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Programme

1st Session | **February 12** | 13h00 – 14h00

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Breaking the mold of augmentative and alternative communication through AI

Hugo Plácido da Silva

2nd Session | **March 12** | 13h00 – 14h00

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Computational technologies in healthcare research and innovation – Challenges, opportunities and perspectives

Rebecca Shipley



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Speakers



Hugo Plácido da Silva

Award-winning inventor, researcher, and entrepreneur. Co-founder of multiple innovative technology-based companies operating in the field of medical devices and data science for health. PhD in Electrical and Computers Engineering with Habilitation in Biomedical Engineering, both from the Instituto Superior Técnico (IST) - University of Lisbon (UL), Hugo is coordinator of the "Information and Data Science" thematic line and Senior Researcher at the IT - Instituto de Telecomunicações since 2004. He is also an Invited Professor at the Bioengineering Department of IST since 2019.

Both at a technical and scientific level, he has actively contributed to and participated in more than 70 national and international projects, funded by grants from Horizon 2020, Portugal 2020, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT), and several other private and public institutions (e.g. BBC, Vodafone, or Nokia). Hugo has 10 granted patents and published 280+ papers in peer reviewed journals, international refereed conferences, and book chapters.

His main interest interests include biosignal research, system engineering, signal processing, and machine learning, and his work has been distinguished with several academic and technical awards such as the "IEEE Entrepreneurship Impact Award" in 2023, the "Career Award alumniIPS" in 2018, the "Best Industrial and Enabling Technology" at the European Commission's DG-CONNECT Innovation Radar Prize in 2017, or the 1st place at the Ordem dos Engenheiros Young Engineer Innovation Award in 2015, just to name a few.



Rebecca Shipley | University College London and UCLPartners

Professor Rebecca Shipley expertise lies in computational modelling in healthcare as well as healthcare innovation. She has pioneered model-based techniques to better understand how diseased and damaged tissues function and repair, including in cancer and nerve injury, as well as data-driven models in physiology and digital health technologies. She is a passionate advocate for healthcare engineering and the translation of scientific discoveries into practice. During the pandemic, Rebecca co-led the UCL-Ventura programme, which delivered non-invasive ventilators in the UK and globally. Rebecca led the UCL Institute of Healthcare Engineering during between 2018 and -2024 and now is Chief Research Officer at UCLPartners.