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Professor Dautenhahn is Professor of Artificial Intelligence in the School of Computer Science at University of Hertfordshire in U.K. where she coordinates the Adaptive Systems Research Group. She received her Ph.D. degree from the Biological Cybernetics Department of the University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany, in 1993. She has pioneered research in social robotics, human-robot interaction and robot-assisted therapy for children with autism. She has extensive experience from the past 13 years as Principal Investigator for nine EU grants as well as nationally funded projects. She has an excellent scientific track record with more than 300 publications in her main areas of expertise with an H-index of 54. She has seen to completion 13 PhD candidates. Professor Dautenhahn is Senior IEEE Member, and currently PI of the nationally funded EPSR project on Trustworthy Robotic Assistants (http://www.robosafe.org/), the KASPAR project (http://www.kaspar.herts.ac.uk/), as well as the European project ACCOMPANY (http://accompanyproject.eu/).

Professor Dautenhahn has edited several books and frequently gives invited keynote lectures at international meetings. She regularly organizes conferences, e.g. in 2014 she is Honorary Chair and Publicity Chair for IEEE RO-MAN to be held in August in Edinburgh, Scotland, as well as co-chair of the AISB 2014 Symposium on "New Frontiers in Human-Robot Interaction". Previously she was e.g. general Chair of IEEE RO-MAN 2006 with the theme of "Getting to Know Socially Intelligent Robots" and co- general chair of the ACM/IEEE conference HRI'08. Professor Dautenhahn is founding Editor in Chief of the journal "Interaction Studies: Social Behaviour and Communication in Biological and Artificial Systems", as well as Associate Editor of "Adaptive Behaviour" (Sage Publications), the "International Journal of Social Robotics" (Springer), IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing, and the IEEE Transactions on Autonomous Mental Development. She is on the Advisory Board of the journal AI and Society (Springer). She is listed among the top 25 women in robotics **(**http://robohub.org/25-women-in-robotics-you-need-to-know-about/).

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