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● ● April
● ● 2026

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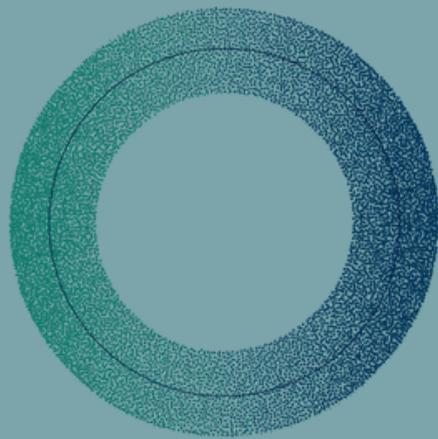
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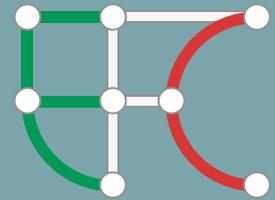
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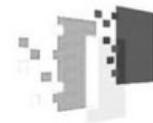


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MANY PANELS A SINGLE GOAL

Join us for the inaugural conference of the Hub for Ethics and Emerging Technologies (HEET), a new research hub affiliated with the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies (IEET), based at the University of Turin. This full-day event will bring together leading experts and early-career researchers to explore the ethical dimensions of emerging technologies, including human enhancement, artificial intelligence, quantum technology, and Digital Humanism more broadly.

We aim to foster a constructive and responsible approach to technological progress, focusing on how these powerful technologies can be developed safely, ethically, and for the benefit of society.

Highlights of the Conference:

- Panel Discussions on critical topics such as Human Enhancement Technologies, Trustworthy AI Development, and Ethical Implications of Quantum Technologies.
- Opportunities to network and connect with leading researchers and practitioners in the fields of ethics and technology, including a special dinner for speakers.

This event will serve as a catalyst for establishing HEET as a central hub for ethical inquiry into emerging technologies, emphasizing the need for responsible innovation and practical ethical solutions at European and international levels.

Note: The conference will be held in person and will be recorded and eventually made available online.



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COLLEGIO CARLO ALBERTO

Founded in 2004 by the Compagnia di San Paolo and the University of Turin, the Collegio Carlo Alberto (CCA) is an internationally recognized hub for research, education, and public outreach in the social sciences. CCA's mission is to promote cutting-edge scholarship and high-level training, while connecting academic expertise with society and decision-makers through an active program of public events and debates. With a vibrant community of researchers and students, and a strong commitment to excellence and impact, CCA provides an ideal setting for HEET's inaugural conference—bringing rigorous inquiry and responsible innovation into dialogue with real-world challenges.

Collegio Carlo Alberto in brief

- **Established:** 2004 (Compagnia di San Paolo + University of Turin)
- **Mission:** Research • Education • Outreach (social sciences)
- **Focus areas:** economics, finance/statistics, Data Science and AI, law, social & political studies
- **Outreach scale:** ~300 events/year; ~7,000 participants/year
- **Location:** Piazza Vincenzo Arbarello 8, Turin

