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**AI IS LIKE WRITING
ACCORDING TO PLATO: A
REMEDY AND A POISON. IT
OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES BUT
RISKS MAKING US LOSE
ESSENTIAL SKILLS.**

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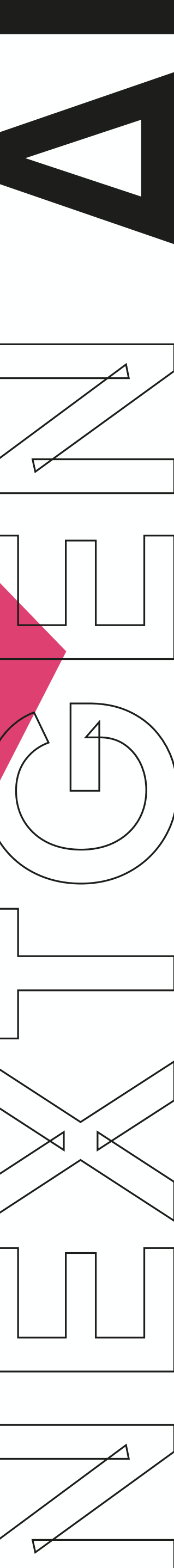


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CONSCIOUSNESS IS A SUBJECTIVE
EXPERIENCE: **IT MEANS FEELING
AND EXPERIENCING SOMETHING.
CAN AI REALLY POSSESS IT?**

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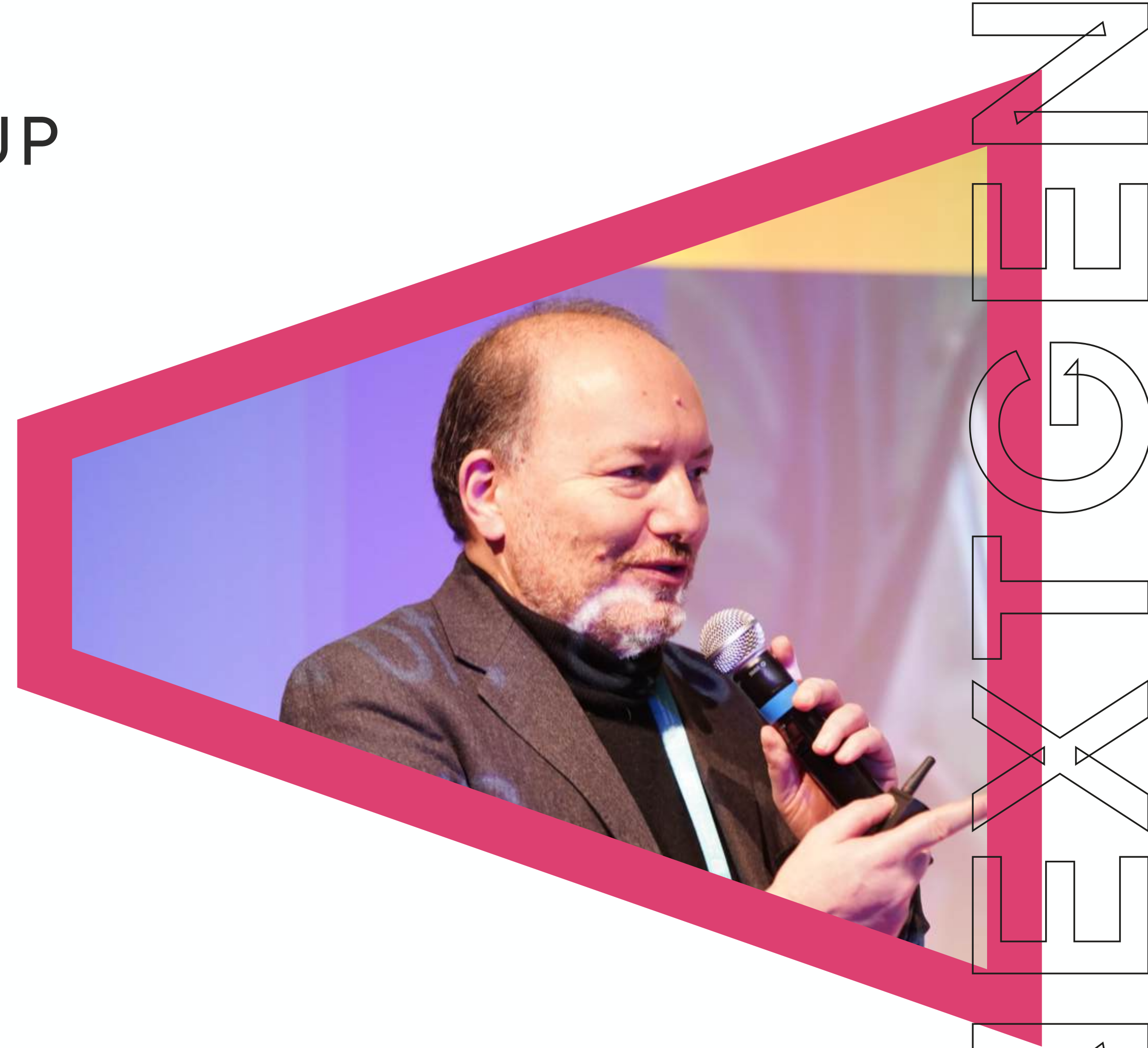


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**AI SUPPORTS COLLABORATIVE
LEARNING**, BUT THE CLASS GROUP
REMAINS FUNDAMENTAL FOR
DEVELOPING SOCIALITY AND
CRITICAL THINKING.

GIUSEPPE RIVA

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of the Sacred Heart in Milan and Director of the Humane Technology Lab*



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AI SHOULD NOT BE USED IN
ISOLATION: **THE CLASSROOM IS A
PLACE OF SOCIALITY AND SHARED
LEARNING**; DIALOGUE AMONG
STUDENTS IS ESSENTIAL.

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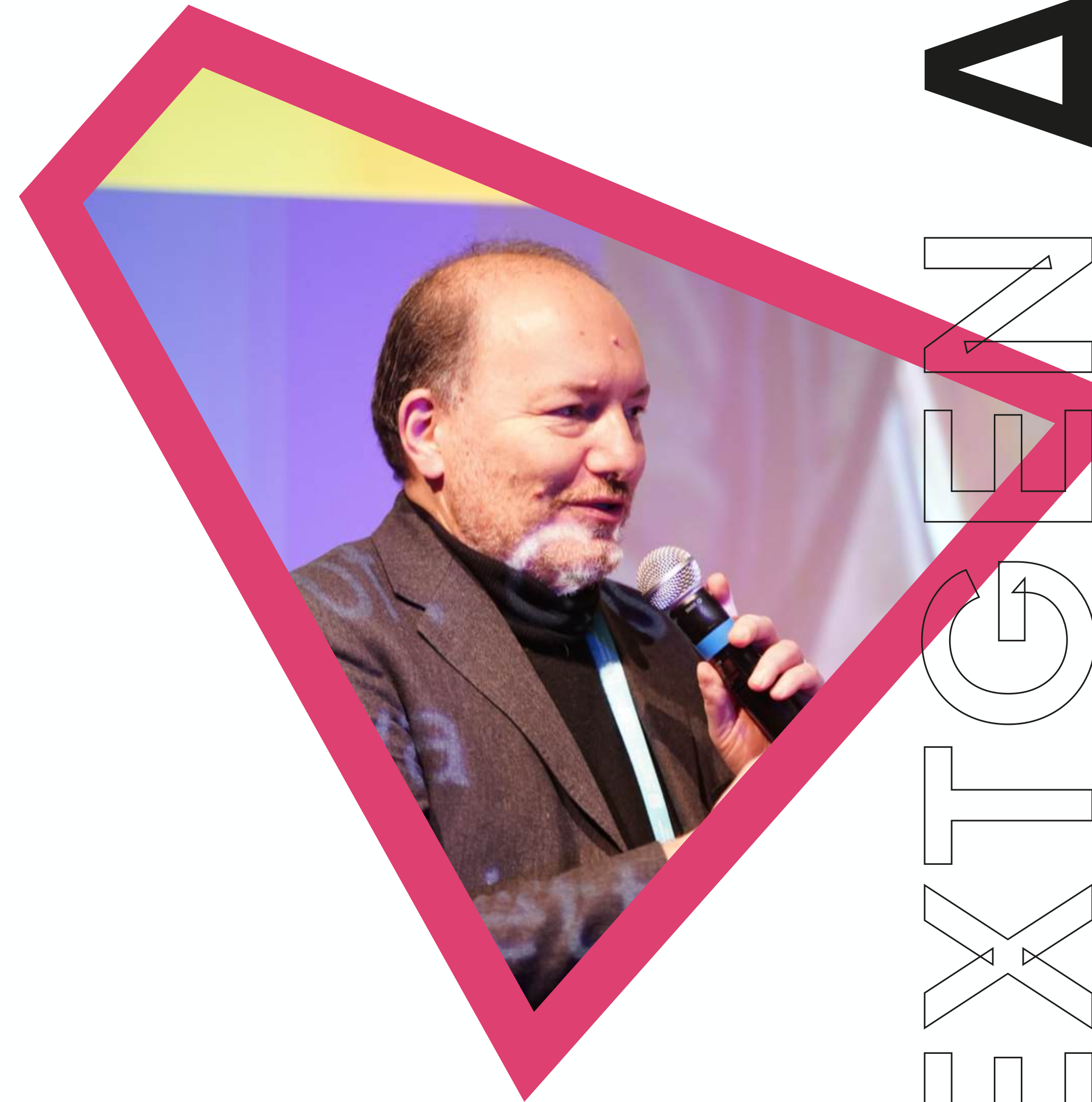


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FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTION IS
CRUCIAL: **IN-PERSON LESSONS
IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING
THANKS TO COGNITIVE
SYNCHRONIZATION BETWEEN
TEACHER AND STUDENTS.**

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THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN WHAT IS
INTELLIGENT AND WHAT CAN BE
REPLICATED BY MACHINES SHIFTS
CONTINUOUSLY.

