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About the speaker

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About the session

Ethics does not hinder scientific and technological progress; it drives it towards the common good. Al is not exempt from ethical scrutiny, nor is it a mere "tool", nor is its action axiologically neutral. Hence, its challenges cannot not be answered by technicians alone, requiring a broad ethical and social debate. At this level, reflection is not limited to the material (tangible) sphere of AI intervention, such as its impact on the labor market, but it is important to consider the immaterial (intangible) sphere in which AI seems to introduce a qualitative difference, transforming the nature of reality and transforming the nature of the human, socially and individually considered. It is essential that the creator does not lose control over the creation (creature), at the risk of no longer driving the future of the IA and being driven, in the future, by the IA.