Since March 2023, he has been also collaborating with the Chair of AI Ethics and Neurotechnology at TUM in a project on the ethics of predictive AI in psychiatry.

Dr. Termine has a strong interest in science dissemination and AI education. He is actively involved in several initiatives aimed at raising public awareness of the potential, limitations and risks of AI technologies.

Silvia Mari

Silvia Mari is Head of Continuing Education at the Department of Innovative Technologies (DTI) of SUPSI, where she leads initiatives on professional upskilling, digital transformation, and learning innovation. With a background in organizational development and higher-education management, she has extensive experience in designing advanced training programs and fostering the responsible adoption of emerging technologies such as Generative AI.

Her work bridges academia and practice, promoting human-centered approaches to digital change and new models of learning for professionals. Silvia collaborates in interdisciplinary projects focused on AI literacy, innovation management, and the future of education in applied sciences.

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in the digital age

Barbara Domaradzka

Managing Director of the EUonAIR project at Kozminski University (Poland), with a background as a Community Building Manager and a strong track record in designing and leading participatory initiatives. An accomplished soft skills trainer, facilitator, and moderator of design thinking, service design, and design sprints, she has over 15 years of experience in project coordination, event production, and curating cultural and educational programs. For the past six years, she has worked as an innovation strategy consultant, supporting companies in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She developed the Sustainable Business Model Canvas and delivers workshops on sustainability, circular economy, and SDGs in acceleration programs.

She also provides seminars on market segmentation, customer development, and internationalization strategy for businesses, while supporting NGOs through consultations on citizen engagement and public participation.

Izabela Grabowska

Prof. Grabowska, Ph.D., D.Sc. is a Full Professor of Social Sciences, sociologist, and economist. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Warsaw, an M.A. in Economics from University College Dublin, and an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Wroclaw. Her professorial proceedings in social sciences were conducted by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IFiS PAN).

She is a recipient of the Foundation for Polish Science Fellowship and has held research fellowships at Humboldt University in Berlin (ERC grant), Utrecht University (visiting professor), and University College London (visiting scholar). She is co-creator and first Principal Investigator of European University Alliance EUonAIR: AI in Curricula, Smart UniverCity and (Return) Mobility www.euonair.eu and mobility assessment dashboard www.mymobility.academy.

In 2021, she joined Kozminski University (ALK) as a member of the Department of Economics, where she founded and now leads the CRASH Center (Center for Research on Social Change and Human Mobility). More about her can be found at: *www.izabelagrabowska.org*

Mariola Ciszewska-Mlinarič

Prof. Mariola Ciszewska-Mlinarič, PhD, is an associate professor of strategic management and international business strategy at Kozminski University, where she serves as Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and ESR, as well as Dean of the College of Management. She teaches at doctoral, EMBA, postgraduate, and graduate levels both in Poland and internationally (France, Austria, Slovenia, and China). She has been recognized with several prestigious awards, including the National Education Commission Medal (2017), the Polish Prime Minister's Award for Scientific Achievements (2021), and the Silver Medal for Long Service from the President of Poland (2023). A graduate of the University of Warsaw (Master's in Management) and Kozminski University (PhD in Management Sciences), Prof. Ciszewska-Mlinarič specializes in strategy theory and practice, internationalization, and strategic consultancy for the enterprise growth and the implementation of a performance management systems. She also focuses on performance management implementation, particularly in the chemical and energy sectors.

She is an active member of several scientific organizations, including the Academy of International Business, the Strategic Management Society, and the European International Business Academy. She has led major research projects funded by the National Science Center—such as studies on psychic distance in internationalization and business model innovation—and has contributed to international grants in collaboration with CEIBS.

Her research explores strategy, internationalization from emerging economies, decision-making, global expansion challenges, and business model innovation. She has published extensively in renowned journals, including International Marketing Review, Journal of Business Research, European Journal of International Management, Business History, and Journal for East European Management.