PAOLA VELARDI

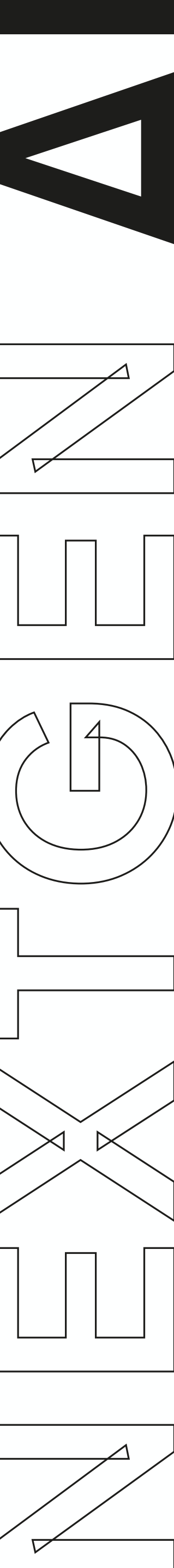
Professor of Computer Science at Sapienza University of Rome



IF MAN IS SO PRONE TO ERROR, WHAT SENSE DOES IT MAKE TO WORRY WHETHER AI MAKES MISTAKES OR NOT – **THE REAL PROBLEM IS NOT WHETHER THE SOURCE OF ERROR IS HUMAN OR ARTIFICIAL, BUT TO FOCUS ON OUR CAPACITY FOR CRITICAL THINKING.**

MANUEL GENTILE

*Scientific coordinator of the AI4T Project for the Institute for
Educational Technologies of the National Research Council (CNR)*



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IF WE DO NOT WORK ON OUR
CAPACITY FOR CRITICAL THINKING,
IT WILL NOT BE ARTIFICIAL
MACHINES THAT LEAD US TO A
DYSTOPIAN REALITY BUT RATHER
ANOTHER TYPE OF 'MACHINE': MAN.

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THERE WILL (AND SHOULD!) BE
MANY AIs ABLE TO TELL A
DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW, IN
ORDER TO **REPRESENT THE
WORLD IN ALL ITS NUANCES.**

BARBARA CAPUTO

*Professor at Politecnico di Torino, Director of the AI@PoliTo Hub
on Artificial Intelligence*



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**EDUCATION MUST PREPARE FOR
CHANGE.** WE MUST TEACH
FLEXIBILITY AND CRITICAL
THINKING TO FACE A
CONSTANTLY EVOLVING JOB
MARKET.

ANTONIO ALOISI

Associate Professor at IE University Law School & Emile Noël

Fellow at New York University School of Law

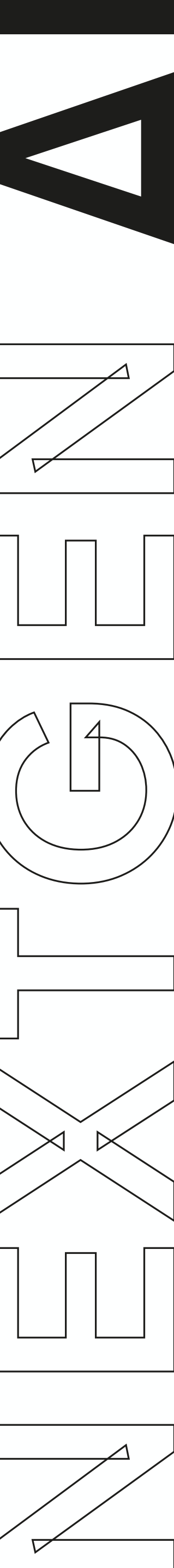


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STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ONLY USE
AI BUT LEARN TO CO-CREATE AND
DEVELOP WITH IT, USING CRITICAL
THINKING AND RESPONSIBILITY.

FENGCHUN MIAO

*Chief of the Unit for Technology and Artificial Intelligence in
Education at UNESCO*



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THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF AI
IS A CRUCIAL CHALLENGE:
**ADVANCED MODELS REQUIRE
ENORMOUS RESOURCES,
RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT
SUSTAINABILITY AND GLOBAL
IMPACT.**

RICCARDO ZECCHINA

*Professor of Theoretical Physics and Computational Scientist at
Bocconi University in Milan*



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AI DOES NOT ELIMINATE BIASES:
ON THE CONTRARY, IT CAN ALSO
CREATE NEW ONES, **INFLUENCING
THE PERCEPTION OF REALITY.**

PIERPAOLO D'ODORICO

Data scientist and startupper under 30



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IT IS NOT ETHICAL TO ENTRUST
DECISION-MAKING
RESPONSIBILITY TO MACHINES:
**THE FINAL WORD MUST REMAIN
WITH HUMANS.**

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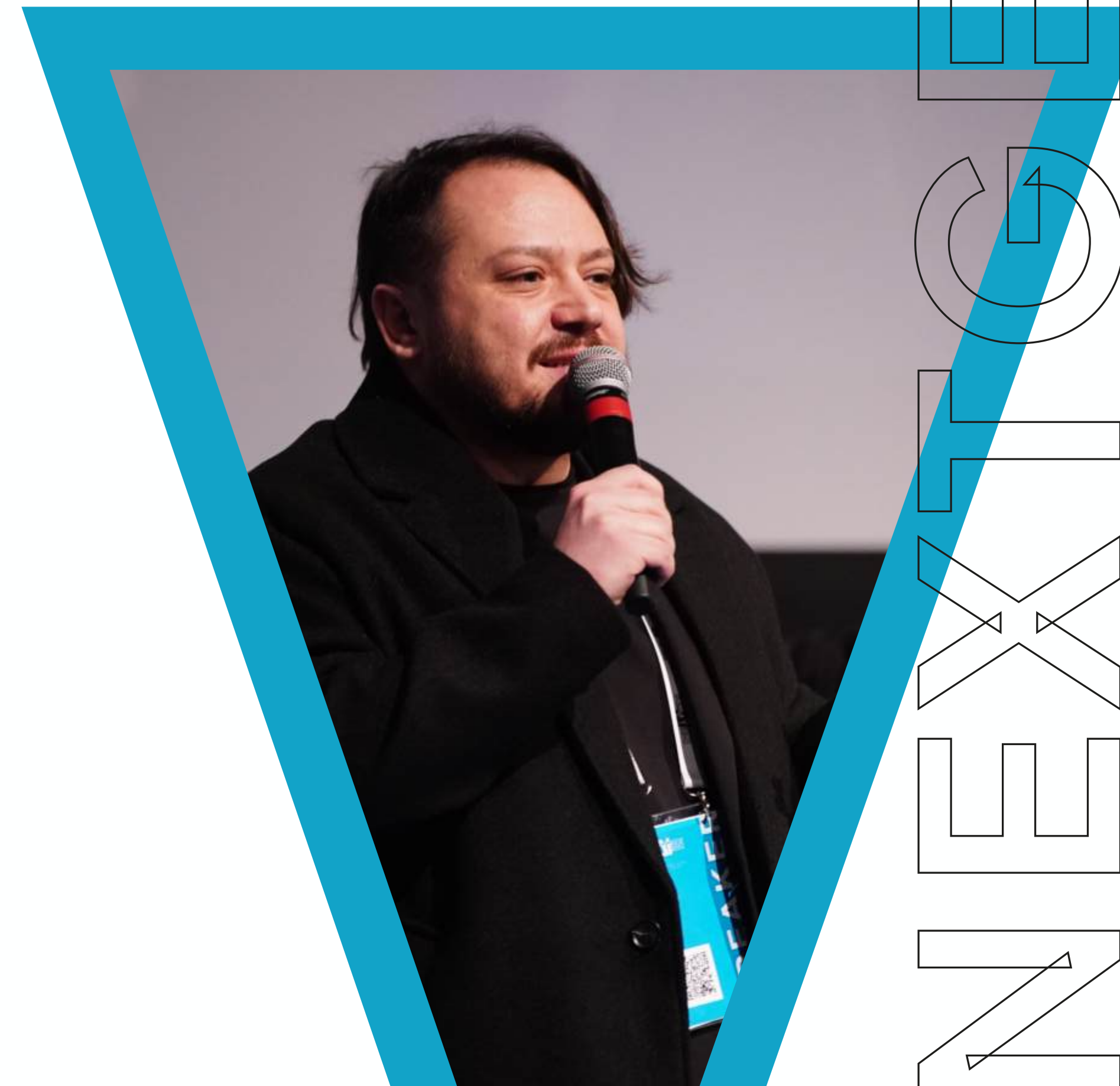


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HUMANOID ROBOTICS IS NOT
ONLY ABOUT TECHNOLOGY, BUT
ALSO ABOUT THE VERY MEANING
OF BEING HUMAN.