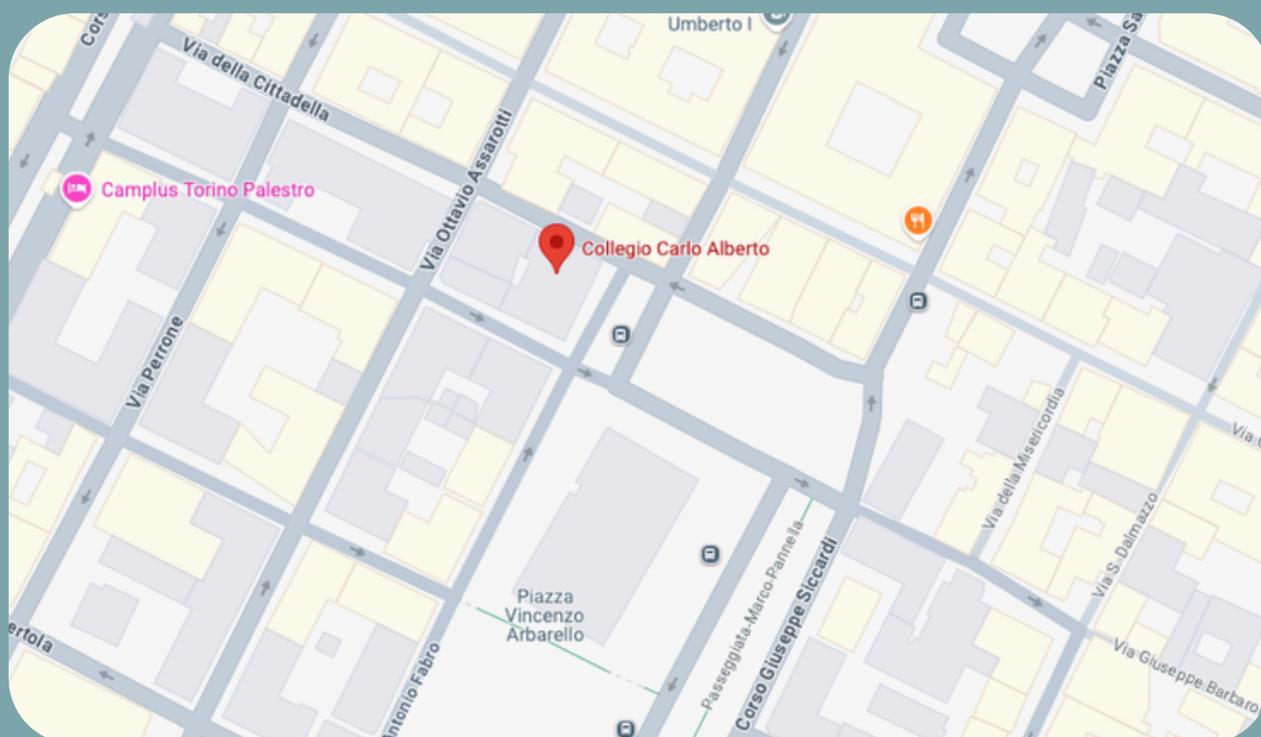


REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The registration and information desk will be available for attendees during the following hours at the Collegio Carlo Alberto:

Location:

- **Venue:** Collegio Carlo Alberto
- **Address:** Piazza Vincenzo Arbarello, 8, 10122 Torino
- **Hours:** 08:00 - 13:00 CET



For urgent matters, please contact the organizers:



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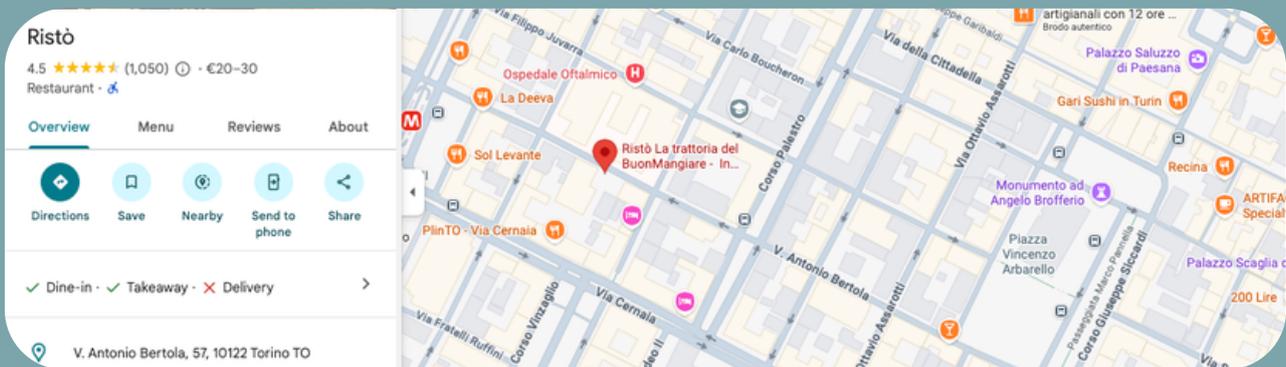
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LUNCH & DINNER VENUES

The conference will provide lunch and dinner for **speakers only** on Thursday, 16 April 2026. These meals will be hosted at local restaurants in Turin and will be covered by the conference organizers. Please note that only those speakers who have filled out the **online speaker form** will have their lunch and dinner expenses covered by the conference.

