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SERIES 2021

AI AND MACHINE
LEARNING FOR A
COMPETITIVE EDGE

29 JULY 2021, THURSDAY | 11.30AM - 12.30PM (UTC+8)

FINAL EDITION

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Overview

WIEF thinkTALK is a virtual session specially designed to empower young changemakers with compelling ideas plus deep knowledge on leadership, business, entrepreneurship and pressing issues from prominent leaders as well as industry experts. It welcomes inspired thinkers willing to contribute their thoughts, and individuals from every discipline, who seek knowledge in a world of disruption in which we now live.

At this crucial time when the prosperity of SMEs and startups has been brutally hit by the COVID-19 crisis, WIEF thinkTALK Series 2021, a virtual initiative by WIEF Young Leaders Network (WYN), serves as a recovery guide for small businesses through online discussions with experts, and positively affect growth.

Programme

TIME (MY)

24 JUNE 2021

11.30am - 11.35am

MOCOfest Pop-up

A solo performance by WIEF MOCOfest artist.

Artist:

Tasleem Jamila

Poet, Vocalist and Author
United States

11.35am - 12.30pm

AI and Machine Learning for a Competitive Edge

Applying AI and machine learning (ML) in businesses has been the focus of entrepreneurs looking to stay ahead of the curve. This is essential as companies should innovate to maintain their competitiveness during a time when tech trends are accelerating at breakneck speed.

This edition of WIEF thinkTALK Series 2021 discusses:

- Understanding algorithm to benefit business growth
- Achieving a competitive advantage through AI and ML
- Applying AI and ML in business and the workforce for easy pivot in time of crisis

Speaker:

- **Dr M Waleed Kadous**
Head of Engineering, Anyscale, USA

Moderator:

- **M Nazri Muhd**
Founder and Group CEO, MyFinB, Singapore



Speaker

Dr M Waleed Kadous

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Dr Waleed Kadous is Head of Engineering at Anyscale, the United States, the company behind the open source distributed machine learning project Ray. Prior to Anyscale, Dr Waleed worked at Uber, where he led overall system architecture, evangelised machine learning and led the Location and Maps team. He also worked at Google, where he founded the Android Location and Sensing team, responsible for the 'blue dot' as well as ML algorithms underlying products like Google Fit. Currently, he holds more than 40 patents.



Moderator

M Nazri Muhd

Founder and Group CEO
MyFinB
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M Nazri Muhd is the Founder of MyFinB, Centre of AI Innovation (Global), Chairman for the AI World Summit and also serves as the Honorary Consul for Cabo Verde (West Africa). He specialises in AI and cognitive analytics with more than two decades as a practitioner in these fields. As an early pioneer to deploy AI-based analytics in Asia-Pacific since early 2000, Nazri leads the digital transformation strategies for public, private and non-profit organisations globally where he serves as their AI advisor. Through these roles, he has successfully built a strong global community of AI adopters and practitioners in more than 50 countries.

On 12 July 2021, Nazri was ranked the Number One Thought Leader in AI, Digital Transformation and Predictive Analytics by US-based, independent group called Thinkers360. He was recently awarded the Global Chamber 2020 Excellence Award for Global Partnerships and Innovation. In 2018, Nazri was named one of the World's Top 500 Influential Personalities in the Islamic world and economy by Islamica500. He was also awarded the Asia Pacific's Top Young Business Leader Award in 2010 by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.



Artist

Tasleem Jamila

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Tasleem Jamila is a Poet, Vocalist, Author, Speaker, Educator and Holistic Health Advocate. She is CEO of My Soul Speaks, a company that creates interactive workshop, presentation and performances across the world. Her work highlights the way hip hop, culture as well as spoken word theatre can contribute to freedom, justice and equality for all people.

As an advocate for women and children's rights with a universal approach, Tasleem's programmes have been utilised in detention centres to universities across the globe, and performances that include The Kennedy Centre, Excel London, Columbia University (NYC) as well as the African World Festival of the Arts, just to name a few. She has performed her works across the United States, the United Kingdom, Africa as well as Canada, and continues to tour worldwide. She has a master's degree in spirituality, culture and health.

About

World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation

World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation was established in 2006. It is the organising body of the annual World Islamic Economic Forum. The Forum serves as a focal point where country leaders, captains of industry, emerging entrepreneurs, academics and other stakeholders from the Muslim World and beyond, meet to build bridges through business. The Foundation also undertakes various capacity building programmes under the WIEF initiatives of the Businesswomen Network (WBN), Young Leaders Network (WYN), Education Trust (WET) and Roundtable Series (WRT).

WIEF Foundation's Young Leaders Network (WYN)

Aimed at promoting cross-border business opportunities and social projects for the common good, the WYN is a global youth network for young pioneers and changemakers to connect and collaborate. WYN's flagship leadership programme, Young Fellows, focuses on creating a top-class leadership mentality in the next generation, coupled with a strong moral compass embodied in its philosophy of altruistic leadership under the tagline 'Learn. Empower. Earn. Return'. Other initiatives include IdeaLab, a boutique startup conference that connects global investors to the most promising startups around ASEAN, and MOCAfest, which aims to bridge the gap between the creative industries and the business world.

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