NICOLA DI MEO

3D Digital Artist, expert in visual effects supervision and post-production



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SCIENCE AND ART ARE NOT
SEPARATE WORLDS: YESTERDAY
AS TODAY, THEY ARE
COMPLEMENTARY TOOLS OF
HUMAN KNOWLEDGE.

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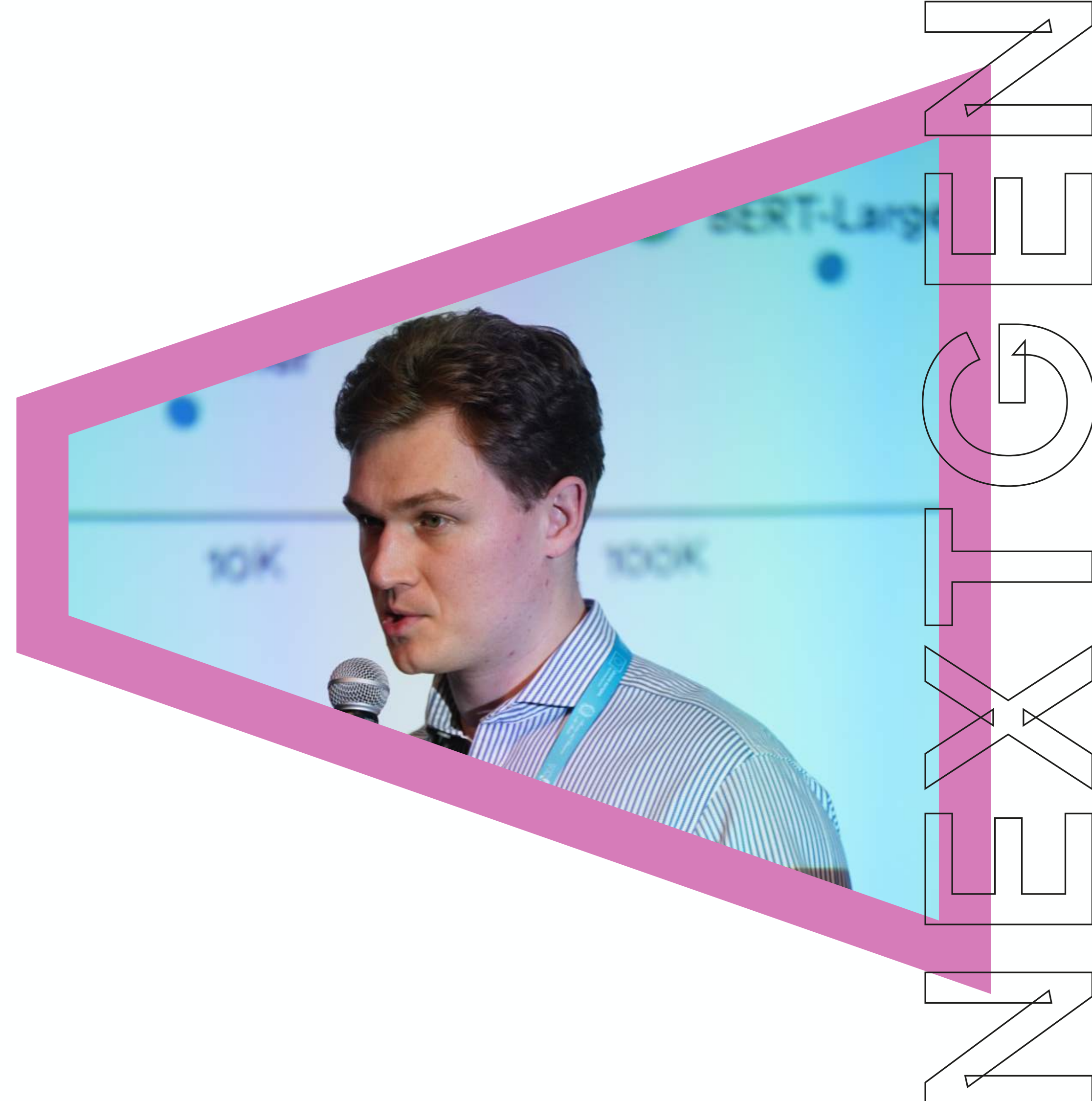


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AI BOOSTS THE SKILLS OF LOW-SKILL WORKERS MORE THAN IT DOES HIGH-SKILL ONES, REDUCING THE GAP.

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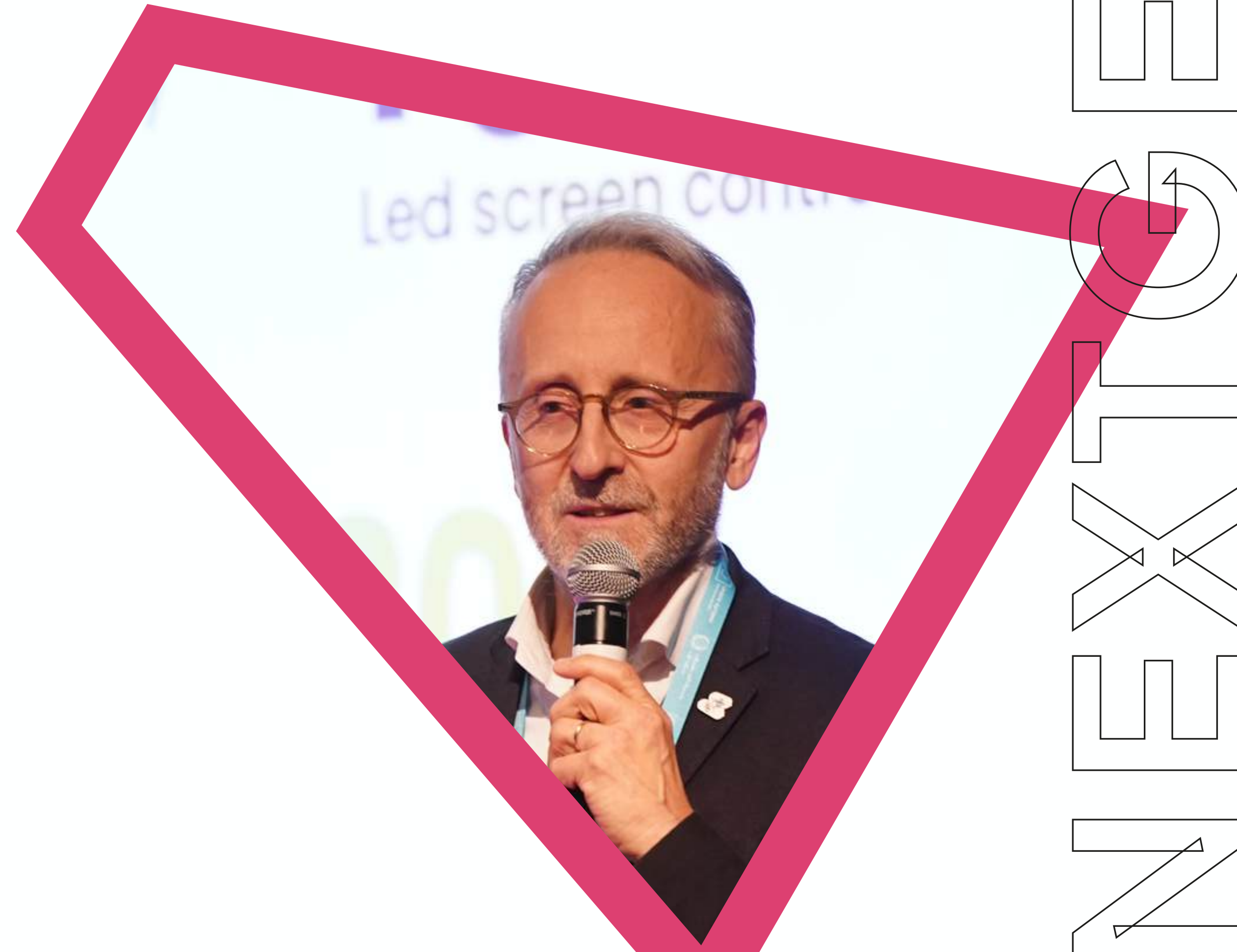


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AI IN SPORT HELPS **IDENTIFY TALENT, OPTIMIZE TRAINING**, AND SUPPORT REFEREES.

