

# LAURA GORRIERI

PhD candidate in Ethics and Artificial Intelligence with seven years of work experience in Computational Linguistics and Data Science. Academic background in Digital Humanities and Philosophy. I'm an out-of-the-box thinker and a humanist at heart.

## EDUCATION

**12/2024 – 06/2025**

PhD visiting student – Philosophy – Technical University of Munich, DE  
*Six months visiting at TUM in Professor Leonelli's research group on Philosophy of Science.*

**10/2023 – 11/2023**

PhD Course “Ethics and AI” – Online - SIpEIA  
*Participant, six-days course on philosophy and AI from technical, ethical and legal perspective.*

**08/2023 – 08/2023**

No, We Don't Live In A F%#\*ing Simulation – Georgetown Law's Center on Privacy & Technology, Washington (DC)  
*Selected participant, three-day online course on the simulation hypothesis, long-termism, and consciousness.*

**03/2023 – 03/2023**

Spring School Ethos + Tekhne – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, IT  
*Selected on-site participant, five-day course on AI's impact on society and research.*

**11/2022 - Present**

PhD student – Philosophy – University of Turin, IT  
*Three years fully-funded PhD to research the ethical impact of Large Language Models on society.*

**08/2016 – 08/2016**

ESSLLI Summer School – FOLLI - Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, IT  
*Selected participant for the European summer school in logic, language and information.*

**11/2013 – 11/2019**

Master's Degree – Digital Humanities – University of Pisa, IT  
*Main courses: NLP, Computational Linguistics, Python.*

**09/2010 – 11/2013**

Bachelor's Degree – Philosophy – University of Bologna, IT

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**02/2022 – 10/2022**

Data Scientist – xTech Bip – Milano, IT

**03/2016 – 02/2022**

Computational Linguist, Tech Advocate– expert.ai – Modena, IT

## ORGANISATIONAL TEAMS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 1 full-day panel *Redefining Relationships: Human Vulnerability and AI driven Technologies*, 10<sup>th</sup> STS Italia Conference, 11-13 June 2025, Milan – co-organizer and co-chair.
- Symposium *The illusion of conversation. From the manipulation of language to the manipulation of the human*, 24th Biennial International Conference of the *Society for Philosophy and Technology*, 25-28 June 2025, Eindhoven – co-organizer and presenter.
- Journal *Bioetica. Rivista interdisciplinare* – editor of the column *Intelligenza Artificiale*.
- Public Engagement Project *AI Aware* – deputy editor-in-chief.
- *Italian Society for the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence SIpEIA* – executive committee member.
- *Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy* – organisational team member.

## CONTACTS

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## PHD TUTORS

- [Guido Boella](#), University of Turin, full Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Deputy Vice-Rector for AI, co-founder of the *Italian Society for the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence* (SIpEIA).
- [Graziano Lingua](#), University of Turin, full Professor of Moral Philosophy, Head of the Philosophy and Education Sciences Department.
- [Matteo Cresti](#), University of Turin, Post-doc Researcher, teaching and researching in Moral Philosophy and Bioethics.
- [Sabina Leonelli](#): Technical University of Munich, full Professor of Philosophy and History of Science and Technology, Research Director of *The Ethical Data Initiative*.

## LANGUAGES

**Italian:** Mother tongue  
**English:** C1  
**German:** A1

## PROGRAMMING

Python, Jupyter, SkLearn, Numpy, NLTK, Pandas, LaTeX.

## VOLUNTARY WORK

**Planetario di Modena:** I organise and conduct educational activities for children focused on astronomy. Additionally, I assist in organizing conferences and events on a variety of topics.

**FIAB (Federazione Italiana Ambiente e Bicicletta) Modena:** I volunteered as an instructor in a course teaching adult women how to ride a bike for the first time.

