



The Zurich-Japan Innovation Dialogue: Exploring the Societal Impact of AI

Swiss Pavilion, Expo 2025 in Osaka, Wednesday, 1 October 2025

The Zurich–Japan Innovation Dialogue in Osaka brings together researchers from the University of Zurich (UZH) and Japanese experts to explore the societal impact of artificial intelligence. The event focuses on how AI is transforming core areas of human life, from healthcare and law and digital ethics, while encouraging conversation across both cultural and disciplinary lines. Drawing on diverse perspectives, the dialogue aims to deepen understanding of the ethical, legal, and social challenges posed by AI. It also serves as a platform for open exchange between Swiss and Japanese stakeholders committed to shaping this technology in the public interest.

Why Japan, why Switzerland? Both countries are global leaders in technological innovation, renowned for their cutting-edge research, strong ethical frameworks, and commitment to addressing the societal implications of emerging technologies. By bringing together Swiss and Japanese stakeholders, the dialogue creates a unique platform for open exchange, fostering collaborative solutions that reflect the shared values and complementary strengths of these two innovation-driven nations.

Time	
From 16:30	Registration and welcome refreshments
17:00	Opening by the Moderator, Akihico Mori , Freelance Science Journalist, Art Director, and Educator
17:05	Welcome remarks by Prof. Christian Schwarzenegger , Vice President Faculty Affairs and Scientific Information, University of Zurich
17:10	Lightning Talk: AI for Peace and Understanding – Connecting Communities, Reducing Bias By Prof. Sofia Sahab , Program-Specific Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Informatics, Department of Social Informatics, Kyoto University.
17:15	Lightning Talk: AI in Medicine – Better Outcomes, Smarter Care By Prof. Michael Krauthammer , Director of the Department of Quantitative Biomedicine, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich (UZH)
17:20	Lightning Talk: Accelerating Every Organization with Microsoft AI By Yasuki Takami , Advisor, Promotion Consortium for AI Co-Innovation Lab Kobe
17:25	Lightning Talk: AI in Law – Preventing Harm, Fostering Innovation By Prof. Florent Thouvenin , Professor for Information and Communications Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich
17:30	Lightning Talk: Ikigai in AI Alignment By Prof. Kenichiro Mogi , Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Inc. and University of Tokyo
17:35	Panel discussion moderated by Akihico Mori with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prof. Michael Krauthammer, Director of the Department of Quantitative Biomedicine, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich (UZH) – Prof. Kenichiro Mogi, Project Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Prof. Sofia Sahab, Program-Specific Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Informatics, Department of Social Informatics, Kyoto University. – Yasuki Takami, Advisor, Promotion Consortium for AI Co-Innovation Lab Kobe – Prof. Florent Thouvenin, Professor for Information and Communications Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich (UZH)
18:30	Q&A from the audience
19:00	Guided tour through the Swiss Pavilion
19:45	Flying dinner
21:00	End of event