MARCO MORETTI

*Games Technology Director (CTO) of the Fondazione Milano
Cortina 2026*



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OBSERVING FOOTBALL THROUGH THE EYES OF MATHEMATICS CHANGES THE PERSPECTIVE.

MIRKO MARCOLINI

*Biomedical engineer, pioneer in developing innovative digital tools
for sports performance analysis*



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**THE MUSIC ECOSYSTEM, LIKE LIFE,
IS MADE OF EMOTIONS, MISTAKES,
AND RELATIONSHIPS. AI MUST NOT
DEPRIVE IT OF MEANING.**

ALEX BRAGA

Musician, conceptual artist, and producer

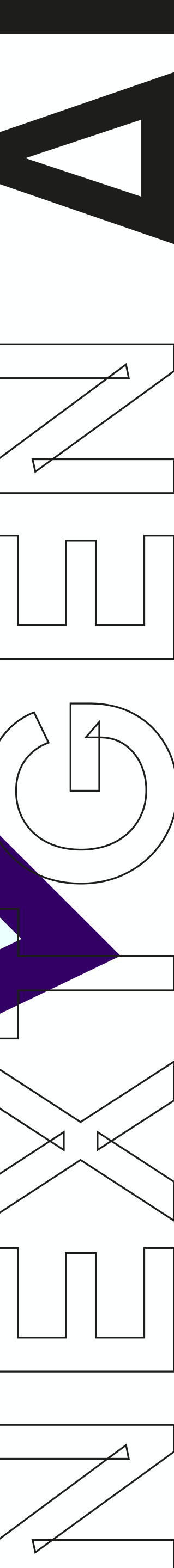


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TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS ARE NOT
NEUTRAL: WHILE WE USE THEM,
THEY TRANSFORM US.

ANNA CATERINA DALMASSO

*Professor of Media Theory and AI at the University of Milan,
Researcher in Aesthetics*



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AI DOES NOT SEE, BUT IT FORCES
US TO REFLECT ON WHAT IT
REALLY MEANS TO SEE.

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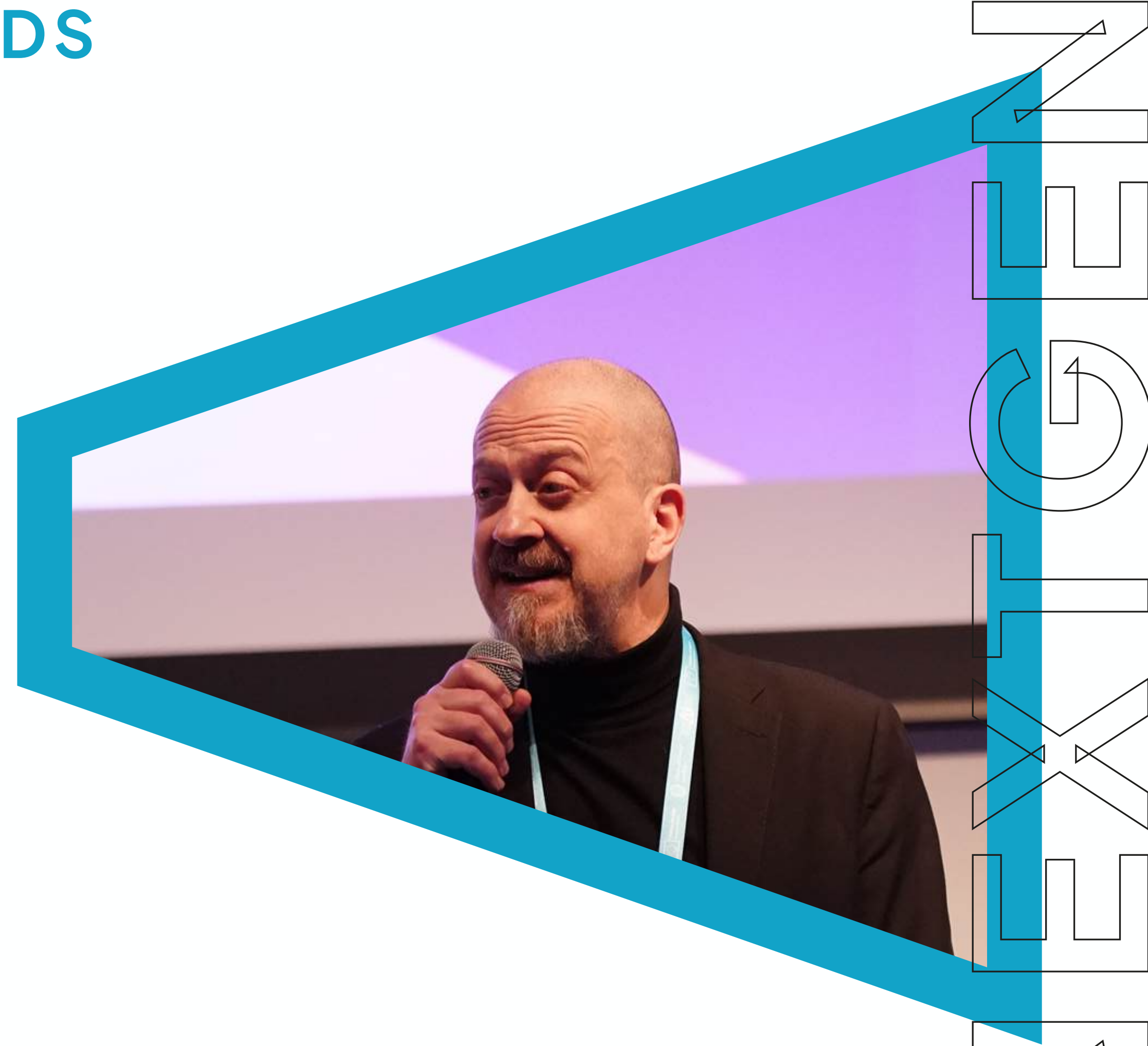


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AI IS LIKE A DIGITAL MAP: **IT SPEEDS
UP THE PATH BUT REDUCES
SPONTANEOUS EXPLORATION.**
BALANCE IS NEEDED BETWEEN
TECHNOLOGY AND CRITICAL
THINKING.

FRANCESCO LAPENTA

*Director of the Institute of Future and Innovation Studies
at John Cabot University of Rome*



IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
ANSWERING, **IT'S ABOUT ASKING
THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.** AI
WORKS THROUGH PROMPTING:
THOSE WHO CAN'T ASK, CAN'T
USE.

COLIN DE LA HIGUERA

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Educational Resources*



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**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
HELPS PERSONALIZE
NUTRITION**, ANALYZING
GENETIC, METABOLIC, AND
MICROBIOTIC DATA TO
OPTIMIZE DIETS.

GEMMA FABOZZI

Biologist specialized in Nutrition, Professor at Sapienza University of Rome



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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL BE
CRUCIAL TO **OPTIMIZE NUTRITION**
AND ADAPT IT TO INDIVIDUAL
NEEDS.

DAVIDE OLDANI

Michelin-starred chef, creator of “Cucina pop”

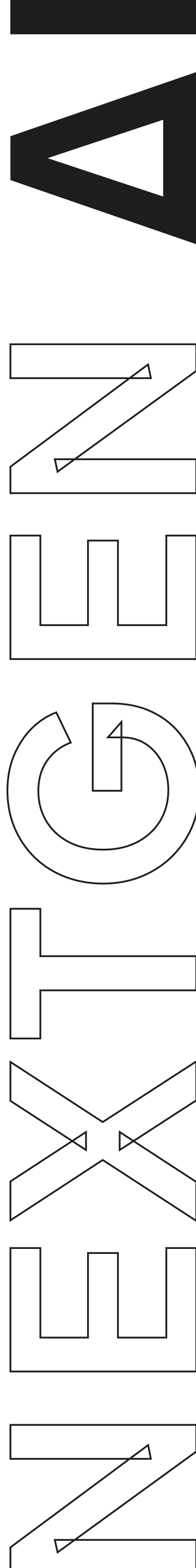


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**ROBOTS AND AI ARE TRANSFORMING
RESTAURANTS AND FARMING:** AI-ASSISTED
CHEFS SUPPORT MICHELIN-STARRED
COOKS, AND SELF-DRIVING TRACTORS
CHANGE AGRICULTURE.

ENEKO AXPE

*Physicist specialized in AI and gastronomy, collaborating with the
Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, and Stanford*



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EVERYONE SHOULD ASK
THEMSELVES: HOW MUCH
CONTROL DO WE REALLY HAVE
OVER WHAT WE SEE ONLINE? **ARE
WE AWARE OF THE INFLUENCE OF
ALGORITHMS?**

ANTONELLA ZARRA

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Commission*



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PROTECTING THE DIGITAL SELF
MEANS HAVING CONTROL OVER
THE INFORMATION ABOUT US AND
DECIDING HOW TO SHARE IT.

