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Prof. Dr. Bojan Žalec is a philosopher at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Ljubljana, where he leads the Institute for Philosophy and Social Ethics. He is a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts based in Salzburg. Professor Žalec has authored nearly two hundred scientific publications published by reputable scientific publishers and journals. His research integrates elements from various philosophical schools, including analytic philosophy, phenomenology, personalism, and existential thought. He is currently the head of the scientific research project Theology and Digitalization: Anthropological and Ethical Challenges. He advocates for the reasonably grounded protection of human nature and humanity. In this context, the development of modern technology, digitalization, and artificial intelligence presents significant challenges that philosophy, theology, religious studies, and other humanities must respond to competently, as their contribution in this area is indispensable.

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Roman Globokar holds a doctorate in moral theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He is an associate professor and head of the Department of Moral Theology at the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana. He teaches courses in theological ethics, bioethics, social ethics, and human rights. He is a long-standing member of the Commission of the Republic of Slovenia for Medical Ethics. He has participated in several European projects on the implementation of ethical content in educational processes. His research focuses on bioethics, Christian ethics in a pluralistic society, the ethics of artificial intelligence, and ethics in education.

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