## INSPIRING CHANGE, LEADING INNOVATION, EMPOWERING WOMEN



# PROGRAM AGENDA









UNICA UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI CAGLIARI

#### CENTRO SERVIZI DI ATENEO PER L'INNOVAZIONE E L'IMPRENDITORIALITÀ





# **ABOUT THE SUMMIT**

The aim of the **InnovateHer: Women's Empowerment Global Summit For Emerging Technologies** is to empower **350** women entrepreneurs and women business leaders from all over the world to navigate the unique challenges they face conducting business globally. Through **inspiring keynotes, targeted workshops, and unparalleled networking opportunities**, our summit is designed to catalyze growth and innovation for women in business. The summit will take place at the **University of Cagliari - Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CREA UniCa)**. You will have the opportunity to meet with **investors** and **corporate leaders** from **Silicon Valley** who are dedicated to helping women-led businesses thrive and scale globally. Engage with global leaders who champion women-led startups all while expanding your network of contacts to facilitate your startup's international growth.

# WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Women's Executive Global Leadership Program is being offered as part of the InnovateHer Summit, promising an unparalleled opportunity for women leaders to engage with world- class faculty from Stanford, Harvard, and UC Berkeley, as well as other business leaders from Silicon Valley.

This series of workshops delves into critical and contemporary topics such as Leading Open Innovation, Digital Transformation Leadership, Unlocking Potential & Fostering Innovation, Navigating the Opportunities in Artificial Intelligence, and Conscious Leadership: Women on Corporate Boards.

Designed to **empower** and **elevate** women in leadership roles, these workshops provide a collaborative environment for developing strategic vision, enhancing influence, and fostering groundbreaking ideas. **Tuition is required**.



# **ABOUT CREA - UNICA**

The CREA UniCA, the **University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the University of Cagliari**, is a premier hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, providing comprehensive support for startups, researchers, and entrepreneurs. As a dynamic platform for entrepreneurial growth, CREA UniCa connects local talent with global networks, promoting sustainable development and fostering an interdisciplinary culture of innovation. Through its robust programs and impressive track record, CREA UniCa empowers entrepreneurs and innovators, driving innovative solutions and fostering a global community committed to sustainable growth and development.



## **CREA** UniCa

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# CREA UniCA, Innovation at Work:

**Italian CLab Network:** CREA UniCA coordinates the national CLab network of university incubators, enhancing collaboration and resource-sharing among Italy's leading university innovation centers. **University Incubator CLab UniCa:** Enrolls around 120 students annually in a five-month intensive course focused on startup creation and entrepreneurial development; facilitates the growth of new businesses by offering resources, mentorship, and connections to international incubator networks.

**Stakeholder Engagement:** Collaborates with over 200 stakeholders, including local and international investors, to foster a collaborative innovation environment.

**Global Reach:** Actively involved in developing and launching innovative projects across Europe, expanding its global footprint, and securing substantial sponsorships





# **ABOUT CAGLIARI DLAB**

**DLAB Cagliari Digital Lab** develops research projects, experiments with, and transfers new technologies in sectors considered strategic to the unique characteristics and economic fabric of the **City of Cagliari**. **DLAB** was created by the **Municipality of Cagliari**, the project leader, in collaboration with a partnership consisting of two research institutes, **CRS4** and the **University of Cagliari**, two network operators, **WindTre** and **TIM**, two internationally significant **Sardinian SMEs**, **Abinsula** and **GreenShare**, the startup **WiData**, and two competence centers, **Artes 4.0** and **Cyber 4.0**. The synergy between the partners aims to transfer expertise to benefit the local entrepreneurial landscape. The ongoing collaboration among the partners enables the promotion of high levels of technology transfer and entrepreneurial development.







# **ABOUT PROSPERA WOMEN**

**Prospera Women** provides skills, resources, and funding opportunities for women-led startups, and is poised for global expansion, with **12 chapters** launched **worldwide** in 2023. The platform, a B-Corporation spun out from the parent company US Market Access Center, offers **rapid growth programs** and online resources for **women entrepreneurs**. Addressing the disparity in venture capital funding for female founders, Prospera Women aims to level the playing field and facilitate **international market expansion**.

