

The Dignity of Children and Adolescents in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

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PALAZZO DELLA CANCELLERIA,
Piazza della Cancelleria 1 – Roma

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DIGNITY MEANS PROTECTION
WHEN WE PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF CHILDREN
WE PROTECT THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY





Event Schedule

09:00 – 09:10

OPENING AND
WELCOMING REMARKS

– CALL TO ORDER

Mario Calvo-Platero — Journalist

Institutional Opening and High-Level Addresses

Ernesto Caffo — Head of Fondazione Child and Organizer of the Event

Rev. Father Federico Lombardi, S.J — President of the Joseph Ratzinger
– Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation

09:10 – 09:30

– INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

9:30 – 10:10

SESSION I

CHILD DIGNITY IN THE
DIGITAL ERA: THE RISKS
AND HARMS TO CHILDREN
FROM AI

Moderator:

Mario Calvo-Platero — Journalist

Panelists:

Prof. Ernesto Caffo — Founder, Fondazione Child

Ernie Allen, OBE — Chair, WeProtect Global Alliance

Baroness Joanna Shields, OBE — UK House of Lords; Founder,
WeProtect; Chair, Responsible AI Future Foundation

Fr. Hans Zollner, S.J. — Director, IADC, Pontifical Gregorian University

Prof. Anna Maria Tarantola — Vice President, Giulia Cecchettin
Foundation; Member, Scientific Committee, Centesimus Annus Pro
Pontifice Foundation

10:15 – 10:55

SESSION II

THE UNFINISHED
CREATION:
UNDERSTANDING WHAT
WE HAVE SET IN MOTION

Presentations:

Tristan Harris — CEO, Center for Humane Technology (former Google)

Panelists:

Prof. Sonia Livingstone — Professor of Social Psychology, London School
of Economics

Chris Olah — Anthropic Co-founder

Alex Stamos — Chief Security Officer, Corridor; Former Director,
Stanford Internet Observatory; Lecturer, Cyber Policy Center, Stanford
University

Ian Levy — Vice President / Distinguished Engineer,
Amazon Security

Irakli Beridze — Director, UNICRI Centre for AI and Robotics





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11:00 – 12:00

SESSION III

CHILD DIGNITY AND
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE
HUMAN

Moderator:

Chiara del Gaudio — Journalist

Introduction:

Prof. Maurizio Ferraris — Professor of Philosophy, University of Turin

First Panel:

Lucilla Sioli — DG Connect, Chief AI Office

Stefania Giannini — Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Daniel Kardefelt-Winther — UNICEF Global Office of Research and Foresight

Mike Milham, MD, PhD — Chief Science Officer, Child Mind Institute

Second Panel:

Prof. Elena Martellozzo — Director, European Hub, ChildLight

Iain Drennan — Executive Director, WeProtect Global Alliance

Prof. Giuseppe F. Italiano — Professor of Computer Science, LUISS University

Rev. Prof. Paolo Benanti — Professor, LUISS University

12:05 – 12:50

SESSION IV

AI AND THE FUTURE: HOW
DO WE CONFRONT THIS
CHALLENGES

Moderator:

Mario Calvo-Platero — Journalist

Panelists:

Meghan Garcia — Mother of the late Sewell; Lawyer, public advocate

Cyrus Vance — Former Manhattan District Attorney; Partner, Baker McKenzie; Board Member, Common Sense Media

13:00 – 14:00 – LUNCH BREAK





Event Schedule

14:00 – 15:30

SESSION V

BIG TECH AND GLOBAL
REGULATION: AI
DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT
NEEDS TO CHANG

Moderator:

Mario Calvo-Platero — Journalist

First Panel

Msgr. Renzo Pegoraro — Chancellor, Pontifical Academy for Life

Hon. Brando Benifei — Member of the European Parliament; Vice-Chair,
Child Rights Intergroup; Rapporteur, AI Act

Jason Kwon — Chief Strategy Officer, OpenAI

Courtney Gregoire — Vice President and Chief Digital Safety
Officer for Microsoft Corporation

Chloe Setter — Google Child Safety Public Policy Lead

Second Panel

Michelle C. DeLaune — President & CEO, NCMEC

Guido Scorza — Italian Data Protection Authority

Kerry Smith — CEO Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)

Christine Grahn — Tik Tok Head of Government Relations, Europe

Laura Bononcini — META Public Policy Director, Southern Europe & Israel

15:30 – 17:00

SESSION VI

I AND THE FUTURE: HOW
DO WE CONFRONT THESE
CHALLENGES?

Moderator:

Mario Calvo-Platero — Journalist

First Panel

Baroness Beeban Kidron — UK House of Lords, President, 5Rights Foundation

Emilio Puccio — Secretary General, Intergroup on Children's Rights,
European Parliament

Megan Smith — CEO, Shift7, Former US Chief Technology Officer

Second Panel

Shawna Hoffman — CEO, ICMEC

Sasha Havalcek — CEO, Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)

Frank McCourt — Project Liberty Founder

Dana Humaid — President of the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

Andrea Torielli — Editorial Director of the Dicastery for Communication of
the Holy See

17:30

THE WAY FORWARD

Concluding remarks by Professor **Ernesto Caffo** — Head of Fondazione Child
and Organizer of the Event

