**Allianz\_Rome\_MicroConference**

Transcription Panel Discussion:

**Florian Scheiblbrandner:**

“You think it is about money, but we believe that insurance is more than bank investment. So it is based on the idea of that someone wants to do something and then sometimes something can happen… risk… and for that we are here. We could do it in the one way with a lot of whitepapers and research what we also do, but we believe it is also important to get out to start a conversation and to really explore something to understand what kind of ideas are there. Because at the end we want to understand it because otherwise we can not ensure it in the future and that is the very simple story behind it.”

**Telina Reil:**

“I think we can definitively speak about a hype if we speak about AI. And I think this is also one of the reasons why we see some changes or some challenges to make people not fear this change and this transformation too. So I would say we are at a really early stage in companies as well as in cities. We are starting to understand how to organize to make these new technologies also have an impact, but we still not see the impact that we’ve seen before.”

**Marcello Federico:**

“I believe that in general there will be interesting applications. I still think that these are vertical applications. So I do not believe in strong AI just to be clear. So AI that really stimulates our brains, that has cognitions, dreams etc., this is still fiction.”

**Marco Trombetti:**

“Human beings are scared about change. And so we probably have a bias on that and when we look at change, we probably think we are more worried then we should, and history proved the opposite and proved that every big step we have done in technology and automation was a positive one.”

**Telina Reil:**

“There are very strong human characteristics too. So one could say that it might be that AI makes or enables us humans to focus on that what we are the best being humans, being able to leverage our creativity, our ability to work with lack of knowledge, bit of uncertainties, imagination and let the machines take care of the rest. I think that is the beautiful view of it.”

**Marco Trombetti:**

“And so I think that with self-driving cars at one point, especially if those are electric, we will probably need the third of the cars we currently have.”

**Bryn Balcombe:**

“I think the incident that happened, really the first death if you like the hands-off an AI driver is a bit of a shock wave through our industry.”

**Paolo Cellini:**

“So the shock is not just somebody has been killed by a car that happens every other second. The shock is who is going to be responsible for. We don’t know. We have no hypothesis. Who will be at the end taken of the final decision? Who will be held responsible for?”

**Allianz\_Global\_Explorer\_Program\_Overview\_Reel**

Transcription

**Rasmus Nutzhorn**

“You are witnessing something called the global explore program that the company Allianz is doing. I think we are tonight discussing something that is truly important.”

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**Marcello Federico:**

“By AI we mean the branch of science that tries to build to design computer systems that are able to show our skills and reach expertise that we normally associate to human intelligence.”

**Bryn Balcombe:**

“It is such a diverse panel here, so I am really interested in the views especially about Rome and the challenges of bringing new infrastructure into Rome, full mobility, I think that would be really fascinating.”

**Paolo Cellini**

“Rome will need much more electrical cars and metro. I don’t believe that autonomous car will come soon for many different reasons. Autonomy will change our concept of responsibility. We are not ready.”

**Marco Trombetti:**

“AI is not spread. There are very few people working in it and that is the unique opportunity to meet and plan the future together.”

**Allianz Rome Panelists Interviews Conference**

**Rasmus Nutzhorn:**

“A big part of the conversation around AI is fear and I think it is interesting that we are talking about AI and the conversation is about emotions. What we are doing with the global explore program is that we are basically facilitating that conversation that we should have as humans to address that very natural fear element.”

**Florian Scheiblbrandner:**

“Basically it is an insight we learnt already also in Hong Kong and in other cities that it is a mixture of certain things which has to come together. I think AI is interesting because it is like a lens because it is something, we cannot touch, so it is not like a car which is driving around. For that we need to understand what kind of environment we need, like regulations which was a topic today. But it is also a technology question. It is one more time the insight that things have to come together.”

**Telina Reil**:

“I think that is a pitch for the Explorer program in general, because only through being out there, going to places where people live where people have their everyday life, I think we can understand how we can support them, how can we help them, maybe we have the different technologies, maybe help with AI, but only three directions we can build trust, we can really understand people’s need and what they really need and how we can support them. In order to understand AI probably, I think we definitely also need to have a continue discussion around what actually is human and what being human means. Because I think only by more insights around what makes us human, what a human is and how we think and how we behave we can also understand how we can collaborate with technology in the best possible manner. I think it is a very multifaceted discussion to have what is a society, what is a city, what is human, what is a brain, what is a human brain, what is human intelligence and what is AI?”

**Bryn Balcombe:**

“I think it is about intelligence in general, not just AI, but human intelligence and animal intelligence, and how those intelligence forms can actually work together in collaboration but also in competition in order to create a better society and create evolution within our society. We said earlier the amount of changes which are coming now with AI in the next 30 years is more than we have seen in the last 3000, that is an incredible change to do within one life time. And to cope with that level of change we don’t see anything like that. So it is going to fragment society.”