With a track record of supporting women entrepreneurs across multiple countries in Europe, Asia, Middle East and Africa, and securing sponsorship of \$500K+, Prospera Women is launching additional chapters worldwide and plans to host more global summits.

Planned chapter launches in 2024: Athens, Greece; Rome, Italy; Trieste, Italy; Budapest, Hungary; Barcelona, Spain and Warsaw, Poland.

### **Track record**

To date, we've delivered 8 women's rapid growth programs, supporting 87 women entrepreneurs in 11 countries, supported by sponsorship of more than \$400,000 from foreign governments. Approximately 1/3 of the startups we helped have raised \$60M+ from investors within 18 months. One startup from Tbilisi, Georgia was acquired by a NYC-based firm for \$18M. In 2023, we launched 12 chapters in Europe, Asia, Africa and Middle East, comprising a community of more than 500 women entrepreneurs and ecosystem partners.









**AMY PECK** Board Member, Futurist, **Emerging Tech Strategist CEO**, EndeavorXR



Entrepreneur, Speaker, Author of "Free to Be"



### **ARI QAYUMI**

Founder, General and Managing Partner Mindful Venture Capital Senior Advisor **Stanford Behavior Design Lab** 

### **JACQUELINE RUEDIN RÜSCH**

**Venture Capital Investor Board Member Public Speaker** TOP 100 Europe's most influential women in startup & venture capital space



### MARIA PACE

PhD, XR Hardware **Global Partnership** and Strategy at Google



**ISABELLE ANDRIEU** 

Co-founder Translated CEO, Pi School GAMMADONNA TOP 5

> **TENZIN SELDON** Founder & Managing Partner Pulse Fund



### **STEPHANIE HURST**

Partner, Corporate Securities | Mayer Brown



### **SHANNON BINDLER**

Master Coach and Speaker Strategic Advisor, Prospera Women



### **FUMIHA BRANSCOMBE**

Founder, Fleurinary, Inc Director of APT Women Tokyo





## **LEAH EDWARDS**

Investor, Educator and Coach Helping to Build Strong Companies & Ecosystems Advisor, Prospera Women





## **SUSAN ALLEN**

Henry Hart Rice Chair, Director of Graduate Programs, **Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution George Mason University** 

## LOUANN CONNER

**Global Operations Executive** Risk (ESG) NACD Directorship Certified<sup>™</sup>

## **ZOFIA KIERNER**

Founder @Girls Future Ready Founding Partner @ 50one Innovator in Residence @ UC Berkeley Forbes 30U30 and 25U25 Advisor, Prospera Women



### **REY-SHENG HER**

**Deputy Chief Executive Officer,** Tzu Chi Foundation | Author of "Economy of Goodness"







### MARIA CHIARA DI GUARDO

Full Professor - University of Cagliari Chief Operating Officer of CREA UniCa - University of Cagliari Vice President Board of Directors at Associazione Netval

### **ANNA AMATI Co-founder & General Partner at** EUREKA! Venture SGR Spa



## **ESTER COIS**

Delegate of the Rector of the University of Cagliari for gender equality

## **PAOLO PRIVITERA**

**Investor and General Partner** 1521 Ventures







### **DARYA MAJIDI**

CEO Daxo Group President Donne 4.0 Most Powerful Women 2023 Fortune Italia



### **ELONA MARKU** University of Cagliari WEsion, Co-founder



### MARYIA ZAITSAVA

Assistant Professor of Organization Studies WEsion Co-founder





# OCTOBER 25 CAMPUS INGEGNERIA - VIA MARENGO 2 - CAGLIARI

- **8:15 9:00** REGISTRATION & NETWORKING
- 9:00 9:15 AULA MAGNA OFFICIAL GREETINGS
- 9:00 9:45 WELCOME ADDRESS FRANCESCO MOLA

Rector | University of Cagliari MARIA CHIARA DI GUARDO Chief Operating Officer LODEA

