



# ETHICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

International PhD Course – Edition 2026

Organised by the **Italian Society for AI Ethics (SlpEIA)**, **AIDA**, **Consulta di Bioetica**  
Online – October to December 2026 – English language

**Over 300 registrations in 2025** – The course returns with an expanded programme and new international speakers.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

This interdisciplinary course offers a comprehensive overview of the main ethical challenges raised by Artificial Intelligence. Open to PhD students at all stages, scholars, and the general public, the 2026 edition builds on the success of its predecessor – which attracted over 300 participants from across the globe – and introduces two new thematic strands: **AI, Ethics and Education** and **AI, Ethics and Creativity**.

The programme addresses foundational questions in ethical theory, the societal impact of AI systems, bias and fairness, generative AI, the relationship between AI and human rights, legal frameworks such as the EU AI Act, as well as the emerging intersections of AI with education and creative practices.

## COURSE FORMAT

**8 sessions** of 2 hours each (16 hours total), delivered online in English. All sessions will be broadcast live and recorded for registered participants. Live attendance is mandatory for those wishing to take the final exam. The course is expected to run from **September to November 2026**. The detailed calendar with dates and connection links will be published on the SlpEIA website.

## SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

The 2026 edition features an expanded faculty of international experts. Confirmed speakers are listed below; additional names will be announced soon.

Speaker	Affiliation	Topic	Duration	Date	Time (CET)
<b>Ioannis Pitas</b>	University of Salonicco	AI and Geopolitics	2h	13 october	2.30 p.m.
<b>Maurizio Mori</b>	Consulta di Bioetica Onlus	Ethics and AI	2h	21 october	2.30 p.m.
<b>Giovanni Sartor, Marco Billi</b>	Università di Bologna	AI, Ethics and Law	2h	29 october	2.30 p.m.
<b>Alfio Ferrara</b>	Università degli Studi di Milano Statale	AI, Ethics and Language	2h	6 november	2.30 p.m.



<b>Colin de la Higuera</b>	University of Nantes	AI and Education	2h	9 november	2.30 p.m.
<b>Sanmay Das</b>	Virginia Tech	AI and Society	2h	17 november	2.30 p.m.
<b>Teresa Numerico</b>	Università Roma Tre	Epistemology, Politics, AI	2h	25 november	2.30 p.m.
<b>Guido Boella</b>	Università di Torino	AI and Society	2h	2 december	2.30 p.m.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is open to all. To enrol, please fill out the online registration form ([link to follow](#)).

Category	Fee
PhD students enrolled outside Italy	Free
PhD students in Italy (attendance certificate only)	Free
PhD students in Italy (credits + certificate)	Free with Sipeia membership
Non-PhD scholars and general public	Free

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## CREDITS AND CERTIFICATION

The course offers 20 hours of online lectures. Participants may earn up to 2 credits (subject to the rules of each PhD programme). A certificate of attendance will be issued to all registered participants who attend the sessions.

## EXAM MODALITY

Participants wishing to take the exam are required to submit an article (approximately 5,000 characters) in English or Italian, addressing the ethical aspects or societal impact of AI in relation to their research experience. The piece should be accessible to a broad audience and written in a clear, engaging style. Outstanding submissions may be featured in the Sipeia Magazine *Intelligenza Artificiale* ([magia.news](#)).

## PREREQUISITES

No prior technical or philosophical knowledge is required. The course is designed to be accessible to participants from all disciplinary backgrounds.

## CONTACT AND INFORMATION

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