

SNF Nostos Conference Program

Thursday August 26th, 2021

Stavros Niarchos Hall, Greek National Opera

The SNF Nostos Conference is presented by Anna-Kynthia Bousdoukou, iMEDD Managing Director, SNF DIALOGUES Executive Director and Journalist.

8:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM to 9:03 AM	Welcome Anna-Kynthia Bousdoukou - iMEDD Managing Director, SNF DIALOGUES Executive Director, Journalist
9:03 AM to 9:10 AM	Opening Remarks Andreas Dracopoulos Co-President, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)
9:10 AM to 9:40 AM	SNF 25 years in 25 minutes A documentary about SNF's 25 years of grantmaking
9:40 AM to 11:10 AM	AI Future(s) Worth Wanting <i>The very term 'artificial intelligence' conjures possibilities both thrilling and terrifying. How might AI transform our experience of being alive, and how might traces of our humanity, in turn, shape AI? How do we ensure that AI is used in ways that respect human dignity and enrich human experience? What should we worry about more and what less? Where will AI surprise us? And how can we keep humanity at the center of the AI revolution?</i> with... Harris Ioannou - Product Manager in Machine Learning and Cybersecurity, Kleiner Perkins VC and Open Raven Konstantinos Karachalios - Managing Director, IEEE Standards Association

	<p>Yeshimabeit Milner - Executive Director, Data For Black Lives</p> <p>Anasuya Sengupta – Founder & Co-Director, Whose Knowledge (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Wendell Wallach - Technology Ethicist, Yale University</p> <p>Andrew Zolli (moderator) - Vice-President, Planet, Inc.</p>
<p>11:10 AM to 12:25 PM</p>	<p>Narratives and Visions</p> <p><i>What might we want from AI? What might AI want from us? Human beings answer such questions very differently in different societies and cultures, pointing to a richer set of possibilities than many of us have considered. We'll explore what different cultures have to contribute to our shared vision of AI with some leading thinkers on the subject.</i></p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>Harshit Agrawal - AI Artist & Human Computer Interaction (HCI) Researcher</p> <p>Kanta Dihal - Research Fellow, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge</p> <p>Jason Lewis - Director, Initiative for Indigenous Futures</p> <p>Bing Song - Vice President of the Berggruen Institute and Director of Berggruen Institute China Center (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Aarathi Krishnan (moderator) - Research Fellow, Berkman Klein Centre and Carr Centre for Human Rights, Harvard University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>GPT3 Question Generator Used During This Session</i>
<p>12:30PM to 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Performance: William Kentridge</p>
<p>12:50 PM to 1:50 PM</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>

	<p>Fireside Chat: The Mind and its Development in the Age of AI</p> <p>A pre-recorded conversation with Daniel Barron (Medical Director, Interventional Pain Psychiatry Program, Brigham and Women’s Hospital / Faculty Member, Harvard Medical School) and Harold Koplewicz (Founding President and Medical Director, Child Mind Institute)</p>
<p>2:00 PM to 3:20 PM</p>	<p>Connection, Competition and Cooperation</p> <p><i>As AI reshapes economies and societies, it is already reshaping how we connect, how we compete and how we cooperate. What does this mean for the future of work and the future society? For the competition between nations? For the ways in which we prepare our children for the future?</i></p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>Sinan Aral – Director, MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy (IDE)</p> <p>Yoshua Bengio - Founder, Quebec Institute of Artificial Intelligence (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Christina Colclough – Founder, The Why Not Lab</p> <p>Nicolas Economou – CEO, H5</p> <p>Madeleine Elish - Senior Research Scientist, Google (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Caitlin Zaloom (moderator) - Associate Professor of Social & Cultural Analysis, New York University</p>
<p>3:20 PM to 3:40 PM</p>	<p>Performance: AI in Fiction</p>
<p>3:45 PM to 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Art Amid the Algorithms</p> <p>Human beings are uniquely creative. Or are they? Is it possible for a machine to be genuinely creative? How do AI systems augment our creativity? Are algorithms a medium, like canvas or the stage? If so, how do they help us express what is uniquely human? We’ll explore these questions with several artists who are pushing the boundaries of code and creativity.</p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>Refik Anadol - Media Artist (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p>

	<p>Sougwen Chung - Artist and (Re)searcher</p> <p>Annie Dorsen – Artist</p> <p>Henry Timms (moderator) - President and CEO, Lincoln Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>GPT3 Question Generator Used During This Session</i>
<p>5:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p>	<p>SNF Nostos Youth Discussion: Technology, Social Media and the Impact on Youth Interaction and Development</p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>Anthi Bousouni – Student</p> <p>Savvas Daniilidis – Student</p> <p>Elize Dracopoulos – Student</p> <p>Ypatia Fafalios – Student</p> <p>Panagiotis Fanoulis – Student</p> <p>Maria Papadopoulou – Student</p> <p>Stelios Vassilakis (moderator) - Chief Programs & Strategic Initiatives Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)</p>
<p>6:00 PM to 6:05 PM</p>	<p>Closing of Day Remarks</p> <p>Anna-Kynthia Bousdoukou - iMedD Managing Director, SNF DIALOGUES Executive Director, Journalist</p>