Chief Operating Officer | CREA - Unica at University of Cagliari ALFREDO COPPOLA

Co-founder | Prospera Women

- **9:45 10:30** KEYNOTE SPEAKER | **AMY PECK** Women in Emerging Technologies
- **10:30 11:15** KEYNOTE SPEAKER | **ISABELLE ANDRIEU** Co-founder Translated | CEO, Pi School GAMMADONNA TOP 5
- 11:15 11:45 BREAK
- **11:45 1:00** PANEL DISCUSSION WITH LEADERS FROM ASIA, EUROPE, AMERICA United Innovations: Harnessing the Power of Diverse Cultures in Entrepreneurship, Emerging Technologies and Sustainability

1:00 - 2:30 LUNCH & NETWORKING

### 2:30 - 4:45 STARTUP TRACK - AULA MAGNA

### - ZOFIA KIERNER

Mission-driven Leadership for Young Entrepreneurs

#### - AMY PECK

The Changing Role of the Female Entrepreneur

- JACQUELINE RUEDIN RÜSCH Pitching to Global Investors

### 2:30 - 4:45 EXECUTIVE TRACK - AULA AB

### - MARIA CHIARA DI GUARDO, MARYIA ZAITSAVA, ELONA MARKU

PoC CANVAS - A Groundbreaking Tool for Transforming Concepts into Real-World Solutions

### - ARI QAYUM

Digital Transformation Leadership

### - SHIRIN ETESSAM

Unlocking Potential & Fostering Innovation

#### - LEAH EDWARDS

Successfully Leading Complex Innovation Projects

### 2:30 - 6:45 BONUS TRACK Lanuguage: Italian - AULA ST

### - DARYA MAJIDI

AI & Women Entrepreneurs: Future Trends and the Evolution of Female Entrepreneurship in collaboration with Artes 4.0

#### - ROUNDTABLE | ANNA AMATI, ESTER COIS, MARIA CHIARA DI GUARDO Female entrepreneurship and emerging technologies

### 5:00 - 5:45 - AULA MAGNA

### - LOUANN CONNER

Corporate Governance for Early Stage Startups - Creating New Opportunities



## OCTOBER 26 CAMPUS INGEGNERIA - VIA MARENGO 2 - CAGLIARI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | MARIA PACE 9:00 - 9:45 Embracing Life with Purpose and Passion

#### 9:45 - 11:00 FIRESIDE CHAT WITH AMY PECK

Gen Z will make up 30% of the workforce by 2030. But they make up 100% of the future. How to future-proof your Business in 2024. Moderated by Zofia Kierner.

### 11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

- 11:30 12:45 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS Women policymakers from USA, Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East in a roundtable discussion on sharing best practices for global entrepreneurship, governance and innovative solutions.
- **12:45 2:00** LUNCH & NETWORKING

#### **STARTUP TRACK** - AULA MAGNA 2:00 - 5:00

#### - LEAH EDWARDS

Adopting a Global Growth Mindset

- STEPHANIE HURST

Legal Essentials for setting up your corporation on a global scale

- JACQUELINE RUEDIN RÜSCH Pitching to Global Investors
- TENZIN SELDON Pitching to Investors for Success

#### 2:00 - 5:00 EXECUTIVE TRACK - AULA AB

- LEAH EDWARDS Business Operations Excellence
- AMY PECK Navigating the Opportunities in Artificial Intelligence
- SUSAN ALLEN Constructive Conflict Engagement
- **INVESTOR PANEL** AULA MAGNA 5:00 - 6:00 ARI QAYUMI | PAOLO PRIVITERA | LEAH EDWARDS | JACQUELINE RÜSCH

Q&A from an audience of startups

#### 5:00 - 6:00 **EXECUTIVE PANEL** - AULA AB AMY PECK | MARIA PACE | SHIRIN ETESSAM | LOUANN CONNER | SHANNON BINDLER

Q&A from an audience of women executives

6:00 - 7:45 - CAMPUS GARDEN **CLOSING RECEPTION | ALL IN ATTENDANCE** 







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