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Speaker biographies

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- Karolinska University Hospital, Solna, Sune Bergströms Auditorium J3:07

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Our Speakers



Muhammad Mamdani

Dr. Mamdani is Clinical Lead – AI at Ontario Health and Professor and Director of the University of Toronto, Temerty Faculty of Medicine Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine (T-CAIREM). He has published over 600 studies and has extensive experience developing and deploying AI solutions in healthcare settings.



Lucilla Sioli

Dr Lucilla Sioli is the Director of the "EU AI Office" within Directorate-General CONNECT at the European Commission. She is responsible for the coordination of the European AI strategy and its governance, including the AI Continent Action Plan, the Apply AI strategy, the implementation of the AI Act and international collaboration in AI and AI for good.

She is also responsible for the coordination of the R&D&I activities in the field of AI and for the implementation of innovation activities in key strategic sectors such as healthcare, robotics and advanced manufacturing.

Lucilla holds a PhD in economics from the University of Southampton (UK) and one from the Catholic University of Milan (Italy) and has been a civil servant with the European Commission since 1997.



Björn Eriksson

Björn Eriksson has served as Director-General of the National Board of Health and Welfare since August 2024, previously holding the same role at the Medical Products Agency from 2021. He holds a medical degree and PhD in Cardiology and Clinical Physiology from Karolinska Institute, with clinical and research experience at Karolinska University Hospital and in the pharmaceutical industry.

His leadership career spans Regional County Director for Region Jämtland-Härjedalen, Hospital Director at Skåne University Hospital, and Healthcare Director in Stockholm Region during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. Internationally, he has served on the EMA Management Board, chaired the HMA Management Group, and currently represents Sweden in the WHO Regional Committee for Europe's Standing Committee (SCRC).



Stephanie Klein Nagelvoort-Schuit

Prof. Stephanie C.E. Klein Nagelvoort-Schuit, MD is Vice Chair of the Executive Board (deputy CEO) of the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) and Professor of Future Healthcare at the University of Groningen. With over twenty years as a medical specialist in acute internal medicine and intensive care, she combines deep clinical expertise with executive leadership focused on digital innovation and network-based care.

She holds national advisory roles including the Dutch National Growth Fund and the Healthcare Package Advisory Committee, and has contributed to several bodies on healthcare quality and digitalisation at the Dutch Ministry of Health. She previously served on the Supervisory Board of CZ and founded abcdeSIM and VirtualMedSchool, a serious gaming spin-out for medical education. In 2025, she was a member of the board group for Peter Wennink's report on the future earning capacity of the Netherlands.



Anca Scortariu

Anca Scortariu is Deputy Head of Unit for "AI in Health and Life Sciences" at the European AI Office, European Commission. She has nearly two decades of experience working at the intersection of digital technologies, research policy, and innovation. Her work focuses on advancing European initiatives that integrate artificial intelligence with health data, digital infrastructure, and life-science research ecosystems, to support AI-driven innovation and accelerate responsible AI adoption in healthcare.



Joni Komulainen

Joni Komulainen is a social affairs, healthcare and eHealth lawyer with more than 25 years of experience, having worked for the City of Helsinki, the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), and since 2018 as Senior Ministerial Adviser at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland.

He has been closely involved in key Finnish legislation including the Act on the Secondary Use of Social and Health Data and the new Act on the Processing of Social and Healthcare Data. At EU and international level, he has served as delegate in negotiations on the European Health Data Space (EHDS) regulation, the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, and the Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET).

He also chaired the drafting group of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), which produced the report on the impact of AI on the patient-doctor relationship.



Lilas Ali

Lilas Ali is an Associate Professor and researcher in psychiatric care at the University of Gothenburg and Sahlgrenska University Hospital. Her work focuses on person-centred care and AI-supported interventions, including co-creation and evaluation of digital conversational tools, with particular emphasis on ethical, clinical, and implementation aspects of AI in healthcare.



Eric Sutherland

Eric is a Senior Health Economist leading the OECD's work in Digitalisation of Health, bringing together policy guidance for digital security, integrated data, and responsible analytics including artificial intelligence. His passion is bringing data to life to help people's lives.



Ishita Barua

Dr. Barua is an Associate Professor of AI, medical doctor, tech entrepreneur, and bestselling author. She holds a PhD in AI in medicine and was a visiting researcher at Harvard Medical School. In 2024, she received the King of Norway's Gold Medal for her research and she is the co-founder and CEO of the medtech company Engram.



Gunnar Thorarensen

Gunnar Thorarensen is Chief Medical Information Officer at Stafræn heilsa, Iceland's new national digital health agency, and a practising anaesthesiologist and intensivist at Landspítali University Hospital. His academic work spans ICU ethics, clinical decision-making and cognitive human factors in high-stakes medical environments, providing a thread that runs directly into the fundamental questions about AI's effect on how clinical knowledge is organised, transmitted and applied.



Stefan Einhorn

Stefan Einhorn is a Professor of Molecular Oncology and a specialist in medical oncology. At the age of 45, he left traditional academia to pursue a broader intellectual path as the author of 16 books, including the well-known *The Art of Being Kind*. Living with Parkinson's, he has also developed the skills and insights that come with being a patient, enriching his perspective as he explores: Is AI the question of the day - or the answer?