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Invited Session

AI for Philosophers: Tool or Agent?

Department B Aula 15, August 3, 13:00-19:00

ORGANIZERS

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SPEAKERS

FIRST PART: INTRODUCTION TO MODERN AI AND LLMS

13:00-14:50

- Riccardo Pozzo
Tor Vergata University, ITALY (chair)
Overview of the three parts
- Josef van Genabith
German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence, GERMANY
How LLMs and modern AI work

SECOND PART: APPLICATIONS OF AI TO PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS

15:00-17:00

- Fabio Ciotti
Tor Vergata University, ITALY (chair)
What can philosophy learn from digital humanities?
- Timon Gatta
Tor Vergata/Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY
An AI wishlist for comparative philosophy research: German-Chinese
- Anna Strasser
LMU, GERMANY
In-between Tools and Social Agents – on the Status of LLMs in Human-Machine Interactions
- Christoph Schirmer
De Gruyter Brill, GERMANY
Publishing and AI



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THIRD PART: AI IN PHILOSOPHY

17:00-19:00

- Anna Strasser
LMU, GERMANY (chair)
- Jeffrey Sachs
Columbia, USA
- Fiorella Battaglia
Università del Salento/LMU, ITALY/GERMANY
- David Chalmers
New York University, USA
- Maurizio Ferraris
Università di Torino, ITALY
- Ludek Sekyra
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CONCEPT NOTE AND KEYWORDS

Modern AI, artificial neural networks (ANNs) and large language models (LLMs) impact all walks of our lives. Our Invited Session targets philosophers who may not have a background in Digital Humanities or modern AI but who are thinking about how AI may be used in and perhaps revolutionize their research. We approach the question in three stages in terms of two-hour sessions each: (I) we provide an accessible introduction to the foundations of ANNs and LLMs driving the current revolution in AI, (II) we present an overview and examples of current work using AI in philosophy research in five focused presentations by international experts including uses of AI as a tool and as an agent and finally (III) we open up the topic in a panel discussion with six international experts covering broader issues including ethics, AI as a subject of study in philosophy, historical perspectives such as distant reading, earlier seminal work on rule- and logic-based as well as statistical and previous machine learning-based research in philosophy, funding opportunities, as well as the role of human-machine collaboration in philosophy research. All three sessions will be highly interactive inviting questions from the audience and participation in the discussion.

Keywords: Comparative Philosophy; History of Philosophy; Large Language Models; Text Analytics; Multilingual Corpora; Computational Linguistics; Natural Language Processing; Translation Studies; Machine Translation