LUCA BOLOGNINI

President of the Italian Institute for Privacy and Data Valorization

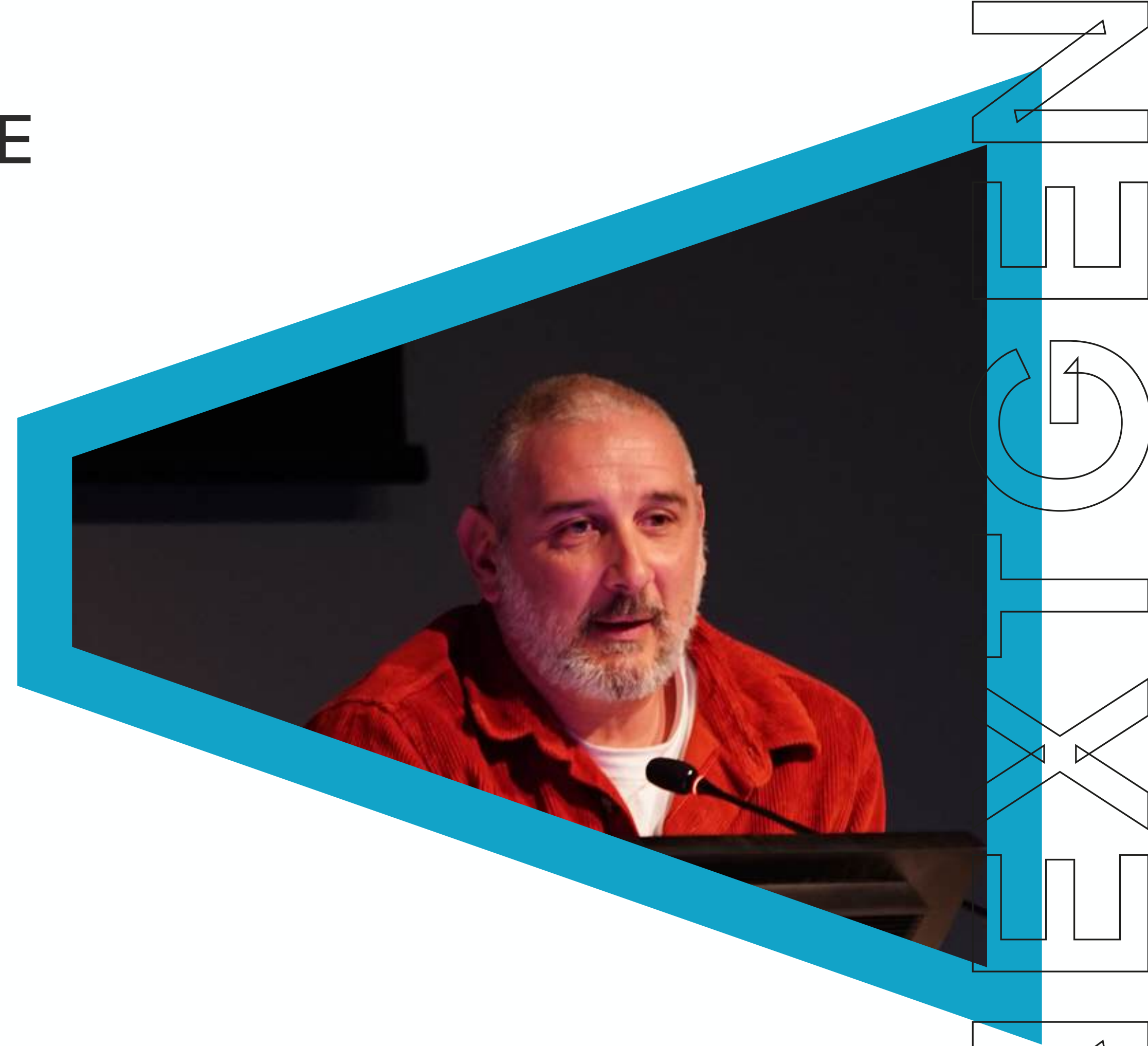


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NATURE HAS AN INFALLIBLE
METHOD TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE
YOUNG: TIME. **IT WILL BE UP TO
YOU TO DECIDE WHETHER THE
FUTURE WILL BE CLOSER TO
TERMINATOR OR TO JARVIS.**

MARCO SAVINI

*Founder of Big Rock Institute of Magic Technologies and expert
in Computer Graphics*

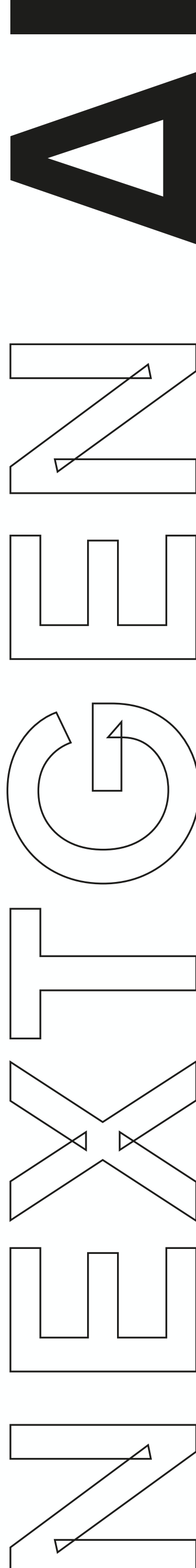


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SOMETIMES WE START TRANSFERRING
KNOWLEDGE BEFORE EXPLAINING **WHY**
IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN IT.

GIULIO DEANGELI

Neuroscience researcher at the University of Cambridge



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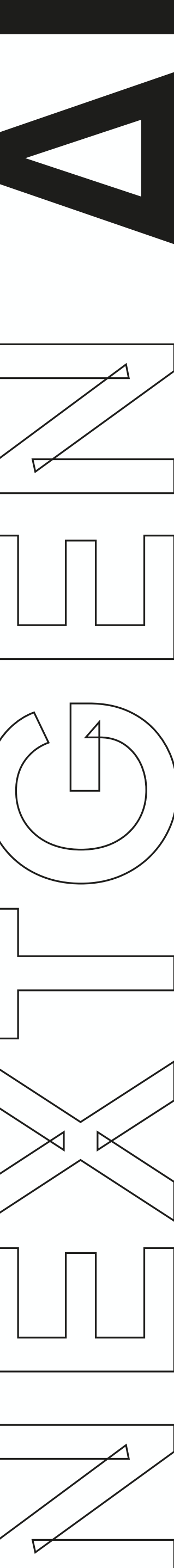
OVER-RELIANCE ON AI CAN DIMINISH
OUR COGNITIVE AND DECISION-
MAKING ABILITIES—BALANCE IS KEY.

AI IS BOTH THE CATALYST AND THE
TOOL FOR DEVELOPING A MORE
ADVANCED HUMAN INTELLIGENCE.

ROSE LUCKIN

Professor of Learner Centred Design at University College London

Knowledge Lab and co-founder of the Institute of Ethical AI in Education



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AI IS NOT ARTIFICIAL: IT DEPENDS
ON DATA, HUMAN LABOR,
ENERGY, AND NATURAL
RESOURCES.

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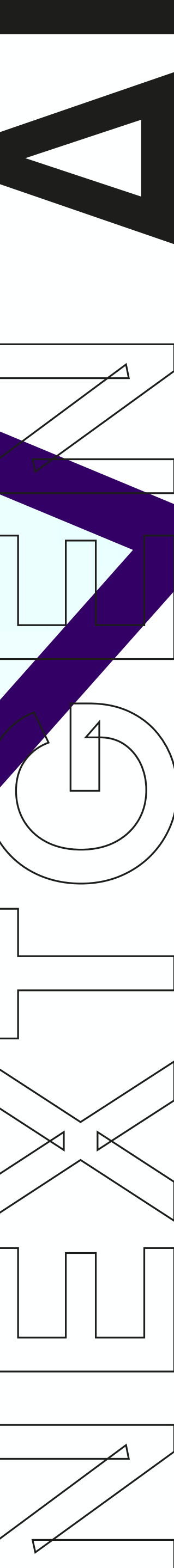


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**WHAT MATTERS IS NOT ONLY
THE AI'S ANSWER, BUT THE
QUALITY OF THE QUESTIONS
WE ASK: INNOVATION IS BORN
FROM THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.**

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AI DOES NOT THINK LIKE US: **IT
OFTEN FINDS SHORTCUTS TO
SOLVE PROBLEMS WITHOUT
REALLY UNDERSTANDING THEM.**

