



# THIRD ANNUAL ROME CONFERENCE ON AI, ETHICS, AND GOVERNANCE

June 18-20, 2026

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*[NOTE: speakers, panelists, and times are subject to change]*

*Organizing Committee*

*David J. Berger, Pierluigi Matera, Marilu Capparelli, Francesco Di Ciommo,  
Penny Herscher, Nate Persily, Ferruccio M. Sbarbaro*

### Location and Dates

Rome, June 18-19-20, 2026

### Conference Location:

1. June 18, Palazzo Altemps, Piazza di Sant'Apollinare, 46 5:00pm-8:00pm
2. June 19, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy, via Veneto, 33 (Palazzo Piacentini) 9:30am-5:30pm
3. June 20, Casina Pio IV, Vatican City State 9:30am-4:00pm

### Conference Schedule

The conference schedule is as follows:

#### Day 1: Thursday, 18 June 2026

5:00 pm: Registration

5:30 pm: *Keynote Address and European AI Rising Stars Awards Ceremony*

Introductions and Opening Address from *Paola Severino, President of School of Law, LUISS and Former Minister of Justice.*

6:00 pm: Opening Remarks



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*David J. Berger (Partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and President of the American College of Governance Counsel)  
Pierluigi Matera (Professor of Law, LCU, Visiting Professor of Law, BU, and Founding Partner, Libra Legal Partners)*

6:15 pm: Fireside Chat:  
*Giovanni Marini (Professor of Law, University of Perugia)  
Roberto Pardolesi (Professor of Law, LUISS)  
Dario Villani (CEO, Qognitive)  
[Matera/Berger moderate]*

7:15 - 8:15 pm: Panel 1: AI, Health and the Future of Life

Moderator: *Nate Persily (McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School & Co-director Stanford Cyber Policy Center)*

Panelists:

- *Simon Kohl (Founder & CEO, Latent Labs)*
- *Anna Koivuniemi (Head of Google DeepMind Accelerator)*
- *Edward Kliphuis (Head of Digital Medicine, Sofinnova Partners)*
- *Jean-Philippe Vert (Founder & CEO, BioOptimus)*
- *Anne Wojcicki (Founder & CEO, 23andMe)*
- *Rocco Papalia (Rector & Head of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Campus Biomedico University of Rome)*
- *Virginia Zambrano (Professor of Law, UNISA)*

8:30 pm: Cocktail Party and Buffet Dinner

## Day 2: Friday, 19 June 2026

9:30 am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00-10:30 am: Keynote address

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Introductions and Opening Address from *Adolfo Urso, Minister of Enterprises, Innovation and Made in Italy*

10:30 – 11:30 am: *Panel 1: AI across Industries*

Moderator: *Ferruccio M. Sbarbaro (Founding Partner, Libra Legal Partners & Professor of Law, LCU)*

Panelists:

- *Luciano Buonfiglio (President, Italian National Olympic Committee)*
- *Emanuele Calà (Senior VP & CTO, ADR)*
- *Francesco Di Ciommo (Founder, Di Ciommo & Partners; Board Member, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti; Professor of Private Law, LUISS)*
- *Ori Goshen (Co-Founder & Co-CEO, AI21 Labs)*
- *Lodovico Mazzolin (Former Special Commissioner, Banca Progetto S.p.A in A.S.; Senior Advisor, BIP)*
- *Bethany Mayer (Chair of the Board, Box, Director of HPE, director at HPE, Lam Research, Astera Labs)*

11:45 – 12:00 am: Break

12:00 – 1:00 pm: *Panel 2: The Benefits and Challenges of AI*

Moderator: *Andrew Hall (Davies Family Professor of Political Economy, Stanford University School of Business and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institute)*

Panelists:

- *Campbell Brown (Founder & CEO of ForumAI; former VP of Media Partnerships at Meta and CNN Anchor)*
- *Paolo Boccardelli (Rector, LUISS; Board Member, MPS)*
- *Yoram Elkaim (VP & Head of Legal – International, Google)*
- *Elizabeth Kelly (Head of Beneficial Deployments, Anthropic)*
- *Penny Herscher (Chair of the Board, Lumentum; Chair of the Board, Penguin Solutions; Board Director of Forvia)*
- *Lila Tretikov (Head of AI, NEA & former CEO, Wikipedia)*



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1:00 – 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Panel 3: Investing in our AI Future

Moderator: *Joe Grundfest (W.A.Franke Professor of Law and Business, Emeritus, Stanford Law School, Senior Faculty, Rock Center for Corporate Governance)*

Panelists:

