



Symposium on GenAI in Higher Education

Generative Artificial Intelligence for
Learning, Research & Academic Practice

8–10 June 2026 Lugano, Switzerland

DAY 1 – MONDAY 8 June 2026 @ room C Palazzo dei Congressi

12:30 – 13:00	Registration, welcome coffee, and arrival
13:00 – 13:45	Institutional welcome and introduction by Emanuele Carpanzano, Lucilla Sioli (ONLINE), Andrea Rizzoli
13:45 – 14:30	Tim Coughlan: Education, accessibility and AI: removing barriers, creating new challenges?
14:30 – 15:15	Gerd Kortemeyer: Project Ethel: using AI for teaching and learning
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:15	Tony Ross-Hellauer: Open Science and Generative AI: Friends or Foes?
16:15 – 17:00	Duygu Bektik: Developing Institutional GenAI Responsibly: Building SCRIBE at The Open University
17:00 – 17:10	Day 1 closing remarks and practical information

DAY 2 – TUESDAY 9 June 2026 @ C1.04 campus EST USI-SUPSI

09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and introduction of the activities of the day
09:10 – 09:55	Bart Rienties (ONLINE): The role of AI and digital assistance to transform higher education: lessons learned from the Open University UK
09:55 – 10:40	Charlotte Axelsson: Gen AI and Future Learning: Turning Uncertainty into Agency
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:45	Federico Cabitza: Trick or Treat? What genAI can do for academic research(ers)
11:45 – 12:15	Morning synthesis and preparation for roundtables
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch break – Free lunch (go explore the city!)
13:15 – 14:15	Closed session for EUonAIR members / Roundtable 1: Interactive activity – EDUCATION BLOCK I
14:15 – 14:30	Short transition break

14:30 – 15:30	Closed session for EUonAIR members / Roundtable 2: Interactive activity – EDUCATION BLOCK II
15:30 – 15:50	Coffee break
15:50 – 16:50	Closed session for EUonAIR members / Roundtable 3: Interactive activity – RESEARCH
17:00 – 17:45	Closed session for EUonAIR members / Panel Discussion
17:45 – 19:00	Aperò riche for participants to the closed sessions and invited speakers

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 10 June 2026 @ C1.04 campus EST USI-SUPSI

09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and introduction for the final morning
09:10 – 09:55	Mads Sørensen (ONLINE): Writing Assistant, Workhorse, or Accelerator? Generative AI in Research
09:55 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 11:00	Silvia Milano: Borrowed Wisdom: AI-assisted learning and the temptation of easy knowledge
11:00 – 11:45	Final panel discussion
11:45 – 12:00	Closing remarks

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