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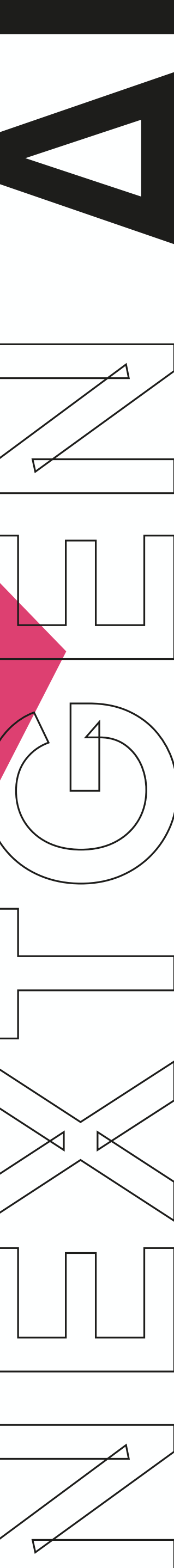
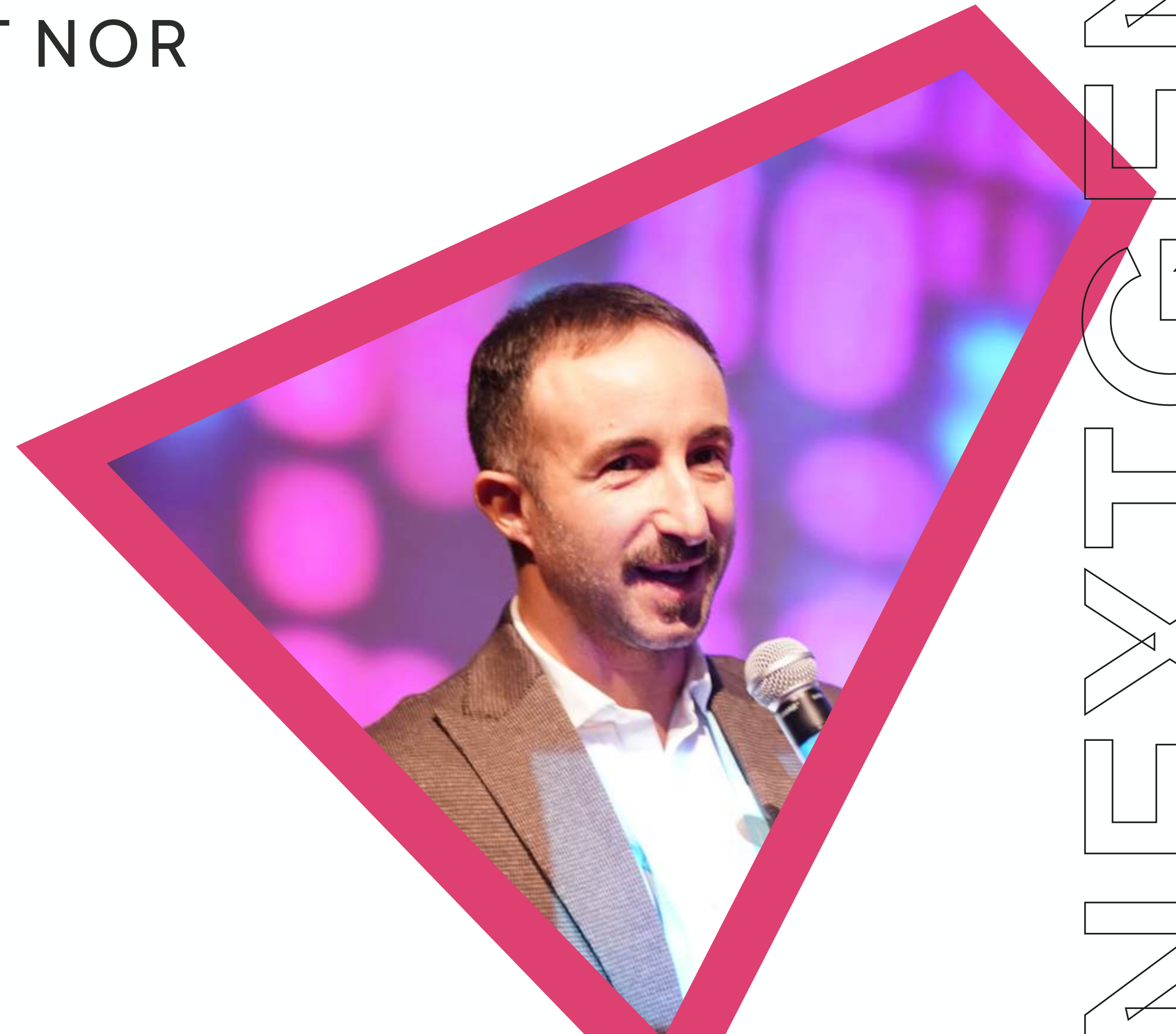


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WE NEED A CONSCIOUS APPROACH
TO AI: WE CANNOT IGNORE IT NOR
ADOPT IT UNCRITICALLY.

FILIPPO LUBRANO

*Management engineer, journalist, and writer specialized in
Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence*



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THE PROGRESS OF AI IS VERY
RAPID: WE RISK TALKING ABOUT
THE FUTURE WHILE IT IS ALREADY
REALITY. **STAYING UPDATED IS
ESSENTIAL FOR SCHOOL AND
EDUCATION.**

ON. PAOLA FRASSINETTI

Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Education and Merit



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STUDYING AI IS NOT ONLY A
TECHNICAL ISSUE, BUT ALSO A
PHILOSOPHICAL AND
EXISTENTIAL ONE. YOUNG
PEOPLE MUST UNDERSTAND ITS
IMPACT TO SHAPE THE FUTURE.

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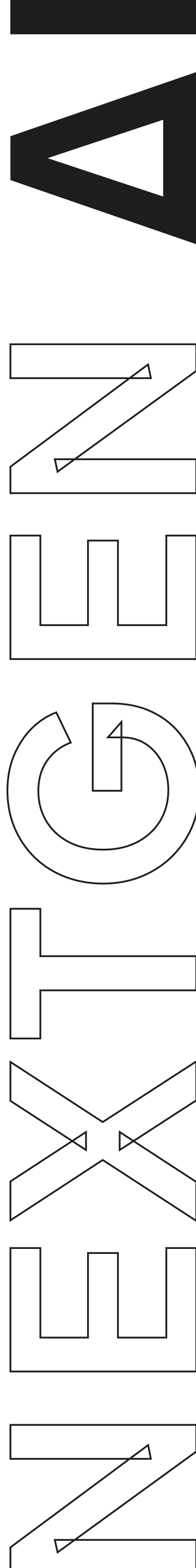


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THE REAL CHALLENGE IS NOT TO
TRANSLATE WITH AI, BUT TO INTERPRET
AND UNDERSTAND THE DEEPER
MEANINGS OF LANGUAGE AND
CULTURE.

TANIA CONVERTINI

*Research Assistant Professor and Language Program Director of
Italian at Dartmouth College*



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PROMPTING IS A SKILL: YOU MUST
CLEARLY INDICATE TO AI THE
CONTEXT, TONE, AND OBJECTIVES
TO OBTAIN USEFUL RESULTS.

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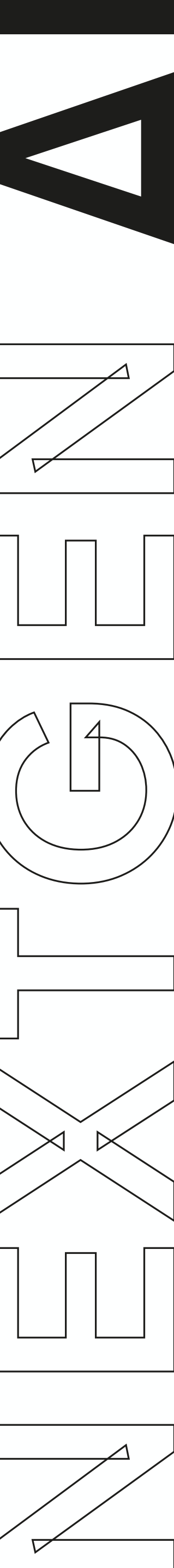