- *Fabio Corsico (Director of Institutional Affairs & Development, Caltagirone Group & Vice Chairman, Anima Holding)*
- *Natalie Lamarque (Corporate Secretary & Chief Legal Officer, Vanguard)*
- *Domenico Lombardi (CEO, Fondo Italiano D'Investimento)*
- *John Streur (CEO, Boston Common Asset Management)*
- *Jens Foehrenbach (President & CIO, Graham Capital Management)*
- *Suzanne Tavill (Head of Responsible Investment, Stepstone)*
- *Brian Halligan (Partner, Sequoia Capital)*
- *Dan Gallagher (CLO, Robinhood)*

3:00 – 3:15 pm: Coffee break

3:15 – 4:15 pm: Panel 4: AI, Defense and the Future of Peace

Moderator: *Sarah Kreps (John L. Wetherill Professor in the Department of Government, and Director of Tech Policy Institute, Cornell University)*

Panelists:

- *Kendall Collins (President & CEO, Government Cloud, Salesforce)*
- *Mauro D'Ubaldi (Vice Secretary General, Ministry of Defense)*
- *Richard Fontaine (CEO, Center for a New American Security; Trustee, Anthropic Long-Term Benefit Trust)*
- *Greg Kausner (Senior VP & Defense, Anduril)*
- *Florian Koehler (Group General Counsel, Helsing)*
- *Dan Lahav (Founder & CEO, Irregular Labs)*
- *Joseph Larson (VP & Head of Government, OpenAI)*
- *Teodoro Valente (President, ASI; Professor of Materials Science and Technology, Sapienza University of Rome)*



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4:30 pm: Fireside Chat – *Can AI Ethics Be Hard-Wired with Corporate Governance: A Look at Anthropic’s Long-Term Benefit Trust*

- *Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuellar (President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Trustee of the Anthropic Long Term Benefit Trust)*
- *John Morley (Augustus E. Lines Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Principal Legal Counsel, Anthropic’s Long-Term Benefit Trust)*

5:00 pm: Adjourn

7:30 pm: Cocktail Reception

8:00 pm: Fireside Chat:  
*Marc Benioff (Co-founder, Chairman & CEO, Salesforce)*  
*[Matera/Berger moderate]*

9:00 pm: *Gala Dinner*

## Day 3: Saturday, 20 June 2026

9:30 am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 –10:15 am: Opening Remarks  
*Cardinal Christophe Pierre (Former Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America)*

10:15 –11:00 am: Fireside Chat: *Arvind Krishna (CEO, IBM)*  
*[Matera/Berger moderate]*

11:00 – 12:00 am: *Panel 1: AI and the Future of Work*

Moderator: *David Oks (Partner, a16z)*

Panelists:

- *Nick Clegg (Former Meta President, Global Affairs; Former UK Deputy Prime Minister)*



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- Zoe Hitzig (*Anthropic Institute & Junior Fellow, Harvard University*)
- Antonio Neri (*CEO of HPE*)
- Sabastian Niles (*President & CLO, Salesforce*)
- Anne Robinson (*Senior VP & Chief Legal Officer, IBM*)

12:15 – 1:00 pm: Fireside Chat: *Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra (Apostolic Nuncio in Italy and San Marino, Holy See) and Aidan Gomez (Co-Founder and CEO, Cohere)*  
*[Matera/Berger moderate]*

1:00 – 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 pm: *Panel 2: AI, Youth and Relationships*

Moderator: *Ron Ivey (Founder & CEO, Noesis Collective)*

Panelists:

- *Dave Baszucki (CEO Roblox)*
- *Reverend Andrea Ciucci (Chancellor Pontifical Academy for Life)*
- *Lauren Kunze (Founder & CEO, PandoraBots)*
- *Monika Bickert (Head of Global Policy Management, Facebook)*

3:00 – 4:00 pm: *Panel 3: The Energy of AI: Infrastructure, Stewardship and the Common Good*

Moderator: *Nate Persily (McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Director, the Stanford Law AI Initiative)*

Panelists:

- *Paolo Clarizia (Professor of Administrative Law, LCU)*
- *Eugenio de Blasio (Founder & Executive Chairman, Green Arrow Capital)*
- *Denise Dignam (President and CEO, Chemours)*
- *Fabrizio Fabbri (CEO, Ansaldo)*
- *Michael Hurlston (CEO, Lumentum)*
- *Oli Pomel (Founder & CEO, Datadog)*
- *K.R. Sridhar (CEO of Bloom Energy)*



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4:00 – 4:15 pm: Fireside Chat: *Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia (President Emeritus, Pontifical Academy for Life; President, RenAIssance Foundation)*  
*[Matera/Berger moderate]*

4:15 pm: Closing Remarks  
*David J. Berger & Pierluigi Matera*

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