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<p>9:00 AM to 9:40 AM</p>	<p>Performance: Sougwen Chung</p>
<p>9:40 AM to 11:15 AM</p>	<p>Discourse and Democracy</p> <p><i>Can democracies survive their contact with AI – especially when mingled with the hyper fragmented world of social media, and weaponized misinformation? When AI gives us each exactly what we want, how will we form common bonds? Is AI driving us together or apart? Together we'll explore what AI means for civic discourse and democracy.</i></p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>Camille Francois - Chief Innovation Officer, Graphika</p> <p>Anja Kaspersen - Former Director, United Nations for Disarmament Affairs</p> <p>Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein - President and CEO, International Peace Institute</p> <p>David Simas - Chief Executive Officer, Obama Foundation</p> <p>Kevin Rudd - President and CEO, Asia Society (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>George Zarkadakis - Leader for Future of Work, Willis Towers Watson</p> <p>Thanasis Troboukis (moderator) - Journalist & Project Manager, iMEDD Lab</p> <p><i>GPT3 Question Generator Used During This Session</i></p>
<p>11:15 AM to 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Meta-Patterns</p> <p><i>Can we discern deeper patterns in the advancements of technology? How does it liberate and constrain human freedom? How is it subverted? How is it fought over? Where does it tend to take us over time?</i></p> <p><i>with...</i></p>

	<p>Blaise Aguera Y Arcas - Software Engineer, Software Architect and Designer, Google AI</p> <p>Azeem Azhar - Writer, Exponential View (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Manolis Andriotakis - Journalist and Author</p> <p>Stephen Cave - Executive Director, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge</p> <p>Barry Coller - Vice President for Medical Affairs, The Rockefeller University</p> <p>Daniela Rus – Director, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, MIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sam Koplewicz (moderator) – Director, Voter Protection for the Florida Democratic Party
<p>12:45 PM to 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>1:35 PM to 2:50 PM</p>	<p>City, Place and Planet</p> <p><i>How is AI remaking architecture and public spaces? How is it changing our understanding of place, community, and society? And what does it mean for our efforts to tackle climate change and other global challenges? We'll explore how AI is Sreshaping our sense of place and our sense of agency in the world that is itself being transformed daily by our actions.</i></p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>Lucas Joppa - Chief Environmental Officer, Microsoft</p> <p>Xiaowei Wang - Creative Director, Logic Magazine (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Liam Young - Co-Founder, Tomorrows Thoughts Today</p> <p>Andrew Zolli - Vice-President, Planet, Inc. Eric Klinenberg (moderator) – Director, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University</p>

<p>2:50 PM to 3:05 PM</p>	<p>Performance: Annie Dorsen</p>
<p>3:05 PM to 4:20 PM</p>	<p>Spirits Amid the Machines</p> <p>We close with a question we started with: how do we make and keep space for our deepest parts of our humanity – our imagination, our spirit, and our sense of creative possibility – in an age when machines may come to exceed certain of our capabilities? It the path forward to merge with our machines, or have them augment us? How might we design them to uplift us? And how do we embed the most important of our values within them?</p> <p><i>with...</i></p> <p>K Allado McDowell – Founder, Artists and Machine Intelligence, Google AI (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Tenzin Priyadarshi - President and CEO, Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values, MIT</p> <p>Sabelo Mhlambi - Founder, Bantucracy</p> <p>Ted Chiang – Author</p> <p>Aarathi Krishnan - Research Fellow, Berkman Klein Centre and Carr Centre for Human Rights, Harvard University</p> <p>Robert Brooks - Evolutionary Biologist, Scientia Professor of Evolution, UNSW (<i>virtual participation</i>)</p> <p>Panos Papoulias (moderator) - Chief Operating Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)</p> <p><i>GPT3 Question Generator Used During This Session</i></p>
<p>4:20 PM to 5:20 PM</p>	<p>Debate: AI is In/Compatible With Human Freedom</p> <p>Konstantinos Karachalios - Managing Director, IEEE Standards Association</p> <p>Garry Kasparov - Scholar, Humanitarian, Former World Chess Champion</p> <p>Nicolas Mialhe - Co-founder & President, The Future Society (TFS)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anasuya Sengupta – Founder & Co-Director, Whose Knowledge (<i>virtual participation</i>)
5:20 PM to 5:22 PM	<p>Conference Wrap-up</p> <p>Anna-Kynthia Bousdoukou - iMEdD Managing Director, SNF DIALOGUES Executive Director, Journalist</p>
5:22 PM to 5:27 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Andreas Dracopoulos Co-President, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)</p>
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