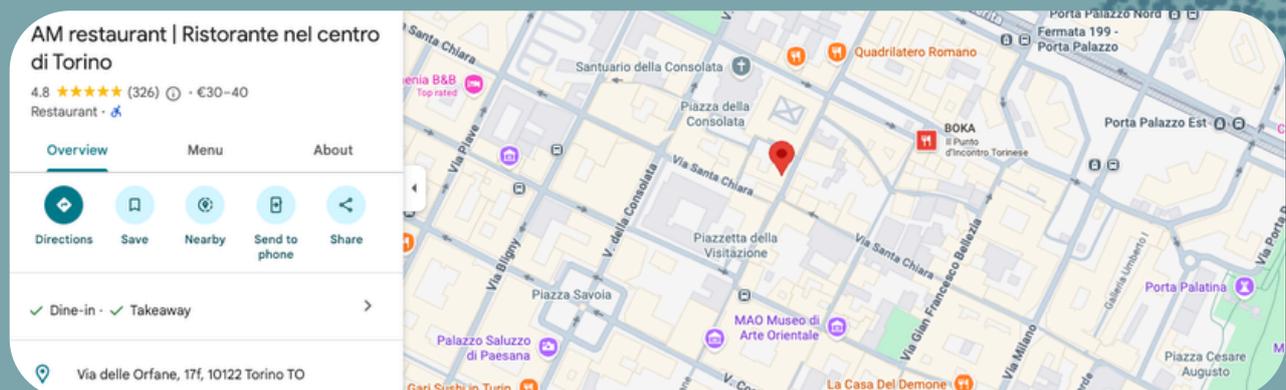
Lunch: Ristò | 13:00 - 15:15

Ristò is a traditional restaurant. Simple cuisine, without any special effects, thanks to recipes handed down by mothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, and grandmothers.



Dinner: AM Restaurant | 19:30

AM Restaurant is a designer restaurant located in Turin's famous Quadrilatero Romano district. In their restaurant, also recommended by Restaurant Guru, they offer dishes that take you on a journey through memories and emotions. AM strives to harmonize and blend elegance, color, and taste. Their mission is to use traditional and non-traditional recipes to allow their customers to relive memories and enjoy themselves through the act of eating.



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Concise Schedule

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

9:00



Welcome Remarks
Luca Lo Sapio

9:10



Welcome Remarks
Vincenzo Crupi

9:20



Welcome Remarks
James J. Hughes

9:30

Panel 1
Human Enhancement

11:00

Coffee break

11:30

Panel 2
Safe, Reliable, and Trustworthy AI

13:00

Lunch break

15:30

Panel 3
Ethical Implications of Quantum Technologies

17:00

Coffee break

17:30



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PROCEEDINGS & PUBLICATION

The proceedings of the conference will be published as a special issue in the *Journal of Ethics and Emerging Technologies* (JEET) [Fasce A 11/C3]. JEET is an **open access** journal published by the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies (IEET), providing a platform for the dissemination of research on ethical and societal issues related to emerging technologies. The special issue will compile contributions from the conference, allowing the research and discussions presented to reach a wider audience.

Guidelines for Submission: Speakers are invited to submit their full papers for inclusion in the proceedings. Submission guidelines are as follows:

- **Deadline:** All submissions must be received by **30 Dec 2026**.
- **Formatting Requirements:** Submissions should follow the JEET formatting guidelines, which are available on the JEET website.
- **Submission Process:** Papers must be submitted electronically through the JEET online submission portal.

Please ensure that your submissions are original, not under consideration elsewhere, and adhere to the ethical standards of academic publishing. For any questions regarding the proceedings, please contact the organizing committee

<https://jeet.ieet.org/index.php/home>

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Panel 1 Human Enhancement

9:30

Facilitator



Cody Turner
Bentley University

Experts



Massimo Reichlin
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University



Lílian Santos
ARPA



Anders Sandberg
Institute for Futures Studies

11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 2 Safe, Reliable, & Trustworthy AI

11:30

Facilitator



Steven Umbrello
University of Turin & IEET

Experts



Paul O'Hara
Sophia University Institute



Vojin Rakić
Center for the Study of Bioethics



Erich Prem
eutema GmbH, TU Wien

13:00 Lunch Break



Panel 3

Ethical Implications of Quantum Technologies

15:30

Facilitator



Zeki Seskir
Karlsruher Institut für Technologie

Experts



Pieter E. Vermaas
Delft University of Technology



Luca Possati
University of Twente



Clare Shelley-Egan
Delft University of Technology

17:00 Coffee Break

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17:30



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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Vincenzo Crupi is a professor of Philosophy of Science and former director of the Center for Logic, Language, and Cognition at the University of Turin.



James J. Hughes is a sociologist known for his work on transhumanism, Buddhism, technoprogressive politics, and emerging technologies. He serves as Executive Director of the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies.



Graziano Lingua is a professor of moral philosophy at the University of Turin, where he heads the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences. He is also co-director of the Département Humanisme numérique at the Collège des Bernardins in Paris.



Luca Lo Sapio is an associate professor of moral philosophy at the University of Turin. He is the editorial coordinator of the international journal S&F



Luca M. Possati is Assistant Professor at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Trained as a philosopher, his main research field is the philosophy of technology and cognitive science.



Erich Prem is a computer scientist and philosopher with a strong focus on digital humanism. He is the director and owner of the strategic research consultancy eutema. He is also the coordinator of The European Digital Humanism Initiative EUDHIT.



