



The Future of Education and Research in the AI Era: Equipping Young People for Tomorrow
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Room G3 at ITU HQ

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The Future of Education and Research in the AI Era: Equipping Young People for Tomorrow will examine how emerging technologies are reshaping both learning and research. As automation transforms traditional academic and research practices, the session will explore the educational models and competencies that will best prepare young people for the future. Panelists will discuss the growing importance of applied, real-world learning experiences, the value of interdisciplinary approaches that bridge technology with other fields of study, and innovative models emerging across the education sector. Drawing on practical experiences, speakers will share insights into what works, what does not, and how education and research institutions can adapt to equip the next generation for success in an AI-driven world. The session will be particularly relevant for professors, students, and other stakeholders interested in the future of education, research, and the impact of AI on learning and innovation.

Panelists:

- **Prof. Christine Kaddous**, Law Faculty/Director of the MEIG Programme and of the Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- **Azamat Zhilokov**, Director of the Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russian Federation
- **Prof. Pablo Marco Blanco**, Vice Dean, IE School of Politics, Economics & Global Affairs, Spain
- **Prof. Yong Xiao**, Professor, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China
- **Prof Tim Unwin**, Emeritus Professor, Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom
- **Alexander Schrier**, Junior Project Officer, International Telecommunication Union | Master's Candidate, Johns Hopkins SAIS, United States
- **Joseph Devin and Ava Mitzi**, Master's Students, Sciences Po Paris, France (Remote)

Time	Description
10:00 – 10:05	Opening remarks
10:05 – 10:30	Targeted questions (3-4 minutes per speaker)
10:30 – 10:45	Interactive Discussion