



Welcome

AI Conference

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Speaker Lineup AI Conference October 30, 2026

7:00 am PDT Introduction of Speakers

7:05 am PDT Robyne Kassen

7:30 am PDT Mansoor Khan

7:55 am PDT Ümit Cali

8:20 am PDT Karl Weaver

8:45 am PDT Chris Grove

9:10 am PDT Asad Khan

9:35 am PDT Bob Williams

10:00 am PDT Sweta Gupta

10:25 am PDT Shaun Christian Scott

10:50 am PDT Chuck Nolan

11:15 am PDT Kelley Collins

11:40 am PDT Raymond Horner, Base Power Company, Codes and Standards

12:05 am PDT Salute to the Speakers

In this hands-on workshop, you'll build your first AI double: a Virtual Twin that extends your best work and keeps running for you around the clock. Designed for companies and their teams, the workshop puts the people who know the job best in charge of building it. They learn a new skill while raising productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness in ways that show up both in the numbers and in the quality of the work. You'll start with a guided discovery process that helps you find the VirtualTwins that would amplify your work the most. Then you'll blueprint it, build it, connect it to your tools, and put it to work. You'll leave the same day with a working Virtual Twin that keeps improving the more you use it.



Robyne Kassen

Robyne Kassen is an award-winning architect who turned founder of BlueprintX, a platform where people build, own, and put to work their own AI doubles, called VirtualTwins. Her design work has been shown at MoMA New York, MoMA Santiago, and MAXXI Rome, where she won the 2012 Young Architects Program. Her built work spans the US, China, and Europe, including the 2010 Olympic Village in Whistler. She holds an M. Arch from Pratt Institute and a B.A. from McGill University. She also helped pioneer Fit City, an annual conference linking health and design, with the Center for Architecture NYC/AIA. Robyne started working seriously with AI in late 2022, days after ChatGPT launched. Her mission is to make sure people are amplified by AI rather than erased by it. While the biggest AI companies race toward one mega intelligence, BlueprintX is designed so people can own theirs. At heart, Robyne is an architect of formations.

She chose AI because it's the highest-leverage way she knows to make a difference, for companies and for the people inside them. That's what keeps her going.

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Mansoor Khan

Strategic and results oriented utility leader with extensive experience in electrical power system planning and operation, renewable energy development, and energy transition strategy implementation. Proven success delivering complex utility and energy projects from early-stage planning through installation and commissioning. Recognized for integrating emerging technologies into practical, scalable utility applications that improve resiliency, reliability, and decarbonization. A collaborative and decisive leader who builds high-performing teams, strengthens client relationships, and ensures exceptional project quality, cost control, and on-schedule delivery. Known for bringing insight, innovation, and integrity to advisory engagements across the evolving utility landscape.

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Ümit Cali

“Trustworthy AI, Robotics and Connected Infrastructure: From Research to Real-World Impact”
Talk description: As Director of the Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Connected Infrastructure Research Center at the American University of Sharjah, I will present how multidisciplinary research in AI, robotics, autonomous systems, digital twins, smart connected infrastructure, and trustworthy AI is moving from academic research toward real-world deployment. The talk will discuss the role of AI in critical infrastructure, energy, mobility, healthcare, and industry, while addressing AI governance, cybersecurity, privacy, human oversight, and responsible innovation. I will also introduce ARC’s research structure and its approach to building university-industry-government partnerships that connect fundamental research, applied

innovation, prototyping, and technology transfer.

Professor **Dr.-Ing. Umit Cali**, LL.M. is Professor and Director of the Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Connected Infrastructure Research Center at the American University of Sharjah. His research spans artificial intelligence, energy informatics, digital twins, distributed ledger technologies, cybersecurity, privacy, autonomous systems, and AI governance. He has more than two decades of academic and industrial experience and has held academic positions in the UAE, UK, Norway, and Germany. He also serves in international IEEE leadership and standardization activities and works extensively on interdisciplinary research linking AI, engineering, law, and critical infrastructure. Expertise Areas: Legal Tech, Advanced Data Analytics (ML and DL), IoT (multi-domain prototyping), Block Chain Technology (Smart Contracts & P2P application development), Cyber-Physical-System design (power, transportation and connected cities applications), IoT / sensorics to Cloud gatewaying, Energy Economics, Energy Politics, Evaluation (Focus: Renewables), Renewable Energy Technologies, Wind Energy (Project Management, Technical Due Diligence, Project Development, Wind Yield Assessment, Wind Power Forecasting Systems, Direct Marketing), Power Trading, Energy Electrical Communication Engineering, Smart Energy/ Smart Grids, EMobility (V2X communication and BMS), Energy Storage, Automation Science, Networking, Project Management, MCP, Cisco Devices, PL/SQL, Shell / Java, Embedded Systems, Car Electronics.

