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**International
Scientific Colloquium**

**The Future
of Catholic Universities
in the AI Age**

13-14 July 2023

**Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Largo A. Gemelli 1 - Milan**

13 July 2023

9:00 **Welcome coffee**

9:30 **Welcome**

Prof. Franco Anelli | *Rector, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*

9:40 **Keynote Lecture**

Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça | *Prefect, Dicastery for Culture and Education*

10:15 **Introduction**

Prof. Zlatko Skrbis | *President, SACRU*

10:45 **Plenary Session**

The Future of Catholic Universities in the AI Age

Chair: Antonella Sciarrone Alibrandi | *Undersecretary, Dicastery for Culture and Education*

Rapporteur: Marco Carlo Passarotti | *Full Professor of Computational Linguistics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*

Keynote speakers

A Review of the Last 40 Years in Computer-Aided Changes in Society and Education

Marcelo Gattass | *Vice President for Innovation and Development, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro*

AI and Catholic Universities: Striving for Formation and for the Common Good

Andrea Vicini, S.J. | *Chairperson of the Theology Department, Boston College*

The AI Revolution: Present and Near Future

Alvaro Soto | *Associate Professor of Computer Science, Pontifícia Universidad Católica de Chile*

Generative AI, Character Formation, and the Aims of the University

William Hasselberger | *Associate Professor in the Institute for Political Studies, Universidade Católica Portuguesa*

Artificial Intelligence: Understanding for Apprehending

Xavier Vilasis | *Full Professor of Engineering, Universitat Ramon Llull*

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 **Parallel Session I: AI, Education & Research**

Chair: Giovanni Marseguerra | *Full Professor of Political Economy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*

Rapporteur: Mikki Schindler | *Social psychologist, Universitat Ramon Llull*

Parallel Session II: AI, Universities within Society

Chair: Marília dos Santos Lopes | *Associate Professor of Human Sciences, Universidade Católica Portuguesa*

Rapporteur: Federico Manzi | *Researcher in Educational Psychology, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*

16:30 **Report and discussion**

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The Potential of Virtual Reality in Education and Learning: Opportunities and Challenges

Andrea Gaggioli | *Full Professor of Psychology, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*

Explainable AI: Opportunities and Challenges

Samuel Baron | *Associate Professor of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University*

Teaching AI the Art of Making Moral Decisions

Tad Gonsalves | *Full Professor of Informatics, Sophia University*

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Outcomes of the discussion and position paper

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15:45 **Closing remarks**

Prof. Zlatko Skrbis | *President, SACRU*

Prof. Pier Sandro Cocconcelli | *Secretary-General, SACRU*



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