

**Title:** The Challenge of AI for Higher Education and Research

### **Abstract**

This lecture engages with the fundamental challenges that increasingly sophisticated, agentic AI technologies pose to the traditional structures of higher education and research. Key areas of inquiry include the tension between rapid technological acceleration and institutional inertia, as well as the foundations of ethics and personhood. The presentation aims to catalyze a critical dialogue on how universities can strategically navigate this profound and ongoing transformation.

### **Short CV**

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