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Global Business, Account & Product/Project Development & Management Experiences. Bilingual Mandarin/English Mobile Public Speaker, Trainer, Moderator, and Panelist. Expatriate work experiences in Greater China, Southeast Asia, Europe, and North America. Extensive network of Chinese OEM/ODM Smart Mobile Devices & Silicon Chip Channel Customer's Mobile "Contactless" NFC payments Rainmaker, especially for smartphones & Smartwatches. TEE Embedded Software Dev Tools & Pioneering Dual Roots of Trust Edge Device Software Security. eSIM/iSIM Evangelization with RSP, and design-in wins from chip core to Secure Elements. GSMA/Remote SIM Provisioning Expertise, SM-DP, SM-SR server and device side. Extensive understanding of the Smart Card and Semiconductor industries in Greater China/Asia. IoT Cellular Module Design-in Wins for Connected Car and Consumer Edge Devices. Extensive experience working with MNOs, MVNOs, and Service Providers in wireless ecosystems — Web3, Blockchains, and Tokenization of physical digital assets & dongle devices for solar PV Panels in the DeWI/TiPIN/DePIN Infra sectors, also AI Chip Supply Chain expertise for GenAI Smartphones. LEO Satellite IoT Ecosystem for Multi-Orbit Direct to Device(D2D) and Direct to Cell (D2C) Services. Career Greater China/India/Asia Wireless Market, Bilingual Mandarin-speaking Professional + wireless & OEM/ODM mobile handset ecosystem specialist, involved in the sale of wireless technologies while living/working on both sides of the Pacific Rim for decades. Specialties: Greater China wireless specialist focusing on Consumer Electronics edge devices and globally standardized wireless connectivity solutions. A very cross-functional specialist with wireless technology training, Asian language and biz dev-sales-marketing-account/product management expertise.

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Chris Grove

Cybersecurity executive with 30+ years of securing complex, high-risk systems across enterprise IT, industrial (ICS/OT), and cyber-physical environments. Mr. Grove has more than eight years of hands-on industrial and critical infrastructure security experience, combined with decades of real-world cyber defense across financial services, cloud, application, database, and operational environments. Earlier in his career, he served as Director of Security and IT Manager for one of the world's largest online gaming and casino operators—responsible for protecting always-on, revenue-critical platforms under constant adversarial pressure. Today, he operates at the intersection of security leadership, strategy, and execution. His work spans advising executive

teams and boards on cyber risk, supporting large-scale incident response and resilience planning, and shaping how security products and programs are designed, positioned, and deployed in the real world. He is known for bridging deep technical expertise with business and governance outcomes—helping organizations translate cyber risk into decisions leaders can act on. His background includes practitioner roles, customer-facing leadership, product and go-to-market influence across enterprise and industrial cybersecurity. Focus areas: Enterprise & industrial cybersecurity (IT / OT / ICS). Cyber risk, resilience, and incident response. Executive and board-level advisory. Cyber-physical systems and critical infrastructure. Product strategy, customer engagement, and market positioning.

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Asad Khan

Mr. Khan has over 5 years of experience in Fertilizer sector, dealing with maintenance of various equipment. Day to day Responsibilities includes Dealing with routine equipment failure and corrective actions. Implementation of Preventive Maintenance Plans. Maintaining maintenance history and developing PM plans. Monitoring Electrical spare inventory and on-time ordering. Performing technical review of quotations received from vendors. Technical evaluation of vendor bid offers (TBE). Electrical Components Maintenance & Repair. Design Evaluation for Electrical Equipment. Preparation of annual maintenance budget of respective units. Managing efficient

utilization of human and material resources. Strong understanding of industrial electrical systems, preventive maintenance programs, fault diagnosis, and electrical safety standards. Committed to continuous learning and interested in opportunities within power generation, utilities, manufacturing, petrochemical, fertilizer, and industrial sectors. Open to international opportunities and employer-sponsored positions in Australia, Canada, USA, China, United Kingdom, the Middle East, and other regions.