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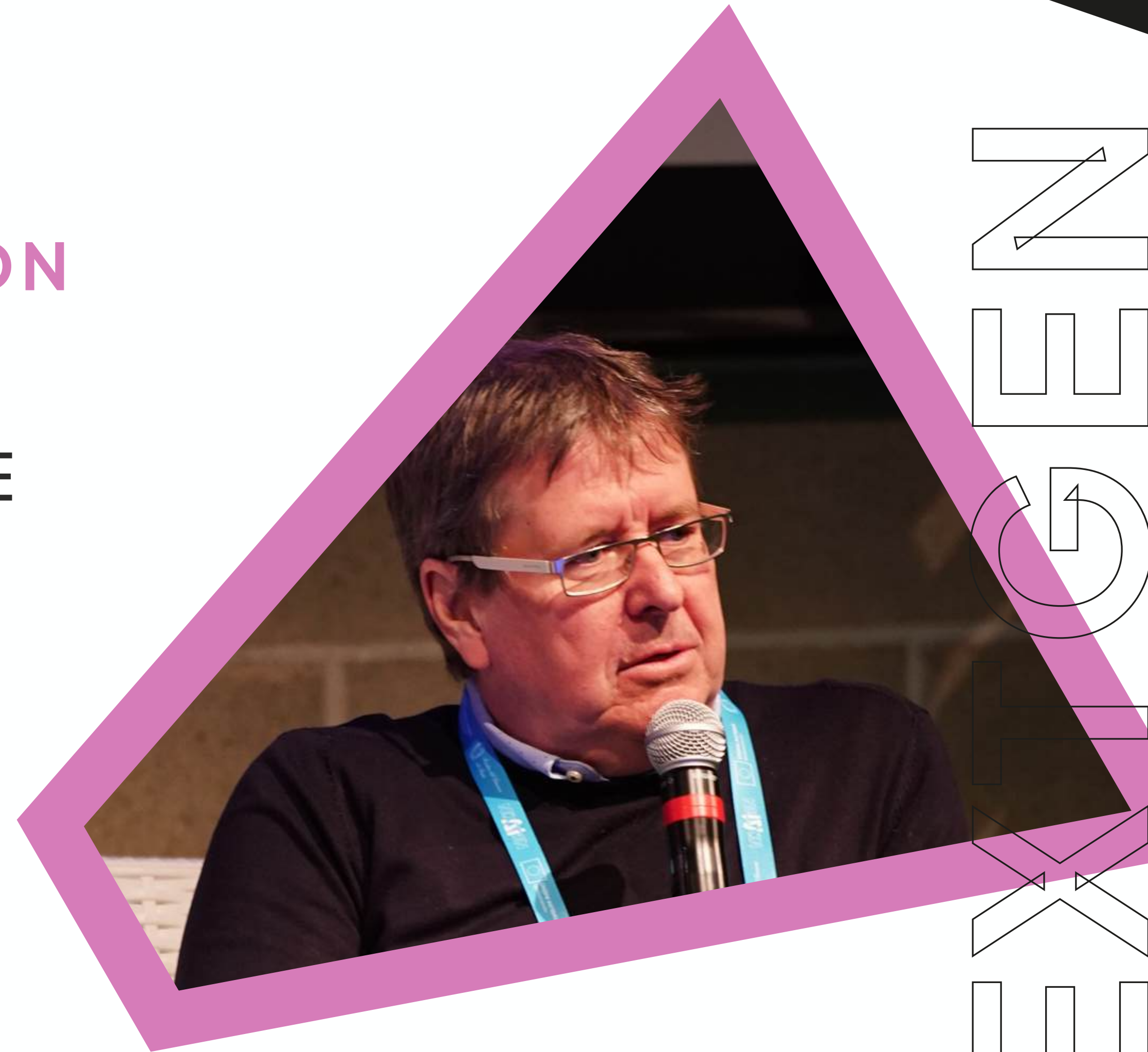


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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE
WHO EMBRACE EXPERIMENTATION
—FAILURE IN STARTUPS AND
INNOVATION IS JUST PART OF THE
LEARNING PROCESS.

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Resources and Open Learning*

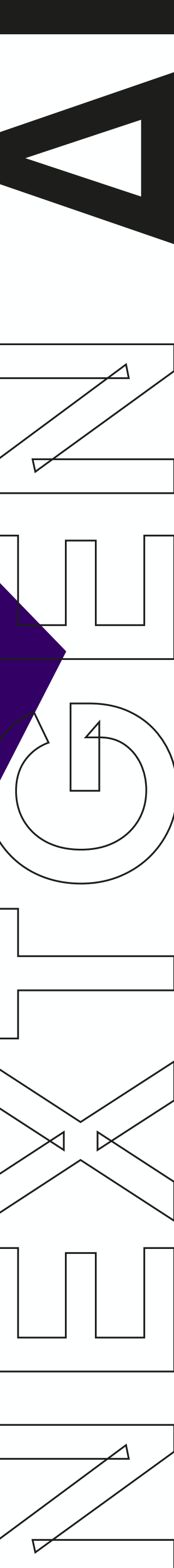


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AI IS NOT JUST TECHNOLOGY, BUT A
FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGE TO OUR
SENSE-MAKING: IT QUESTIONS
LANGUAGE, VISION, AND HUMAN
ACTION.

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JUST AS PHILOLOGY WAS BORN TO
DISTINGUISH AUTHENTIC TEXTS
FROM FAKES, **TODAY WE MUST
DEVELOP NEW METHODS TO
VALIDATE DIGITAL INFORMATION.**

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CHATBOTS ARE USED FOR
UNEXPECTED PURPOSES, FROM
EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS TO
GRIEF PROCESSING, RAISING
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ETHICAL
CHALLENGES.

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Université in Paris*



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THE BRAIN IS MORE THAN A
COMPUTER: WHILE AI EXCELS IN
CALCULATION, **THE HUMAN BRAIN
REMAINS MORE EFFICIENT IN
ART, CREATIVITY AND
PERCEPTION.**

VINCENZO VESPRI

Professor of Mathematics at the University of Florence



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GIORGIO PARISI EMPHASIZED **THE
URGENCY OF AN AI PLAN FOR
EUROPE**, SIMILAR TO THE
MANHATTAN PROJECT FOR
TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.

PAOLO BRANCHINI

*Research Director at the National Institute of Nuclear Physics,
Rome III Section*



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TECHNOLOGY IS CULTURE:
EVERY INNOVATION TAKES
ROOT IN THE PAST AND BRINGS
WITH IT IMAGINARIES AND
MEANINGS THAT GO BEYOND
MERE TECHNICAL FUNCTION.

ANDREA COLAMEDICI

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KAFKA TAUGHT US TO REFLECT
ON MACHINES: BUREAUCRACY
CAN BECOME A BLIND MACHINE
IF WE DO NOT QUESTION IT
CRITICALLY.

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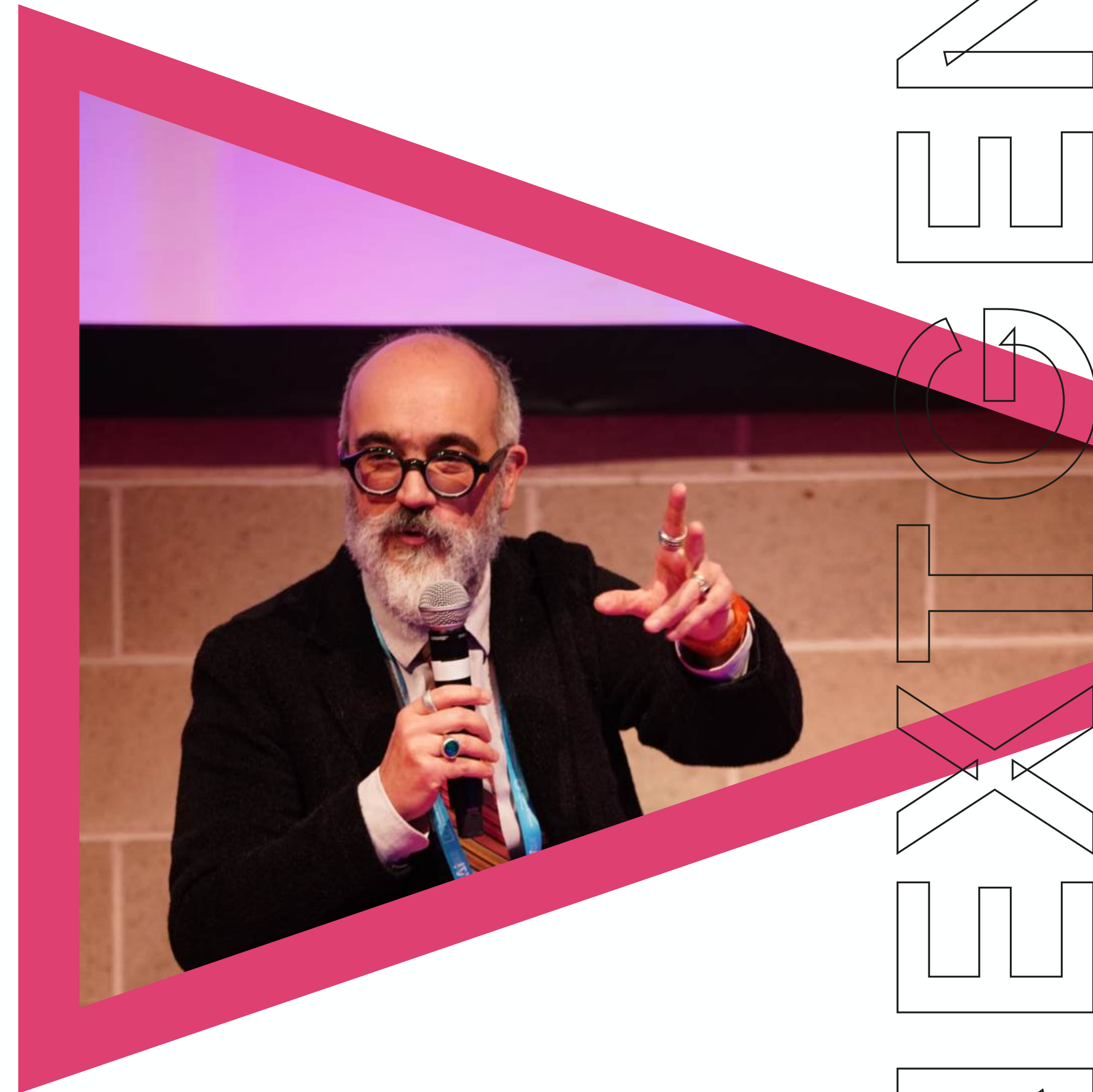


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THE RISK IS NOT THAT AI WILL
REPLACE US, BUT THAT **IT WILL
MAKE US PASSIVE AND UNABLE** TO
PRODUCE MEANING
INDEPENDENTLY.

