

## **Panel Breakout 3A: The Future of Work**

### **Speaker: David Roberts**

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David Roberts is regarded as one of the world's top experts on disruptive innovation and exponentially advancing technology. His passion is to help transform the lives of a billion suffering people in the world through disruptive innovation. David served as Vice President of Singularity University and two-time Director (and alum) of the Graduate Studies Program. He is an award winning CEO and serial entrepreneur, and has started ventures backed with over USD\$100 million of investment from Kleiner Perkins, Vinod Khosla, Cisco, Oracle, Accenture, In-Q-Tel, and others. He served as a decorated military officer, a Special Agent, and in multiple executive public service roles. He is the recipient of numerous awards and medals and has led the development of some of the most complex, state-of-the-art systems ever built, to include satellites, drones, and fusion centres. He returned to public service after working as an investment banker in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group at Goldman Sachs Headquarters.

He received his B.S. (Distinguished) in Computer Science & Engineering from MIT, and majored in Artificial Intelligence and Bio-Computer Engineering. He holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. David is Chairman at HaloDrop, a revolutionary global drone services company; Chairman at 1QBit, the world's first software company for quantum computers; and is a formal adviser to Made-In-Space, responsible for manufacturing the first object in Space with a 3D printer on the Space Station. Harvard, Stanford, and Berkeley's Business schools have all written and taught case studies on David's leadership, management, and decision-making. He has been featured on the cover of the Wall Street Journal, and in USA Today, Fortune Magazine, The New York Times, Business Week, CNN, and dozens of others. His start-ups have received many awards, including Internet World's Net Rising Stars, Red Herring's Catch, Top 50 Private Companies in the World, Red Herring Top 100 Private Companies in the World, USA Today's Tech Reviews Best Picks, Internet Outlook's Investors Choice Award, Enterprise Outlook Investors Choice, Best of the Web from PC World, and Apple Computer's Premier Systems Integrator Award. His fascination with technology began in fourth grade after building a hovering electric drone, to carry his younger sister to the bus stop, powered by what was formerly his mother's vacuum cleaner, and fortunately limited by the length of an electric power cord.