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Sweta Gupta

Bridging Energy Innovation and Global Diplomacy: A Path to Sustainable Development Goals

This topic explores the critical intersection of advanced energy solutions, particularly microgrids and renewable energy, with international diplomacy and the pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Drawing on her experience as a UN Speaker and UPF Peace Ambassador, Sweta Gupta discusses how technological innovation in the energy sector can drive inclusive industrialization and empower marginalized communities, especially women

and girls, in the global energy transition. She highlights the role of strategic partnerships and global leadership in achieving energy equity and climate resilience. Sweta's key areas of focus are the strategic importance of powerplants in achieving energy independence and resilience. Integrating innovation within SDG frameworks. The role of international collaboration and peace advocacy in sustainable energy development. Case studies from large-scale solar microgrid, Thermal Powerplant and community engagement.

Sweta Gupta is an electrical engineer with 15 years of experience in power sector. An accomplished Electrical Engineer and MBA, she bridges technical expertise with global leadership, notably speaking at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on SDG 9. As CEO of Gridless Global, she has spearheaded significant grant proposals and solar microgrid developments at Miccosukee Tribe of Indians. Florida in coordination with The Nature Conservancy. Her influence extends to media strategy, securing national press coverage, and co-hosting global broadcast events. Sweta is also the author of 'Clandestine' and has been appointed a UN-affiliated Peace Ambassador by the Universal Peace Federation.

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Exceptional collaborator driven to create culture change, and quantifiable business outcomes. Team motivator, and consultant with a background working in technology initiative enablement, vendor relationship management, and impact strategies. Adept, and committed to growth in leadership acumen, net new opportunity creation, and accelerating efficiencies because of emerging technologies. Passionate about evolving systems and processes, with a high output capacity and enthusiasm for learning. Champion Gymnast, MMA Cage-Fighter, Australian Rules Football player; Actor, Speaker, Musician, Cirque Performer, Guinness World Records, and American Ninja Warrior Competitor.

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Chuck Nolan

Mr. Nolan's passion is driven by the awareness that far too many businesses fail, delaying emerging technologies badly needed to better address the world's problems. His approach is to apply research, networking, and creative thinking to eliminate the barriers to the survival and growth of business teams. Like a sports coach, nothing is greater than contributing to the team's success. As a generalist, he spends 10 to 20 hours a week researching new methods and technologies, and processing over 90 trade and scientific magazines. Chuck believes that entrepreneurs will provide the solutions to many problems that we were not even aware of decades ago. We can't afford to let them die. He became a generalist, back when his employer at the time, 3M, invested heavily in training technical support teams. Each year his team spent weeks in formal classes, besides having access to the specialists in 3M's research and product engineering groups. Today, he mentors startups. Specialties: Valuation Preparation, CRM Process Mgmt, Fuel Cell Design, Electrolyzer Design, Hydrogen Technology, Gorilla Marketing, New Technology Evaluation, Design of Manufacturing Systems, Management Consulting, Import/Export, Evaluation of Patents, Evaluation of Potential Responses from Competitors, Startup Mentoring.

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Kelley Collins

Kelley's mission is to utilize strategy and communication to help people's ideas and concepts come to life. She has over 25 years of experience in both the business and science communities and has shown her how the same idea can be processed and interpreted differently among people, organizations and industries. From marketing to engineering, management to sales, accounting to marketing, and among the multiple generations within an organization - each of us may view the same idea differently. The inability to communicate big picture ideas and even write daily emails can cost us time, money, and create conflicts. Knowing how to create a clear path and how to communicate ideas and concepts to different audiences increases daily efficiency and overall long-term results. There's always a way to achieve what you want - or get super close! Bring her a challenge – She and her group will strategize and get results.

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Raymond Horner

Experienced Director Codes & Standards with a demonstrated history of working in the Codes & Standards industry. Member of NEC Code making panels 3 and 5. Associate Member of Canadian Electrical code part 1 committee and member of Canadian electrical code section 12 subcommittee. Member of various standards development committees. Skilled in Operations Management, Strategy development, Cross Functional Team Building, Environmental Awareness, Product Safety Standards, Installation Codes, and Management. Strong program and project management professional graduated from Keller Graduate School of Management.

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