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Leading Change, Inspiring Innovation

Are old recipes still useful when “the times they are a-changing”? Well, not surprisingly, the answer is: it depends.

The world, and the human condition itself, are undergoing such deep transformations in such a limited time span, that we must **strive to maintain** both the attitude to **lead change** and the **ability to preserve identities and values** that make it worthwhile to engage in our life and work patterns. Just to provide an example, when entering the world of “agentic AI” – the use of AI agents that perform tasks autonomously – do we only train our students on the technical side of Artificial Intelligence, or do we also give voice to social and ethical concerns regarding AI? As a social science University, no doubt we choose the second path, but **hedging change and identities is a complex task**.

Hence, the title of this Newsbook, ***Leading Change, Inspiring Innovation***, points to the balance Luiss seeks to pursue between “old” but good landmarks, such as the Rule of Law that is so often under fire nowadays, and the quest for innovation that is a key pillar of our activities. The **2025 Luiss Research Day**, and the **birth of the new STEM Department**, aims to achieve this balance.

Always keeping in mind that **women drive change, as is clear from the colleagues mentioned in this issue**.

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