

# Future of AI & Ethics Summit 2026

Shaping the Intelligent Horizon

📅 October 12, 2026 • ⌚ 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM • 📍 The Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco

Welcome to the annual **Future of AI & Ethics Summit**. Today, we bring together leading researchers, philosophers, industry pioneers, and policymakers to navigate the moral dimensions of artificial minds. Our goal is to shape a future where intelligence amplifies human potential without compromising our shared values.

## Summit Agenda

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| 08:30 AM – 09:00 AM | <b>Registration &amp; Morning Reception</b><br>Grand Foyer   Coffee and light pastries served                                                                                     |
| 09:00 AM – 10:15 AM | <b>Opening Keynote: Defining Machine Agency</b><br>Main Hall   Dr. Aris Thorne discusses the philosophical and technical boundaries of synthetic decision-making.                 |
| 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM | <b>Panel: Bias, Fairness &amp; Representation in Large Models</b><br>Room B   Moderated by Sophia Chen. Panelists explore methods to detect, measure, and mitigate systemic bias. |
| 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | <b>Networking Luncheon &amp; Technology Exhibition</b><br>Courtyard   Connect with sponsors and view live demonstrations of state-of-the-art alignment tools.                     |
| 01:00 PM – 02:15 PM | <b>Panel: Policy, Law &amp; Global Governance</b><br>Main Hall   Elena Rostova and Marcus Vance debate international regulatory frameworks and safety standards.                  |
| 02:15 PM – 03:30 PM | <b>Technical Session: Robust Alignment Methods</b><br>Room C   Deep dive into Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF) and preference optimization.                      |
| 03:30 PM – 04:30 PM | <b>Interactive Roundtable: The Next Decade of AI Ethics</b><br>Grand Foyer   Facilitated discussions where attendees collaborate to draft the 2026 Summit Accord.                 |
| 04:30 PM – 05:00 PM | <b>Closing Remarks &amp; Reception</b><br>Main Hall   Concluding thoughts, action items for the upcoming year, and networking drinks.                                             |

## Featured Speakers

### Dr. Aris Thorne

*Director, AI Research Institute*

A leading pioneer in neural network alignment, Dr. Thorne focuses on mathematical frameworks for machine agency and safety.

### Sophia Chen

*Principal Ethics Officer, Anthropic*

Sophia advises global policy groups on algorithmic bias and leads research in robust preference modeling and societal impact.

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