

Dr. AYESHA KHANNA



Leading Expert on Artificial Intelligence Co-Founder and CEO of ADDO AI

Ayesha Khanna is the Co-Founder and CEO of Addo, a global artificial intelligence solutions firm headquartered in Singapore and San Francisco. Ayesha was named one of Southeast Asia's groundbreaking female entrepreneurs by Forbes magazine and is a strategic advisor on artificial intelligence, smart cities, and the metaverse to leading corporations and governments worldwide.

Ayesha has a BA (honors) in Economics from Harvard University, an MS in Operations Research from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Information Systems (focused on digital innovation in smart cities) from the London School of Economics. Before founding Addo, featured by Forbes Magazine as one of four leading artificial intelligence companies in Asia in 2017, Ayesha spent over a decade on Wall Street developing large-scale trading, risk management, and data analytics systems for leading financial institutions.

Ayesha is an active advisor and board member of companies and governments as for example the Scientific Advisory Board of L'Oreal. She has served on several Singapore government boards, including Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and the board of Sport Singapore, the government agency tasked with developing a holistic sports culture for the nation. Ayesha was also a member of Singapore's Ministry of Education's steering committee, which resulted in Skills Future.

Ayesha is the Founder of 21st Century Girls, a charity that delivers free coding and artificial intelligence classes to girls in Singapore. Programs include Code in the Community, a program sponsored by Google that has taught thousands of children (8-14 yrs) coding. She is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Councils, a community of international experts who provide thought leadership on the impact and governance of emerging technologies.

Ayesha has been published and quoted on technology, innovation, and smart cities in several international magazines and newspapers and ZDF featured Ayesha in a documentary on twelve "Leading Women" around the world (2019). She has been named one of Singapore's leading women in tech (Singapore Computer Society) and has been profiled for her work in artificial intelligence in leading publications, including Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Switzerland), Focus Magazin (Germany) and Corriere della Sera (Italy).

Ayesha has presented at major financial, technology, and other industry conferences, provided high-level government briefings, chaired symposiums such as AI Asia, and spoken at TEDx events.

Intelligent, charming and based on a broad range of experience, Ayesha Khanna explores in her lectures, for example, the question of how our cities are becoming smart and shows how artificial intelligence can solve many problems in our everyday lives. Above all, she pleads for an ethical use and handling of the technology.

Topics (Selection):

- Smart Cities 2.0: The New Way We Will Live and Work
- Winning with AI: How Innovative Leaders Are Driving Growth
- Future of Work: How to Amplify Human Potential in the Technology Revolution
- Top Ten Trends That Will Affect Your Industry

Publications (Selection):

- Hybrid Reality: Thriving in the Emerging Human-Technology Civilisation, 2012
- Straight Through Processing, 2007