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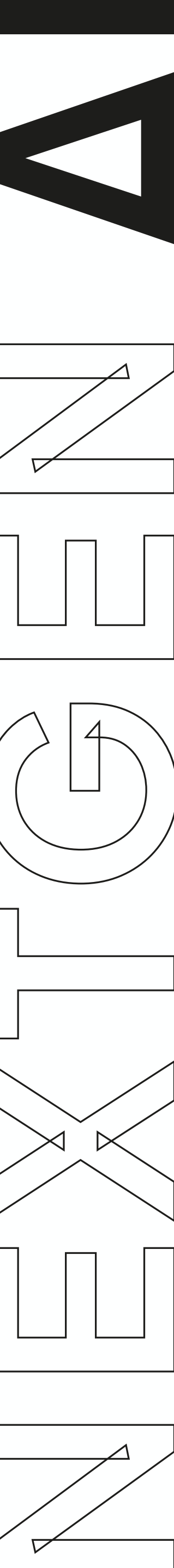
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WE WERE PROMISED A TECHNOLOGY TO
TAKE OVER ALL THE STUFF THAT WE DON'T
WANT TO DO SO THAT WE COULD FOCUS
ON CREATIVITY, BUT NOW ACTUALLY AI
FOCUSES ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE
CREATIVE THINGS, LEAVING US TO DO THE
CLEANING AND THE REPAIRING.

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Professor of Critical Studies of Artificial Intelligence and
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TECHNOLOGICAL SOVEREIGNTY IS
A CHALLENGE: LARGE COMPANIES
DOMINATE AI DEVELOPMENT,
INFLUENCING MARKETS AND
GOVERNMENTS.

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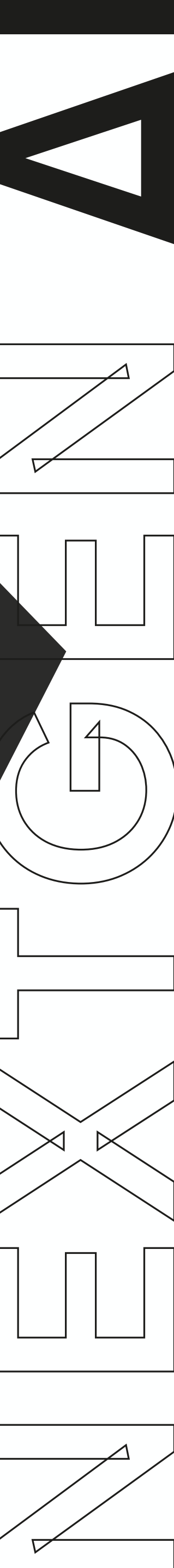
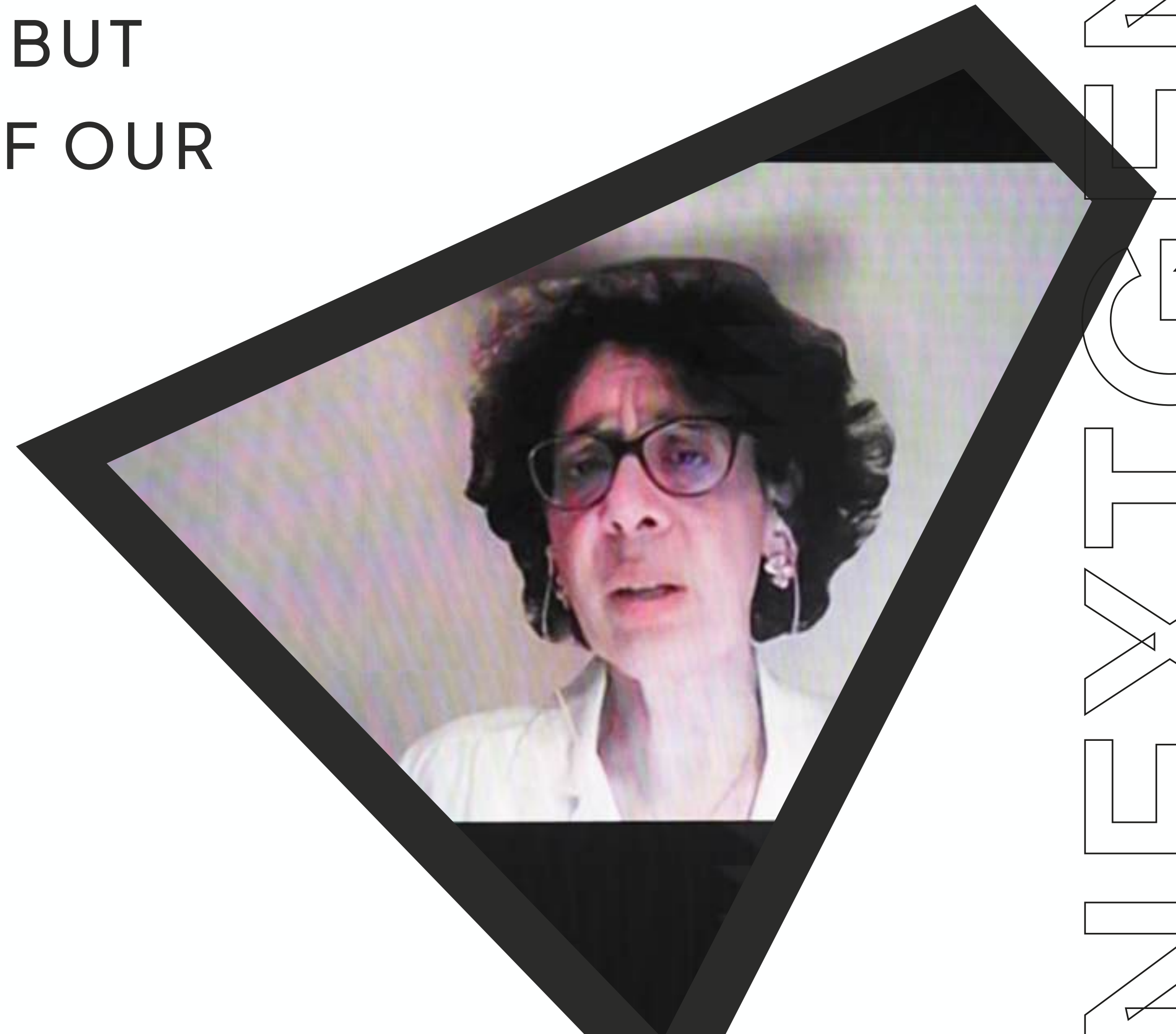


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PERSONAL DATA ARE NOT JUST
NUMBERS OR INFORMATION, BUT
AN EXTERNAL PROJECTION OF OUR
IDENTITY AND OUR DEEPEST
ESSENCE.

LAURA FEROLA

Data Protection Authority

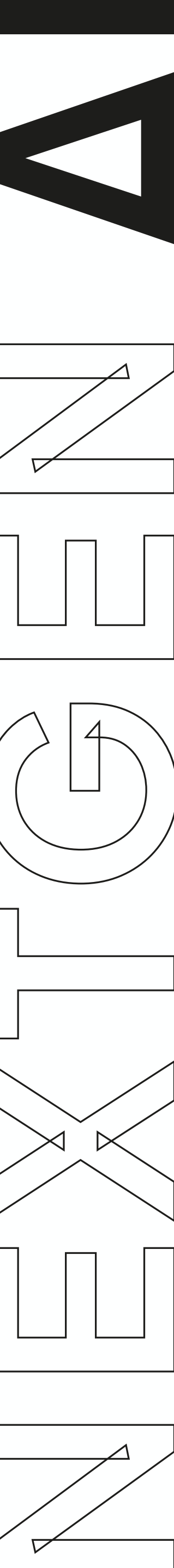


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AI MUST BE TAMED, NOT JUST FED.
WITHOUT ETHICAL CONTROLS, IT
RISKS SURPASSING HUMANS IN
UNPREDICTABLE AND DANGEROUS
WAYS.

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Data Protection Authority



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CULTURE IS THE TRUE POSSIBLE
REVOLUTION. ONLY THROUGH
EDUCATION CAN WE MANAGE
CHANGE WITHOUT BEING
OVERWHELMED BY IT.

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