Paul O'Hara has held the Chair of Ontology and Scientific Reasoning at the Pontifical Istituto Universitario Sophia in Italy since 2015. Previously, he was a full professor and Chair of the Dept of Mathematics at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.



Vojin Rakić, Full Professor, is Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics and Head of the European Division of the International Chair in Bioethics, Cooperating Center of the World Medical Association (WMA).



Massimo Reichlin is a Full Professor of Moral Philosophy and Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan. President of the Italian Society for Moral Philosophy (SIFM)



Anders Sandberg is a researcher at the Institute for Futures Studies, where he works on issues of the very long-term future, technologies that can change the human condition, low-probability high-impact risks, and how to reason about such uncertain domains.



Lílian Santos is an associate professor of Bioethics at Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum (Rome, Italy). She is Brazilian-born and Italy-based with a PhD in Bioethics and serves as a UNESCO Chair Board Member and Researcher, working in ethics and global governance of technologies.



Zeki C. Seskir conducts research in the field of technology assessment (TA). Conducts landscaping studies on QT ecosystems and conceptual exploration for ELSA research for QT to be utilized in TA capabilities. Background is in STI Policy and in Quantum Information



Clare Shelley-Egan is an Associate Professor in Ethics of Quantum Technologies at the Department of Values, Technology, and Innovation at Delft University of Technology. Her position is funded by the Dutch quantum ecosystem, Quantum Delta NL.



Cody Turner is a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Bentley University. His areas of specialization include philosophy of technology, AI ethics, and virtue epistemology.

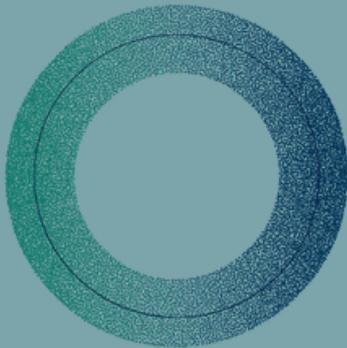


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Pieter Vermaas is philosopher of quantum technology and design at TU Delft. He leads ethics research for the Dutch Quantum Delta NL programme.

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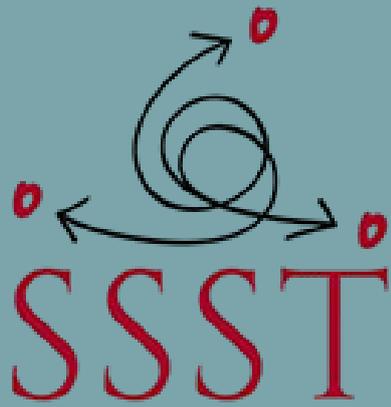
- **Mission:** Ethics • Anthropology • Technology
- **Focus:** how rapid technological change is transforming the human condition
- **Role in HEET:** ERATO is the institutional home of HEET and supports research, training, and public engagement on emerging technologies.



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IEET in brief

- **Mission:** Promote the idea that technological progress can increase freedom, happiness, and human flourishing in democratic societies —if technologies are safe and equitably distributed.
- **Focus:** Ethical and policy analysis of emerging technologies (esp. human enhancement)
- **Priorities:** Health & Longevity • Political Empowerment • Global Democracy & Security



SSST in brief

- **Mission:** Educate future leaders (“School of Government”) to address urgent global challenges
- **Approach:** Rigorous interdisciplinary training combining human and natural sciences
- **Structure:** Two classes — Government & Human Sciences; Government & Natural Sciences (with cross-class courses)
- **Students:** Selected on merit via competitive national exams; drawn from all UniTo degree programs



Nuovo SEFIR in brief

- **Mission:** Convene a qualified interdisciplinary community to reflect on significant features of contemporary reality, bringing scientific expertise into dialogue with long-standing traditions of practical wisdom (religious and non-religious), with particular attention to Christianity
- **Community:** Scholars in formal and natural sciences, engineering, philosophy, and theology—primarily based in universities and research institutions; diverse backgrounds (Catholic and non-Catholic)



EUDHIT

The European Digital Humanism Initiative

EUDHIT in brief

- **Type:** Horizon Europe-funded project (European Union), ~2.5 years; 11 partners
- **Mission:** Strengthen resilient societies through Digital Humanism—shaping digital futures around human values
- **Core aim:** Steer innovation toward human dignity, freedom, democracy, and people-centered technology



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UNITO DFE in brief

- **Scope:** Humanities, spanning philosophical inquiry and reflection in educational, pedagogical, communicative, and social domains
- **Core areas:** Theoretical/applied and historical philosophy; education sciences (school and extra-school learning, teacher training, interculturality, diversity, adult education); communication (semiotic and sociological)
- **Structure:** Two sections — Philosophy and Educational Sciences—coordinating research and teaching



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