Monika Sonta

An expert in organizational communication and a sociologist of technology, specializing in organizational culture, internal communication, and creativity in business. Certified facilitator of creative work methods: FORTH Innovation Method (https://www.forth-innovation.com/); LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®, PLAYMOBILpro, certified SCRUM Master, and Design Sprint Master. She has over 17 years of experience collaborating with international companies in HR & Communication.

Assistant professor at Kozminski University, teaching in the Networked and Digital Society Management program (http://nerds.kozminski.edu.pl/). Author of business books and academic articles on creating an innovation culture through communication.In July 2023, she completed a prestigious course on designing educational solutions based on artificial intelligence tools: ASEF Higher Education InnoLab *(https://asef.org/projects/3rd-asef-higher-education-innovation-laboratory-asefinnolab3/).*

Magdalena Gawronska

Magdalena Gawronska is a seasoned HR leader with over 15 years of experience driving strategic initiatives in HR analytics, compensation management, and total rewards systems. Recognized for her ability to blend analytical precision with creative problem-solving, she specializes in leveraging data to design innovative HR solutions that enhance team performance and optimize costs. Her proficiency in tools such as Power BI, Excel, and SAP enables her to deliver advanced reporting, forecasting, and budget analyses that support high-level decision-making.

Throughout her career, Magdalena has successfully led complex international projects across both the public sector and private consulting. She boasts a strong track record in implementing forward-thinking HR strategies, including workforce planning, financial forecasting, and navigating regulatory changes. As a respected expert in the field, she has published articles in industry journals and shared her insights as a speaker at prestigious conferences. Magdalena's commitment to continuous professional development is reflected in certifications such as Certified HR Business Partner and her academic background in Public Administration from Korea University.

Beyond her professional life, she is passionate about martial arts (taekwondo) and exploring unique destinations around the world, including the Seychelles and South Korea—experiences that shape her dynamic approach to leadership and innovation. Magdalena is dedicated to helping organizations unlock the full potential of their people through data-driven decision-making and strategic human capital management.

Rosario Pirrotta

Rosario Pirrotta is a Coordinator within the Continuing Education unit at the Department of Innovative Technologies (DTI) of SUPSI. His work focuses on sustainability, digital transformation, and the integration of AI into higher-education processes and applied research projects.

With a professional background combining engineering, management, and innovation, he contributes to the design of programs and initiatives that connect academic research with professional development. Rosario is also involved in cross-border projects on circular economy, data-driven sustainability, and the use of Generative AI to enhance efficiency and collaboration in academic and organizational contexts.

Konrad Sowa

Konrad is a Product Owner for the MyAI University platform and a Human-AI Collaboration Researcher at Kozminski University's HumanRace Research Center. He's an author of scientific and popular science publications on AI, generative AI, and human-AI collaboration. With practical experience from years in venture capital and startup accelerators, he also lectures and conducts training on startups, innovation, and generative AI.

Richard-Emmanuel Eastes

After an academic career in several chemistry laboratories (supramolecular chemistry, atmospheric chemistry, organometallic chemistry and electrochemistry), Richard-Emmanuel Eastes turned to educational sciences, cognitive sciences and philosophy. A career path that has led him to collaborate with 5 Nobel Prize winners. During his career as a teacher and researcher at the Ecole normale supérieure (Paris), he founded and chaired several associations dedicated to science-society relations and innovation in science communication, before directing an arts and sciences museum (Paris).

Responsible for academic and professional development at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland (HES-SO), he is a member of its Task Force on AI in education and training, and is in charge of developing the HES-SO's institutional policy on social responsibility in the field of artificial intelligence. He is also an associate researcher at the STS Lab at the Lausanne University, where he explores the relationships between nature, science, technology and society.

In 2015, he founded the Segallis company (cognitive engineering, science communication & business integration of research). In this context, he advises multinationals and start-ups in the fields of sciencesociety relationships on the one hand, and in the applications and challenges of digital technology and artificial intelligence on the other. He has published several books, including Les scientifiques jouent-ils aux dés ? - Vers une agriculture choisie - Comment je suis devenu chimiste - La science en culture : le détour par l'art - Philosophie de la chimie.