



**SACRU**

STRATEGIC ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

**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

---

## Room Cripta Aula Magna

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, Pontificia 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** (Restaurant.9 - Via Lodovico Necchi 9)

14:30 **Room Meda G.113**

### **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*

**Room Bisleti G.114**

### **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*

**Room Meda G.113**

16:30 **Report and discussion**

# 14 July 2023

---

## Cappella Sacro Cuore

8:15 **Mass**

## Room Cripta Aula Magna

9:30 **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**

### **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*

10:30 Room Meda G.113

### **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*

#### Room Bisleti G.114

### **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*

12:30 **Lunch** (Restaurant.9 - Via Lodovico Necchi 9)

## Room Cripta Aula Magna

14:30 **Plenary Session**

### **Outcomes of the discussion and position paper**

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

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

15:45 **Closing remarks**

Prof. Zlatko Skrbis | *President, SACRU*

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



**All times are CEST**

**Confirm your participation at**  
**[sacru.alliance@unicatt.it](mailto:sacru.alliance@unicatt.it)**

**More info**  
**[www.sacru-alliance.net](http://www.sacru-alliance.net)**