



AI AWARE: UNDERSTANDING, USING AND DEFENDING AGAINST ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

This event, organised as part of the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AIxIA 2026), offers an introductory yet rigorous journey to understand what truly lies behind the AI tools we use every day. Through practical examples, demonstrations and guided discussions, participants will be encouraged to develop a critical perspective on the use of digital technologies.

Meeting topics:

 Fake news and
disinformation

 Deepfakes and
synthetic content

 AI errors
(Hallucinations)

 How AI really works

Monday 5 October
2026, 10:15 - 12:30

Great Hall
Rectorate UNIPG
Piazza
dell'Università, N. 1

Artificial intelligence is now an integral part of everyday life: from social media to search engines, from study apps to recommendation systems. However, alongside opportunities, risks and critical issues also emerge that are essential to understand, especially for young people.

To navigate the digital age, it is essential to verify sources through lateral reading and recognise deepfakes by analysing visual or audio anomalies. AI hallucinations and algorithmic biases show that generative models do not "understand" facts, but replicate statistical patterns that are often distorted. Developing critical thinking allows us to distinguish human consciousness from artificial computation, protecting ourselves from information manipulation.

PROGRAMME

10:15

INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

Stefano Bistarelli, General Conference Chair
AlxIA 2026

Massimiliano Marianelli, Rector, University of
Perugia

Andrea Orlandini, AlxIA President

10:30 – 12:15

THEMATIC SESSION

Coordinated by **Costantini / Zucchini / Mercanti /
Cortellessa**

10:30: Dartmouth 1956: La nascita ufficiale dell'AI (70°
Anniversario)

Aniello Murano, AlxIA

10:50: L'evoluzione della scrittura: Dalla Grecia antica ai Large
Language Models

Piero Poccianti, AlxIA

11:20: Fake News e Allucinazioni dell'AI

Marinella Petrocchi, CNR

11:45: Generare il passato è davvero una buona idea? IA
Generativa, narrazione e ricerca storica
(Interactive version)

Stefania Zucchini, University of Perugia

12:15

CLOSURE and CONCLUSIONS



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