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Roberto's research focuses on how to create *innovations* loved by people, both their users and their creators. He explores how leaders and organizations generate radically new *visions*, and make those visions come real. His studies lie at the intersection between *leadership*, *design* and *technology strategy*. In his research Roberto combines methodologies of in-depth analysis of cases with experimentations with pioneering firms, in a variety of industries and contexts.

Roberto is the author of “*Overcrowded. Designing Meaningful Products in a World Anxious with Ideas*”, published by MIT Press in 2017, where he provides processes and methods to create breakthrough transformations. He is also the author of “*Design-Driven Innovation: Changing the Rules of Competition by Radically Innovating what Things Mean*”, published by Harvard Business Press in 2009, which has been selected by BusinessWeek as one of the Best Design and Innovation Books, and by the Academy of Management for the *George R. Terry Book Award* as one of the best 6 management books published in 2008 and 2009. It has been translated in 8 languages. His research on management of design and design clusters has been awarded the Compasso d'Oro (the most prestigious design award in Italy).

Roberto has issued more than 150 articles, including “Developing Products on Internet Time” published on Management Science, and “Innovating Through Design”, “Which Kind of Collaboration is Right for You”, “Designing Breakthrough Products”, and “The Innovative Power of Criticism” all published on the *Harvard Business Review*. He is in the Hall of Fame of the Journal of Product Innovation Management, where he acts as an Associate Editor, and has been featured on The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Financial Times, Forbes, BusinessWeek. Roberto is a regular contributor to the Harvard Business Review online magazine.

Roberto, together with his team of likeminded *researchers-consultants*, has served as advisor to executives and senior managers at a wide variety of manufacturing and service firms including Ferrari, Ducati, Procter & Gamble, Unilever, Gucci, Samsung, STMicroelectronics, Zappos, Microsoft, IBM, Johnson&Johnson, Nestlè, Philips, 3M, Tetrapak, ARUP, NTT, Deloitte. He has also helped national and regional governments around the world to conceive design and innovation policies.

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