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SUBJECT: ARMANDO CURCIO EDITORE for LOWER AND UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The publishing house ARMANDO CURCIO EDITORE, in collaboration with SSML ARMANDO CURCIO, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of this prestigious and historic brand, proposes a calendar of major events aimed at encouraging innovative research initiatives and, at the same time, opening up opportunities for reflection and dialogue, from the privileged perspective of culture and education, with the public, institutions, political and business communities, the world of sport and law enforcement agencies on issues of significant social impact.

2027 is indeed an important year: exactly 71 years earlier, a small group of researchers gathered at Dartmouth to explore an intriguing hypothesis: that "every aspect of learning or any other feature of intelligence can in principle be so precisely described that a machine can be made to simulate it." In essence, 1956 saw the birth of the first AI programme in history.

Seventy years after the Dartmouth seminar, artificial intelligence (and the virtual world as a whole) is no longer an academic speculation, but an invisible force shaping our everyday lives and affecting people of all ages, with outcomes that are sometimes positive, sometimes less desirable, and at times even harmful.

The relationship between the human and the virtual, between technology and philosophy, was extensively explored by Professor Emanuele Severino in *THE FUTURE OF PHILOSOPHY (IL FUTURO DELLA FILOSOFIA)*, ARMANDO CURCIO EDITORE, 2021. His work inspired a series of subsequent research and/or publishing projects that have shaped the course of reflection across society as a whole.

The programme will be presented on 12 October 2026 at the Senate of the Italian Republic and will be followed by seven in-depth events dedicated to lower and upper secondary schools, as outlined below.

The programme for each event will be sent one month before its scheduled date.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: 7 STEPS TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Exploring the applications of artificial intelligence across different sectors and promoting collaboration among experts, professionals and students.

Events

Step 1 — Design and Illustration: AI as a creative tool?

Coordinator: Prof. Barbara Brocchi
Date: 17 November 2026
Speakers: Designers and illustrators
Topics: Using AI to generate ideas, create illustrations and develop designs.

Step 2 — Publishing and AI: new frontiers in publishing

Coordinator: Dr Alessio Gallicola
Date: 22 December 2026
Speakers: Publishers and writers
Topics: Using AI to write, edit and publish texts.

Step 3 — Schools in the Virtual Age: AI for a new approach to education

Coordinator: Dr Rino Piroscia
Date: 19 January 2027
Speakers: Educators and educational technology experts
Topics: Using AI to personalise learning, support management and communication.

Step 4 — Rule of Law: using AI to combat organised crime

Coordinator: Dr Fabio Iadeluca
Date: 23 February 2027
Speakers: Judges and prosecutors, and security experts
Topics: Using AI for data analysis, crime prediction and crime prevention.

Step 5 — Sport and Communication: AI to improve performance

Coordinator: Dr Federico Marsella
Date: 23 March 2027
Speakers: Coaches and sports managers
Topics: Using AI for data analysis, outcome prediction and team management.

Step 6 — Economics and Business: AI for growth and innovation

Coordinator: Dr Emma Evangelista
Date: 20 April 2027
Speakers: Entrepreneurs and economists
Topics: Using AI for market analysis, trend forecasting and business management.

Step 7

The programme will conclude with the presentation of the **Armando Curcio Award for Excellence in Education** at the prestigious headquarters of the Lazio Regional Government in May 2027.

Format

Each event will last two hours and will consist of a 30-minute presentation, followed by a round-table discussion and a question-and-answer session.

Target audience: Students, professionals and experts in the relevant sectors.

Expected outcomes: To promote knowledge and collaboration among experts and professionals through critical reflection, identify new opportunities for AI applications and stimulate discussion on how technological innovation can improve society.