



Kian Gohar Biography

Kian is Founder & CEO of Geolab, an innovation venture lab in Los Angeles that explores impact-driven innovation moonshots to tackle grand challenges. He is a master facilitator and has coached the CEO and leadership teams of over 50 companies in the Fortune 500 on topics as diverse as innovation, disruptive technologies, exponential thinking, the future of work, the future of mobility, and leadership.

Previously, Kian founded and was Executive Director of the world's leading corporate innovation ecosystem, called the Innovation Partnership Program (IPP.biz), a joint venture of two of the world's most advanced futurist organizations: the XPRIZE Foundation & Singularity University.

His 20-year innovation career spans venture capital, academia and startups around the world. Early in his career, he was a venture capitalist in the UK and China investing in early stage digital media companies, and was a Luce Scholar and faculty member at China's leading business school.

Kian is passionate about the intersection of technology, society and policy. A sought-after public speaker, Kian has presented at the World Economic Forum, been featured on CNBC and Axios, delivered a popular TED talk, and co-authored a seminal report called "The Work Ahead" about the future of work. He speaks 5 languages, is a graduate of the Harvard Business School, the London School of Economics, and Northwestern.