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Flourishing and Sustainability in the Age of AI

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▪ CONCEPT NOTE ▪

As societies enter the age of Artificial Intelligence, the central question is no longer how rapidly technologies can advance, but whether they support human and planetary flourishing within sustainable limits. The conference positions flourishing and sustainability as the primary goals, with AI understood as a powerful yet contingent context that must be ethically governed and socially embedded. While AI offers opportunities to address climate challenges, improve public services, and expand access to knowledge, it also raises concerns regarding energy consumption, inequality, and the erosion of human agency. Addressing these tensions requires moving beyond techno-centric narratives toward value-driven, inclusive, and future-oriented approaches.

As a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary global forum, STAR Scholars Network welcomes contributions from engineering, medicine, environmental sciences, social sciences, humanities, liberal arts, education, policy, and allied fields, fostering dialogue that bridges technical innovation with ethical responsibility and sustainable futures.

We particularly welcome submissions that explore the following sub-themes:

- Pedagogies to navigate, critique, and shape AI
- Redefining the role of educators and researchers in the age of AI
- University's role in shaping AI and being shaped by AI
- UNESCO recommendations on the Ethics of AI
- Perspectives for Ethical AI in Finance and Business
- Ethics of AI-Enabled Decision-Making and Due Process in Sports Governance
- AI in Healthcare transforming the Medical Field
- The Impact of AI on the Engineering Field
- Ethical concerns with the use of AI in the arts and creative industry
- Ethical concerns with the use of AI in ESG-Environmental, Social and Governance- reporting
- Emotional Literacy in the times of Generative AI
- Leveraging AI for People and Planetary Flourishing