**Paolo Cellini:**

“Yes I know, I have a different opinion. I think that human kind responsibility is porting a huge challenge out of AI, because it’s not the continuation. The conferences about the impact of AI in human kind that what it is has broad as you can think about it, but that is the real thing, that’s what matters to people.”

**Rasmus Nutzhorn:**

“People are discussing how AI impacts trust, how AI impacts the way we engage with each other as humans, how AI impacts the bigger components of life in our society and that was not what I thought the conference was about.”

**Bryn Balcombe:**

“I think at the moment I really split the public debate, so there has been a lot of instances now where we’ve seen autonomous vehicles involved in certain situations. There was a great example where an autonomous vehicle stopped to avoid an accident but to a lot of people, the way it stopped would have meant if you were following, you would have caused an accident. And that completely splits the public because the way that the eye made the right or the wrong decision. You know, should’ve it really have protected the pedestrians, should’ve it moved across the double white line in order to avoid the pedestrians. But what about if someone’s behind you? And what about their responsibility or your responsibility for their safety. And I think that’s what is really interesting at the moment. There’s parts of society that just believe it based on minimal information and parts that distrust it based on minimal Information. We’re now moving to a time where we’re getting much more data and we’re sharing that so you have an informed opinion, not just a polarised binary opinion.”

**Marco Trombetti:**

“The reason why I think AI is getting successful is because we as humans are lazy and so we love to get rid of the things that are tedious that we don’t want to do every day. We want to be creative, I love to learn how to wash the dishes but I want to do it once. I want to do gardening three times a year but for the rest of the time, I want a machine to do it for me.”

**Marcello Federico:**

“From my point of view it was demystifying AI a bit because I think there is too much unnecessary, let me say unmotivated fear behind this technology.”

**Rasmus Nutzhorn:**

“I think the conversation today was on so many different levels and on so many different aspects of the topic that my main insight of it is that we are discussing something we don’t know and I’m very happy we are doing that because we should. It is definitely one of the biggest topics we are facing within our lifetime and I think it is absolutely fine that we are exploring what it is before knowing what it is.”

**Marco Trombetti:**

“There’s a lot of debate about trust in AI. Do we need to understand how AI works in details in order to trust AI? Well, I don’t think so. I think that we will adapt, we trust things because we interact with them and over a certain period, you realise that that thing is doing exactly what you want.”

**Florian Scheiblbrandner:**

“I think the topic around AI is about the fact of risk. What is the risk of it and as a technology element? Which we might can calculate. But even the more important one is the human factor of it, so how people receive it, so what they think what kind of risk it has, because this all depends on how they react on it. So if you take the examples we have heard today, we have pure technology crushing which will not be easy to answer but we will find ways for that. But the human side, that’s a very interesting one, we have to go deeper. So we have these two sides and as an intruder we have to understand both of the sides, so not trust just one of them.”

**Paolo Cellini:**

“And that’s a huge impact for insurance business because without no responsibility there is no insurance business.”

**Allianz Global Explorer Speakers Introduction - Edited Package**

**Telina Reil:**

“I am Telina Reil. I work at Allianz SE in the headquarters function for digital transformation, helping to drive the transformation of Allianz towards becoming a data driven company. No, artificial intelligence is not a danger, artificial intelligence is something that is going to change the way we live, but this is nothing new to know. Rome is a good example, there has been many different civilizations living here, they all have different structures, they have different buildings, have used different technology. It’s always changed, change sometimes can be a bit painful, sometimes it can be disruptive, but it is part of life to continue and develop.”

**Marcello Federico:**

“I am Marcello Federico, I have been a researcher for about 30 years and recently started a company called ModernMT which tries to deploy artificial intelligence in the field of machine translation. Languages are a very important aspect of our culture and society worldwide, but at the same time they represent barriers of communication. So our goal is to use AI basically to reduce languages barriers across the world so to make communication easier. But at the same time, I don’t believe that AI will replace experts but it will empower experts.”

**Paolo Cellini:**

“I am Paolo Cellini, I teach digital economics at the Luiss University in Rome. I am a member of the board of the mobility agency. Rome will make much more electrical cars and metro. I don’t believe that autonomous cars will come any soon for many different reasons. Autonomy will change our concept of responsibility and we are not ready. ”

**Bryn Balcombe:**

“My name is Bryn Balcombe, I am Chief Strategy Officer at Roborace and Roborace is a completely new form of entertainment and motorsports, that brings AI and Robotics to life on a racetrack. The next 30 years of change will surpass everything we have seen in the last 3000 years, data is the new oil and AI is the way to mine that data. AI is the way to extract value from that data and the value comes back to us as humans and it is the question of what we do with it.”

**Marco Trombetti:**

“My name is Marco Trombetti, I am an entrepreneur in AI and also co-founder of PI Campus, a venture firm that invests in AI. Last week I told my son that he probably does not need a driver license. He asked me what it was and I told him don’t worry you will not need it. So it will be a different world, easier and probably better.“