**Porta Aperta - Caritas:** I worked in the canteen, preparing meals for homeless people.

- *BEWARE-23: 2nd International Workshop on Emerging Ethical Aspects of AI @ AIxIA 2023* – organisational team member.
- *The Ethical Data Initiative* – affiliate member and content creator.
- *University of Turin Research Group on Ethics and AI* – member.
- *Association Consulta di Bioetica* – member.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Gorrieri, L. (2025). Should I use ChatGPT as an Academic Aid? A response to Aylsworth and Castro. *Philosophy & Technology*, 38 (8), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13347-024-00831-y>
- Gorrieri, L. (2024). Is ChatGPT Full of Bullshit? *Journal of Ethics and Emerging Technologies*, 34(1), 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.55613/jcet.v34i1.149>
- Boella, G., D’Asaro, F. A., Dyoub, A., Gorrieri, L., Lisi, F., Manganini, C., & Primiero, G. (Eds.). (2023). *Beware 2023: Bias, Ethical Ai, Explainability and the Role of Logic and Logic Programming*. CEUR-Ws.
- Gorrieri, L., & Raffini, D. (2023). Intelligenza Artificiale e questioni Etiche. *BIOETICA*, 2, pp. 329-350.
- Attardi, G., Gorrieri, L., Miaschi, A., & Petrolito, R. (2015). Deep learning for social sensing from tweets. *CLiC-it (Conferenza di Linguistica Computazionale Italiana)*, pp. 20-24.

Not published and work in progress:

- Gorrieri, L. (2025). Large Language Models are Conversational Zombies. Chatbots and Speech Acts: How to (Not) Do Things with Words. *Currently under review*.
- Gorrieri, L., Leonelli, S., Trauttmansdorff, P. (2025). Between Explaining and Understanding: Rethinking AI Explainability in Medical Diagnostics. *Currently under review*.
- Gorrieri, L. (2025). Towards a new communication ethics for AI. *Work in progress and working title*.

## TEACHING

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- “Misinformation and Disinformation. On Parrots, Libraries and Bullshit” in course Information and Society, *Technical University of Munich* – June 2025.
- “Exploring Explainable AI” in curricular course AI in Diverse Societies, *Technical University of Munich* – May 2025.
- “Ethical considerations on AI”, in curricular course Digital Culture Lab, *Università di Pisa* – October 2024.
- “Ethics and AI”, in curricular course Digital Humanities Lab, *Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia* – May 2023.

