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The Role of Higher Education and “Deeper Learning” in the Age of AI

As the capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI) evolve at a remarkable pace, the very meaning and mission of higher education are once again being called into question. What kinds of learning should universities cultivate in the AI era? This symposium explores the significance and challenges of the “deeper Learning” that Sophia University aspires to promote, drawing on two key OECD initiatives: the international project “Fostering Students’ Creative and Critical Thinking Skills in Higher Education” (2019–2023) and the OECD Digital Education Outlook 2026: Exploring Effective Uses of Generative AI in Education (2026).

Opening Remarks / Introduction **Miki Sugimura** President, Sophia University

Keynote speech

1 Stéphan Vincent-Lancrin Deputy Head of OECD Centre for Educational Research and Innovation and Senior Education Economist

Education in the age of generative AI: new requirements for critical thinking and creativity?

2 Takehiko Kariya Specially Appointed Professor, Sophia University
Emeritus Fellow, Oxford University

How can Japanese universities overcome the challenges of the generative AI era?
Examining the structure and practices of teaching and learning in Japanese higher education.

Designated Commentary **Yasuhisa Tamura** Professor, Faculty of Science and Technology, Sophia University

Panel Discussion

Stéphan Vincent-Lancrin / Takehiko Kariya / Yasuhisa Tamura

Makoto Ikeda Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Sophia University

Moderator **Miki Sugimura**

Speakers'
Details



Master of Ceremonies **Kris Brazas** Graduate School of Human Sciences, Sophia University



Stéphan Vincent-Lancrin



Takehiko Kariya



Yasuhisa Tamura



Makoto Ikeda



Miki Sugimura



Kris Brazas

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Registration

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In person

