



2024 LAWRENCE NATIONAL CENTRE SYMPOSIUM  
**ENHANCING CANADA'S AI ADVANTAGE IN A  
 COMPETITIVE AND UNCERTAIN WORLD**

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Arcadian Loft, Toronto, Ontario

**AGENDA**

<p>11:30am  <b>Lunch and Registration</b></p>
<p>12:20pm  <b>Welcome Remarks</b>  <b>Romel Mostafa</b>, Professor and Director, Lawrence National Centre (LNC)</p>
<p>12:30pm  <b>Dean's Remarks</b>  <b>Sharon Hodgson</b>, Dean of Ivey Business School</p>
<p>12:40pm  <b>Keynote Speech</b>  <b>Learning from the Past: How the Fourth Industrial Revolution Will Play Out</b>  <b>Stephen Poloz</b>, former Governor, Bank of Canada; LNC Advisory Council Chair</p>
<p>1:10pm  <b>Challenges and Opportunities in Scaling Canadian AI Firms from Founders Perspectives</b>  <b>Christine Allen</b>, Professor; Co-founder and CEO, Intrepid Labs  <b>Ramtin Attar</b>, Co-Founder and CEO, Promise Robotics  <b>Karthik Ramakrishnan</b>, Co-Founder and CEO, Armilla AI  <b>Jenny Yang</b>, Senior Advisor, MaRS Enterprise (Moderator)</p>
<p>1:55pm  <b>Coffee Break</b></p>

2:10pm

**Fireside Chat on Cloud Infrastructure for Scaling and Adopting AI innovations**

**Sam Sebastian**, VP, Canada Country Manager for Google Cloud

**Sharon Hodgson**, Dean, Ivey Business School (Moderator)

2:35pm

**Perspectives on Government Initiatives on Promoting AI**

**Mark Schaan**, Senior ADM, Strategy, and Innovation Policy, ISED

**Dr. Joel Martin**, Chief Digital Research Officer & Chief Science Officer, National Research Council Canada

**Mahmood Nanji**, LNC Power Corporation of Canada Policy Fellow (Moderator)

3:05pm

**Perspectives from the Venture Capital Industry on investing in AI innovations**

**Blake Goldring**, Executive Chairman, AGF Management Ltd;

LNC Advisory Council Member (Moderator)

**Janet Bannister**, Founder & Managing Partner, Staircase Ventures

**Richard Black**, Managing Partner, First Ascent Ventures

**Richard Nathan**, Senior Managing Director, Kensington Capital Partner

3:50

**Coffee Break**

4:05pm

**Perspectives from Canadian Pension Funds on investing in AI innovations**

**Eduard Van Gelderen**, Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, PSP Investments

**Meghna Singh**, Managing Director, Head of Strategy & Innovation, AIMCo

**Alison Loat**, Senior Managing Director, Sustainable Investing and Innovation, OPTrust

**Mahmood Nanji**, LNC Policy Fellow (Moderator)

4:50pm

**Synthesizing Lessons & Actionable Ideas**

**Salim Teja**, Partner, Radical Ventures; LNC AI Industry Champion

**Dr. Joel Martin**, Chief Digital Research Officer & Chief Science Officer, National Research Council Canada

**Alison Loat**, Senior Managing Director, Sustainable Investing and Innovation, OPTrust

**Darren Meister**, Professor, Ivey Business School (Moderator)

5:30pm

**Networking Reception**

6:30pm

**Event Ends**