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Global Challenges of the 21st Century

- 1) Technological development and human health/ quality of life*
- 2) Climate change and environmental sustainability*
- 3) Democracy and cohesion in Europe*

Can We Do Research without Mathematics ?

One cannot have critical thinking in knowledge and research without logic! This is the first argument for using mathematical logic, which gives one the possibility of solid statements. The flexibility in research is given by the change of premises (axioms) and not by ambiguous affirmations. We will briefly present some applications of mathematics in physics, biology, linguistic and social sciences.

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