## TALKS

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- “Linguistics and ethics for GenAI”, JYU Seminars, Jyväskylä Yliopisto University of Jyväskylä. *Forthcoming, February 2026*.
- “Large language models are conversational zombies. Chatbots and speech acts: how to (not) do things with words”, SPT Conference, *University of Eindhoven* – Paper presenter. *June 2025*.
- “Can we have good communication with Chatbots?”, Moral Philosophy Recurring Seminar, *University of Turin* – Paper presenter. *May 2025*.
- “Large Language Models are Not Speakers”, Retour à babel: Langage et Intelligence Artificielle, *Collèges des Bernardins, Paris* – Invited Speaker. *April 2025*.
- “Large Language Models are conversational zombies. How (not) to do things with words”, LLM talk: the post-evolution of speech acts, *University of Bucharest*– Selected paper presenter. *March 2025*.
- “Large Language Models are conversational zombies. How (not) to do things with words”, *Technical University of Munich* – Paper presenter. *February 2025*.
- “Is ChatGPT full of bullshit?”, GENAI 2024, *University of Lisbon* – Selected participant and paper presenter. *July 2024*.
- “Is ChatGPT full of bullshit?”, Moral Philosophy Recurring Seminar, *University of Turin* – Paper presenter. *October 2023*.
- “Is ChatGPT full of bullshit?”, June Seminar, *FINO Consortium* – Paper presenter. *June 2023*.
- Book discussion: “Big Data e Algoritmi: Prospettive Critiche” by Professor Numerico, *Consulta di Bioetica, Turin* – Invited discussant. *May 2023*.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- Symposium “Responsible AI: Promises, Pitfalls, and Practices”, Center for Responsible AI Technologies (CReAITech), Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, *Munich* – guest participant. *April 2025*.
- Townhall “Shaping the Future of Data Ethics”, The Ethical Data Initiative, *Munich* – guest participant. *April 2025*.
- “Conversations with Computer Agents in the Era of Generative AI”, talk by Professor Art Graesser, *Technical University of Munich* – participant. *March 2025*.
- Panel “Algorithmic Identities? Race, Gender, and Power in AI and Social Media”, California Center for Ethics & Policy and the Digital Humanities Consortium, *California Poly Pomona* - participant. *March 2025*.
- “AI in Neurotechnology: From Neuroethics to Global Policy”, talk by Professor Marcello Ienca, *Technical University of Munich* – participant. *February 2025*.
- “Explaining the success of models”, talk by Professor Christopher Pincock, *The Center for Philosophy of Science University of Pittsburg* – participant. *February 2025*.
- “The Interpretation of Fictional Characters”, Project MITE (Make IT Explicit), *Università di Macerata* – participant. *February 2025*.
- “AI Assertion in 2025”, talk by Patrick Butlin, PhD, Uppsala Vienna AI Colloquium, *Wien* - Participant. *January 2025*.
- Recurring seminar "Open Data Open Science", *Technical University of Munich* – Participant. *September 2024 – present*.
- “Letteratura e intelligenza artificiale: un dialogo interdisciplinare”, Società Italiana per l’Etica dell’Intelligenza Artificiale, *Università la Sapienza di Roma* – participant. *September 2024*.
- Symposium on "Humanistic AI", *University of Gothenburg* – Online participant. *June 2024*.
- "A History of (Digital) Surveillance Studies", talk by Philip Di Salvo, PhD, *University of Pisa* – Participant. *May 2024*.
- "When Should We Attribute Beliefs to AI Systems?", PRO3 project: Understanding Public Data: Experts, Decisions, Epistemic Values (EDEV) – Participant. *April 2024*.
- "Why Regulo-solutionism Will Always Fail: Big Tech Companies as Non-territorial States", talk by Professor Tom Stoneham, *University of Pisa* – Participant. *February 2024*.
- "New Forms of Social Interaction with Intelligent Systems", talk by Professor Christian Montag, *Ruhr-University Bochum* – Participant. *January 2024*.
- WORLD LOGIC DAY 2024, UNESCO: Logic, *Society & AI Lectures* – Participant. *January 2024*.
- "Philosophy and Artificial Stuff Such as Intelligence and Life", talk by Professor Luís Corrêa, *University of Lisbon* – Online participant. *December 2023*.
- "AI Act: Etica, Diritto e Informatica a Confronto", *Università di Bologna* – Participant. *December 2023*.
- "Interacting with Intelligent Systems: Decisions, Affects, and Trust", *Ruhr-University Bochum* – Two-day workshop participant. *November 2023*.
- "La PMA del Futuro: L’Intelligenza Artificiale Può Rivoluzionare i Trattamenti?", National Congress of UOC Fisiopatologia della Riproduzione e PMA, *Ferrara* – Guest participant. *October 2023*.
- "Can Technology Save the Planet? Connecting Environmental Ethics with Technology Ethics", Center for Environmental and Technology Ethics, *Prague* – Participant. *September 2023*.
- "Eyes Everywhere: Thoughts About Digital Surveillance", talk by Professor David Lyon, *University of Pisa* – Participant. *April 2023*.
- Permanent Seminar “Moral Philosophy”, *University of Turin* – Participant. *December 2022 to present*.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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- “Filosofia al Planetario”, Planetario di Modena, *Modena* – organizer of a cycle of conferences for general audiences, on the topics of philosophy and astronomy. *September to December 2024*.
  - “Lancio del Magazine MagIA l’intelligenza artificiale è più di quello che appare!”, OGR, *Turin* – organisational team of the event for the Public Engagement Project MagIA (*Magazine di Intelligenza Artificiale*). *May 2024*.
  - “La Bioetica nelle Scuole” – meetings in schools to raise awareness on the ethical impacts of AI. *February to May 2024*.
  - “Scopriamo l’etica dell’Universo AI”, Planetario di Modena, *Modena* – organizer of the conference for general audiences, with Professor Boella and Dr. Cresti. *January 2024*.
  - “Ethics of AI”, Liceo Einstein, *Turin*– invited lecturer, alongside Professor Boella, representing the Italian Society for the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence SIPEIA. *April 2022*.
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