The 2023 France-Latvia Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence

November 22, 2023
16:00-18:30
1st floor Lobby, Faculty of Architecture, Riga Technical University

16:00 Registration

16:15 Official opening

- Prof. Tālis Juhna, Rector of Riga Technical University
- H.E. Ms. Aurélie Royet-Gounin, Ambassador of France to Latvia

16:30 Panel discussion - Creating AI solutions for people
Moderated by Pauls Siliņš, Riga TechGirls

- Megan Martinsone, Gen AI Partners
- Ēvalds Urtāns, asya.ai
- Māra Pudāne, RTU
- Nathan Bonnet, Polymnia

17:15 Panel discussion - Engaging safely with AI and preventing misinformation and the dangers of AI
Moderated by Lily Bethencourt, RTU

- Elīna Lidere, LMT
- Māris Ancans, Giraffe360.
- Isabelle Ryl, PRAIRIE (PaRis AI Research InstitutE)
- Edgars Indriksons, Riga City Council

18:05 Closing remarks by Gatis Ozols, Latvia Deputy State Secretary on Digital Transformation issues

18:10 Artistic performance, Beatrise Anda Ozoliņa un Loreta Šperliņa-Priedīte,"Portraits. Medusas."

18:30 Networking session with attendees

SPEAKERS' BIOS

MEGAN MARTINSONE

Megan Martinsone is a former AI & Emerging Technologies consultant at PwC Amsterdam & London offices, where she contributed to the development of Responsible AI and Explainable AI frameworks.

As the founder of 100xGrowth.AI and ChatGPT Training Academy, Megan works with AI Tools Directory featuring approximately 2,000 innovative AI Tools, upskills businesses in ChatGPT technology, and builds Generative AI agent solutions. Most recently, Megan has helped TWINO in new Generative AI use cases discovery.

ĒVALDS URTĀNS

Dr. Ēvalds Urtāns is an AI researcher and founder of asya.ai and Pitch Patterns, while also being the host of AI Ranch podcast. Evalds, as an entrepreneur, conference speaker and scientist, commercializes various AI solutions, robots, inventions and grows his garden and 3 children family. His research field was focusing on Deep Reinforcement Learning, Deep Representation Learning and Loss functions.

MĀRA PUDĀNE

Māra Pudāne is a researcher at Riga Technical University in the The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Systems Engineering and within the IKSA Research Lab (Information, communication and signal processing technology national research center), which covers a very wide range of activities and is active in the field of robotics and cooperate with schools and non-governmental organizations to promote STEM sciences in Latvia and abroad.

NATHAN BONNET

Nathan, as a start-up incubator, is the CEO of Polymnia, a startup that utilizes the first direct AI to enhance eloquence and provide powerful solutions for developing communication skills by analyzing speech and behavior.

Simultaneously, he serves as the Director of the observatory at Institut Sapiens in Paris, which aims to define the role of humans in a society disrupted by digital technology. Recently, Nathan participated in a collective publication on Educative AI in Higher Education.

ELĪNA LIDERE

Elīna Lidere is the Innovations Ecosystems Lead at the LMT Innovations branch and is a 5G expert at the Latvian Internet and Communications Technology Association (LIKTA).
Elīna is an active participant in the civic community as a co-creator at Riga TechGirls, a mentor for various startups and hackathons, innovation movement Vefresh, and more.
She is an avid supporter of the "tech for everyone" principle. Elīna is also a Computer science and information technologies PhD student at Riga Technical University and has co-funded an initiative where parents teach children to draw 3D drawings and animations in Blender.
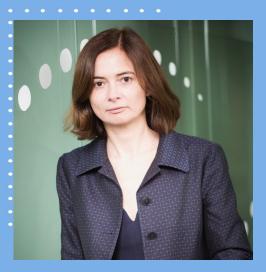
MĀRIS ANCĀNS

Māris Ancāns is a computer vision engineer at Giraffe360, where he leads a small part of the Research and Development department. He has a Bachelor's degree in Computer system from RTU and a master's degree in Intelligent Robotics System. Having done some research in reinforcement learning and emotion detection in videos, Māris is gaining experience in AI technologies and shows interest in the singularity and the future of AI, as well as its social impact.

ISABELLE RYL

Isabelle Ryl is a professor at the University of Lille. From 2010 to 2018, she has been the director of the Paris Inria research center and was acting Deputy CEO for Transfer and Industry Partnerships at Inria in 2018.
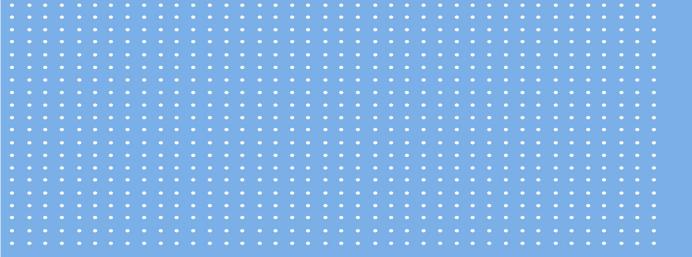
From 2014 to 2019, she was the vice-president of Cap Digital (French center of excellence digital content and services) as well as a member of the Innovation Council (interministerial council) from 2018 to 2021. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Agoranov incubator since 2011 and is currently director of the PRAIRIE (PaRis AI Research InstitutE) which is one of the four institutes launched as part of the French national strategy for AI.

EDGARS INDRIKSONS

Edgars has served in diverse capacities within numerous tech startups. Having finished Stockholm School of Economics with a degree in finance and economics, Edgars has pivoted to various data analytics roles as a software engineer, data analyst, and data scientist.

Now, as the Head of Data at the Riga City Council, he's bringing his knowledge from the private sector to the public sector by establishing a multi-functional internal data analytics team consisting of various data specialists to lead the way in digital transformation and data-driven decision-making.

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