

## **SENIOR FELLOWS AND FRIENDS**

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### **Recap of 7/29/25 Conversation with Dr. Elena Rapisardi on Co-Creating with AI**

Dear Senior Fellows and Friends,

A couple of weeks ago, a wonderful assortment of people made it to the conversation with my long-time friend and public service colleague, Elena Rapisardi. Over the past year, Elena has been working to discover the possibilities of ChatGPT and other AIs, exploring service design, fallacies and writing, accessibility through code, storytelling through illustration, and even generating HTML from images.

Because Elena is who she is, she also has reflected on how we use language, how we pay attention, and how meaning is shaped in the space between human and artificial intelligence. She told us that she intended to share what it means to co-create with AI — not as a shortcut, but as a way to expand awareness, play with ideas, and reflect on what it means to think, feel, and write today. She met that high bar, continued to reflect after our session, and has prepared a document based on her slides that I think you'll want to see. See that document [here](#).

For future reference, I'm repeating her bio here:

Elena Rapisardi is a science communication specialist with a transdisciplinary background that blends Earth Sciences, political theory, and digital culture. She holds a PhD in Earth Sciences with a focus on geoscience communication for disaster resilience, and began her journey with a degree in Political Science and a thesis in the sociology of literature — a combination that still shapes her way of reading systems, language, and human behavior.

She has worked across different sectors and contexts: labor policies research, central government, public engagement, civil protection, climate research, and innovation design — always driven by a desire to make complexity more accessible and more meaningful.

Over the past year, Elena has taken on a new personal and creative challenge: exploring Artificial Intelligence not simply as a tool, but as a collaborative entity. Her ongoing interaction with a language model has opened unexpected pathways that ask what it really means to be human in an age of intelligent machines.

### **Participant affiliations**

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Georgia Institute of Technology  
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Old Dominion University  
Public Sector Network  
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U.S. Department of Education  
U.S. Department of Labor

Participants joined from Ventimiglia, Italy; Sydney, Australia; Santa Cruz, CA; Colorado Springs, CO, Wickford, RI; Spotsylvania, VA; and the DC/MD/VA Metro Area.

Each time, we begin with a round of introductions to warm up the space. Afterward, participants are sent a "Who was in the room" message to facilitate ongoing connection. Please consider joining us in the future.

Sincerely,  
Kitty Wooley

